

## ALASKA TRAILS NEWS AND NOTICES

## SUCCESS ON NATIONAL TRAILS DAY IN CHUGACH STATE PARK



The Middle Fork Trail near Anchorage is beginning to have a better, more sustainable route thanks to the hard work of 28 volunteers with Alaska Trails and Alaska Geographic. The volunteers teamed up with Chugach State Park staff to do the work on National Trails Day, June 4.

“We are excited about the work these volunteers are doing,” said Chugach State Park’s Joe Hall, the lead staff on the project. “We hope to finish the big reroute next month and move on to other projects on the trail.”

The volunteers completed 200 feet of trail, which is a ton of work – almost literally. Volunteers removed tundra sod (saving it for use later to fill in the old trail), carried buckets of dirt, leveled the trail for good drainage and filled two bridge abutments. They also did some brushing and staged re-vegetation materials for next month’s volunteer work day, which takes place on Saturday, July 16.

The volunteers contributed over 160 hours to the trail maintenance project. That equals more than \$4,000 using the federal volunteer rate, which is an important factor as the state grapples with more and more budget uncertainty.

While the on-the-ground work is important, getting volunteers out on the trails has a less quantifiable but maybe more important aspect: Helping connect a committed group of stewards to the trails they use and love.

“Everybody ended up having a job they could call their own. Folks seemed to really engage in the project and felt value in their work,” Hall said. “These volunteers are really kick-starting this project and we hope to have them back again this summer.”



The volunteers also seemed excited to give back and Alaska Trails is working hard to thank them and get them and others ready for more great work this summer. (Please see the information on next page for more opportunities to volunteer.)

*Special thanks to Conoco-Philips and the Alaska Conservation Foundation for their generous support of the Alaska Trail Volunteers program.*

## **Alaska Trails is recruiting volunteers for trail work for the following dates:**

- Saturday, July 16 9am-4pm – (Two sites: Arctic Valley and the Middle Fork Trail)
- Saturday, August 20 9am-4pm
- Saturday, Sept. 24 9am-4pm

To volunteer, please contact Alaska Trails at 334-8049 or [office@alaska-trails.org](mailto:office@alaska-trails.org)

*(Mike Downs photos: Trail crews at work and enjoying a well-deserved rest.)*

## **FRED MEYER REWARDS PROGRAM REQUIRES RE-ENROLLMENT**



People who have been participating in the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program now have to re-enroll in the program. People already participating in the program should have received an email about the re-enrollment. The re-enrollment period runs from June 1 to June 30. If you didn't get the email or forgot to act, you will be dropped from the program on July 1. But even if you get dropped—or you haven't yet signed up—you can still link Alaska Trails to your Rewards card by visiting: <http://tinyurl.com/j4yj38d>.

Thank you to everyone who has linked Alaska Trails to their Fred Meyer Rewards card. The program has helped us gain needed funds from this generous program to continue our work on trails.

## **ALASKA TRAILS HAS TOOL TRAILERS READY FOR TRAIL PROJECTS**



As you start planning trail building and maintenance projects, remember that Alaska Trails has mobile tool caches available to loan to organized trail groups in Southcentral and Interior Alaska. One cache is in the Fairbanks area and the other is in Anchorage/Mat-Su Valley area. The trailers have lots of trail tools including Mcleods, Pulaskis, rakes, gloves, and much, much more. If you would like to borrow one of the caches, please contact us (info on masthead).

## **EASY WAYS TO HELP FUND ALASKA TRAILS**

With the help of other organizations, you can help Alaska Trails continue advocating for trails.

**BAGOY'S:** Anchorage-based Bagoy's Florist and Home helps through its Helping Hands web fundraising



program (<http://tinyurl.com/oavza6p>). When you order online from Bagoy's ([www.bagoys.com](http://www.bagoys.com)) there is a check box at the bottom of the payment page that says, "This is a Helping Hands order." When you check that box, the list of enrolled organizations is shown and you can choose Alaska Trails from the list.

