



# ABOUT THE PARTNERSHIP FOR THE NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM

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## WHO WE ARE

The Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS) is a 501(c)(3) that connects **30 member nonprofit trail organizations**, **nine affiliate members**, and **Federal land managers** to further the protection, completion, and stewardship of the **30 national scenic and historic trails** within the National Trails System.



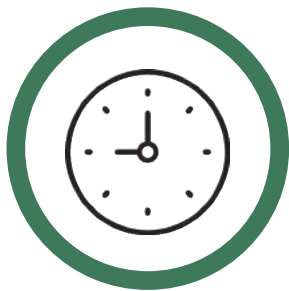
Represent **55,000** miles of congressionally authorized trails in all 50 states and Washington, D.C.



\$28.7 million in Federal funding matched with over **\$39.7 million** in private and in-kind contributions in 2019



**\$402 million** recorded in volunteer labor since 1995



**20.1 million** volunteer hours recorded since 1995



**125** scholarships awarded to young trail professionals since 2009



Recruited more than **40** interns to serve our national trails since 2018





For more information about the National Trails System, please visit: [www.PNTS.org](http://www.PNTS.org)









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## ACHIEVEMENTS IN ADVOCACY

The PNTS is a leader in national advocacy efforts and is a trusted voice to ensure our national trails are funded and protected. Our successes include:

- 1 Raising Federal agency trails funding from \$2 million to \$28 million annually.
- 2 Actively engaging in reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and its permanent funding.
- 3 Successfully advocating for funding full-time administrators for each of the national scenic and historic trails.
- 4 Convincing Congress to appropriate more than \$90 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to purchase land to protect sections of 11 of the national trails.

## NEEDS OF THE NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM

- 1 4,000 miles of trail needed to complete the 11 national scenic trails.
- 2 Over 100 sites in need of protection along 19 national historic trails.
- 3 Protect against the loss of public access, proposed pipelines, and energy transmission lines and developments that jeopardize sections of all 30 national scenic and historic trails.
- 4 Increase access to and continue to engage broad, diverse stakeholders and visitors to all 30 national scenic and historic trails.

## MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Ala Kahakai Trail Association  
Anza Trail Foundation  
Appalachian Mountain Club  
Appalachian Trail Conservancy  
Arizona Trail Association  
Chesapeake Conservancy  
Connecticut Forest & Park Association  
Continental Divide Trail Coalition  
Continental Divide Trail Society  
E Mau Nā Ala Hele  
El Camino Real de los Tejas National  
Historic Trail Association

El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Trail  
Association  
Florida Trail Association  
Ice Age Trail Alliance  
Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance  
Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation  
Lewis and Clark Trust, Inc.  
Mormon Pioneer Trail Association  
Natchez Trace Parkway Association  
National Pony Express Association  
Nez Perce Trail Foundation  
North Country Trail Association

Old Spanish Trail Association  
Oregon-California Trails Association  
Overmountain Victory Trail Association  
Pacific Crest Trail Association  
Pacific Northwest Trail Association  
Potomac Heritage Trail Association  
Santa Fe Trail Association  
Trail of Tears Association  
Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary  
Route NHT Association

## AFFILIATE MEMBERS

American Discovery Trail Society  
American Hiking Society  
Back Country Horsemen of America

Carson Valley Trail Association  
Kansas City Area Historic Trails Association  
National Frontier Trails Museum

National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance  
Smoky Hill Trail Association  
Tahoe Rim Trail Association