**GOODSEARCH:** GoodSearch.com is a search engine that donates half its revenue, about a penny per



search, to charities designated by the user. You use it just as you would any search engine, and, it's powered by Yahoo!. Just go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com)

and be sure to enter Alaska Trails as the charity you want to support.

**AMAZONSMILE:** If you shop at Amazon, please take the simple extra step of signing up for



AmazonSmile. It's the same Amazon website, but when you shop from AmazonSmile, you can make a donation to Alaska Trails at the same time: [https://smile.amazon.com/ch/73-](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/73-1677483)

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## STATEWIDE NEWS AND NOTICES

### COMMENT SOUGHT ON STATEWIDE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

Interested in giving input on how federal funds are prioritized for outdoor recreation grants in Alaska? The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation is seeking public comments on the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, which is updated periodically to maintain statewide eligibility for federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grants. The revised draft plan is available at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/scorp> and comments will be accepted through August 5, 2016. The plan helps to establish funding priorities for Land and Water Conservation grants through the next five years by measuring the supply and demand for public outdoor recreation resources throughout Alaska.

Land and Water Conservation Fund grants are administered by the division to provide matching federal dollars for outdoor recreation projects developed by eligible local, regional and state governments. For more information, go to <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/lwcf.htm> or contact the LWCF grants administrator Jean Ayers ([jean.ayers@alaska.gov](mailto:jean.ayers@alaska.gov) / 907-269-8694).

*(From Jean Ayers)*

### WATCH FOR BIRD NESTS WHEN WORKING ON TRAILS

Trail work sometimes requires downing trees or clearing shrubs. When doing so make sure not to violate the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which makes it illegal for anyone to “take” migratory birds, their eggs, feathers, or nests. “Take” includes destroying or damaging active bird nests or eggs. Different areas of the state have different sensitive periods generally occurring between April 15 and July 25. However, if you encounter an active nest *at any time* leave it in place and protected until young hatch and depart. “Active” is indicated by intact eggs, live chicks, or the presence of an adult on the nest. For a PDF document with more information and recommended time periods for avoiding vegetation clearing see: <http://tinyurl.com/kwubruc>

### STATEWIDE TRAILS AND PUBLIC LANDS RELATED NEWSLETTERS

- BLM's *Frontiers* (Winter/Spring #125): <http://www.blm.gov/ak/st/en/info/frontiers.html>
- Eagle Watch, State Parks (June): <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/eaglewatch/eaglewatchcurrent.pdf>

*Note from Sara Taylor, executive director, Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Areas:*

*With sincere regret, I must inform you that the Alaska Lands Update will be on hiatus for the next twelve months, and possibly longer, as CACFA's budget was vetoed this morning. Developing the newsletter was always a genuine pleasure, and I thank you all for your feedback, kind attention and interest. Your subscription will be automatically renewed when funding is restored, so, until then, wishing you each all the best in your endeavors.*

### STATEWIDE LINKS

- Hikers beware: Cow parsnip can inflict pain on those who don't take precautions: <http://tinyurl.com/zqeaw3s>
- Court rules against property owners in Iditarod lawsuit: <http://tinyurl.com/h73cehd>
- State wins yearslong court battle over public access to part of historic Iditarod Trail: <http://tinyurl.com/zepdcyx>

### NORTHERN LINKS

- When Alaska adventure turns deadly: Guides recount how 2 women died on rafting trip in Arctic refuge: <http://tinyurl.com/zoxronv>

### SOUTHWEST LINKS

- Mountains, snakes and a mini-Stonehenge in Southwest Alaska: <http://tinyurl.com/zky3nr7>

### SLIGHTLY OFF-TRAIL

- Father and son team finish 1,300-mile trek home from Nome to Kaktovik: <http://tinyurl.com/z9udw7m>
- Watch an expert demonstrate how to use bear spray: <http://tinyurl.com/hj2rbcb>
- AK: Bear spray do's and don'ts: <http://tinyurl.com/h26w5od>
- Confluence Energizes Outdoor Recreation Agenda: <http://tinyurl.com/jm8cdpw>
- Student Conservation Association Partnership Director position open in Anchorage: <http://tinyurl.com/j4zz25y>
- Walker signs bill for state park merchandise: <http://tinyurl.com/jpdjt73>
- Walker picks Andy Mack as Natural Resources commissioner: <http://tinyurl.com/gp8cuvp>
- Outdoor Explorer radio show: Different Wheeled Machines: <http://tinyurl.com/j3gnwmw>
- 12 peaks, 32 miles, 21,000 feet of climbing? All in a day's work for these Alaskans: <http://tinyurl.com/jar7bqf>

## SOUTHCENTRAL NEWS AND NOTICES

### TRAIL IN KINCAID PARK TO BE CLOSED AT TIMES FOR WORK

Sometimes those trail we love so much need a little bit of love.

The fine folks at Nordic Skiing Association of Anchorage will be working on the south side of Margaux's Loop in Kincaid Park this summer, beginning at the east end by the biathlon range and continuing until the bridge. The trail will be closed in sections during the weekdays and open again after 4:30pm. There will be no trail closures on the weekends.

Thanks for your understanding as we work to restore trails!

*(From a June 21 Facebook post on [Anchorage Parks and Recreation](#))*

### FEW COPIES LEFT OF GUIDEBOOK FOR MAT-SU TRAILS

A limited number of the book "Guide to Mountain Biking and Hiking Trails in the Valley" were for sale at Fireside Books in Palmer as of early June. This book has info about 20 trails located throughout the valley with color maps and photographs.

*(From June newsletter of Valley Mountain Bikers and Hikers)*

### MORE TRAIL WORK OPPORTUNITIES FOR KACHEMAK BAY

If you missed the Kachemak Bay State Park National Trails Day outings—or if you loved it and want more—you have some more volunteer opportunities. See the list below and contact Volunteer Coordinator Hannah to sign up or get more information. [907-226-4689](tel:907-226-4689) or [kbayvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:kbayvolunteer@gmail.com)

Also, Kachemak Bay State Park is looking for a crewmember for a trail construction project. This is a paid position. For more information contact Eric Clarke at Alaska State Parks, Homer Office at 226-4687 or 399-2054 [eric.clarke@alaska.gov](mailto:eric.clarke@alaska.gov).

*(From Friends of Kachemak Bay)*

**Sat. July 9**

Saddle Trail/Alpine Ridge Trail Brushing and clearing

Approx. 9am -5pm

Transport and tools provided. Bring gloves, sensible attire, and lunch!

**Friday July 15 - Sun July 17**

China Poot Lake Overnight

Transport, Tools, and Cabin rental provided

Provide own gloves, food, sleeping bag, etc.

**Sat. July 16**

Grace Ridge Tread Building

Transport and Tools provided

**July 22-24**

Foehn Ridge Overnight

Transport and tools provided

Provide own gloves, food, sleeping bag, etc.

**MONTHLY GUIDED HIKES OFFERED IN KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARK**

Kachemak Bay State Park is offering guided hikes on the first Saturday of each month this summer. Discounted round trips to cross the bay (\$60) are offered for the guided hike with enough participation. Hikes will last from about 9am-4:30pm. They will be led by a state park staff member or qualified volunteer. For more information call 907/226-4689.

**ALASKA HUTS LOOKING FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS**

Alaska Mountain And Wilderness Huts Association (Alaska Huts) is actively recruiting new board members. Alaska Huts is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that currently operates and maintains a single backcountry hut and has a planning permit to establish a separate, interconnected, three hut system. The organization works to bring people together for wilderness education, enjoyment and stewardship of wild public lands. The existing site is Manitoba Cabin, a hut facility (main cabin, yurts, sauna) located on state land within Chugach National Forest. The Alaska Huts board meets monthly; board members do not need to be a resident of Anchorage and remote call in to board meetings is possible. For more information on board member duties please visit [www.alaskahuts.org/board](http://www.alaskahuts.org/board). Applicant should submit a resume and/or brief letter of interest to Alaska Huts Executive Director Tom Callahan via email [Tom@alaskahuts.org](mailto:Tom@alaskahuts.org).

*(From What's Up? by Peg Tileston)*

**MAT-SU TRAILS AND PARKS GROUP SEEKS BOARD MEMBERS**

The Mat-Su Trails And Parks Foundation is currently accepting applications for its board of directors. Our mission is to fund quality trails & parks in the Mat Su Valley, which promotes healthy lifestyles, enriches our residents' quality of life, and provides economic value by enhancing recreation, tourism, and business opportunities for all. Prospective candidates with fundraising and development experience are encouraged to apply. For more information, contact Executive Director Kim Ryals at 746-8757 or [kimryals@matsutrails.org](mailto:kimryals@matsutrails.org).

*(From What's Up? by Peg Tileston)*

## SOUTHCENTRAL LINKS

- Homer Cycling Club celebrates trails day with work session: <http://tinyurl.com/z7z6ln6>
- Easy hike offers gorgeous Kenai River views: <http://tinyurl.com/hlblz29>
- Evening Flattop climb with 13-year-old proves rewarding: <http://tinyurl.com/j3z5sxq>
- Celebrating Bodenbug Butte with a summit party: <http://tinyurl.com/jmh3ty8>
- Eagle River Nature Center: Hiker's delight for all ages and abilities: <http://tinyurl.com/z5otryr>
- Winner Creek Trail hand tram hit by vandals, now repaired: <http://tinyurl.com/zztewoc>
- Crow Pass Trail section closed after bear sighting has been reopened: <http://tinyurl.com/zeo5q8k>
- Notice of Preliminary Decision for a Section-line Easement Vacation in The Villages Subdivision in Anchorage: <http://notice.alaska.gov/181825>
- Kodiak's trails update: <http://tinyurl.com/z596rd5>
- The Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation seeks an executive director (application deadline July 1 or until filled): <http://matsutrails.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/MSTPFExecDirector.pdf>
- Recreation Bond that Includes Trails Put on October Mat-Su Ballot: <http://tinyurl.com/h8ksavy>

## INTERIORWIDE NEWS AND NOTICES

### FAIRBANKS-AREA TRAILS ELIGIBLE FOR \$250,000 IN FUNDING

The Fairbanks Metropolitan Area Transportation System is holding a call for projects for a new Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) for the Metropolitan Planning Area.

The total amount to be awarded is about \$250,000. Local and regional government entities can apply. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, safe routes to schools, and recreational trails. The deadline for applying is July 18 at noon.

A pre-proposal work session will be held on July 7, 2-3pm, to answer questions about the application. The session will be held in the FMATS Conference Room, 800 Cushman Street.

For more information see: <http://fmats.us/tap/>

### WEEKLY WORK PARTIES PLANNED FOR ESTER DOME TRAILS

Ester Dome Singletrack trail work parties will be held most Thursday evenings this summer. To get



updates, sign up for the Fairbanks Cycle Club listserv (<http://www.fairbankscycleclub.org/listserv/>; you don't have to be an FCC member) or email Geoffrey Orth ([gcorth@straydogs.us](mailto:gcorth@straydogs.us)) and ask to be put on his email list.

The Ester Dome Singletrack is the only trail system in the Fairbanks area built specifically for mountain biking. It is also open to and good for running and hiking. However, the system needs to be maintained to keep the trails and turns smooth and clear of debris and deadfall. These work parties help keep the trail system safe and fun.

They are also a good place to learn how to properly maintain trails, information that can be used elsewhere.

The system has three loops that make up about 11 miles of trails. A parking lot, and the main entry point for the system, is at Mile 1.6 Ester Dome Road. See a map of the system here:

<http://www.fairbankscycleclub.org/Rides/EDS.pdf>

*(Eric Troyer photo: Daphne Hosier checks out a "You are Here" sign installed by one of the earlier work parties.)*

## NEW BRIDGE FOR CHENA-ESTER DITCH TRAILS TAKES SHAPE

Work is progressing on a new bridge to span a deep cut on the Upper Ditch trail, near Dragline Road, of the Chena-Ester Ditch trails. The new bridge will replace the current makeshift bridge, which is falling apart.

A work party in June resulted in the bridge's platform being built at the home of Jimmy Fox, the trail advocate organizing the work. The work party was small (Fox and myself), but we were able to get the base of the bridge done. The project still requires several steps, including the bridge railings to be built and the bridge parts to be labeled. Once that is done, the bridge can be disassembled, moved to the job site and installed. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jimmy ([jameslarkinfox@gmail.com](mailto:jameslarkinfox@gmail.com); 978-3976).



The project is being supported by the Fairbanks North Star Borough Parks and Recreation Department, which is providing the building materials.

*(Eric Troyer photo: Jimmy Fox trims a board on the new bridge.)*

## INTERIORWIDE LINKS

- North Pole business aims to boost use of fitness trail: <http://tinyurl.com/z4kus3s>
- Bike, canoe rental business takes owner back to his roots: <http://tinyurl.com/goacx6v>
- Fairbanks man turns himself in for Angel Rocks spray-painting: <http://tinyurl.com/zxekt6c>
- Righting a wrong at Angel Rocks: Local man's actions show character; community should clean up landmark: <http://tinyurl.com/hygxupa>
- Tough terrain, lousy weather challenge small field of racers: <http://tinyurl.com/jajma2h>
- Trail to the past: Recreating a 1968 hike: <http://tinyurl.com/j49g6uf>
- Trip Report: Granite Tors Trail looking good, but watch for closure on 3-mile loop: <http://tinyurl.com/zqb24mx>
- Aggressive Denali bears injure 1, prompt trail and parking lot closures: <http://tinyurl.com/gtps9pf>
- Facebook pics/report on Mastodon Trail in the Chena River Rec area: <http://tinyurl.com/h7tu7vq>
- Two hikers who hoped to complete a trek to the Chris McCandless bus ended up being rescued: <http://tinyurl.com/j3z6szn>
- Preparedness in the backcountry: Poor gear, planning and judgment can be costly to hikers, state: <http://tinyurl.com/jsxdq8l>

## SOUTHEAST NEWS AND NOTICES

### TRAIL INVOLVED IN PLANNED LAND SWAP NEAR JUNEAU

A public hearing will be held on July 7 in Juneau to take comments on the long-planned Point Bridget Land Swap that involves the Point Bridget State Park and Echo Ranch Bible Camp. The hearing will be from 6 to 8 in the Hammond Room of Centennial Hall.

Currently, the sole public access to the state park crosses Echo Ranch-owned land. The ranch has permitted that access — a well-maintained trail occupies the land — but the swap is intended to grant the state a permanent connection between the main body of the park and access from Glacier

Highway.

The swap has been in the works since at least 2001 but has been repeatedly foiled by procedural hurdles involving the timing of the swap. House Bill 274, proposed by Rep. Cathy Muñoz, R-Juneau, passed the Alaska Legislature earlier this year and cleared those hurdles to allow the swap. The bill has not yet been signed by Gov. Bill Walker, but the state is pressing ahead with the swap in anticipation that it will be enacted.

The state would offer 37.93 acres of the park for 59.89 acres of Echo Ranch land. According to an appraisal conducted in 2015, the state land is worth \$4,000 per acre and the Echo Ranch land is worth \$2,500 per acre, accounting for the differing amounts of exchanged territory. Each side in the arrangement will receive about \$150,000 worth of land. Deadline for comments is September 6. For more information, contact Charles Pinckney at

[charles.pinckney@alaska.gov](mailto:charles.pinckney@alaska.gov).

*(From What's Up? by Peg Tileston)*

## **IDEAS SOUGHT ON NATIONAL FOREST PROJECT NEAR KETCHIKAN**

The Ketchikan-Misty Fjords Ranger District will hold an open house on July 7 to discuss the Northwest Revillagigedo Island Project. The open house will be from 3 to 7pm at the Southeast Alaska Discovery Center (enter through the rear door).

The public is invited to share thoughts and ideas on what can be done within the Northwest Revillagigedo Island area. Forest Service specialists have identified opportunities for stream restoration, wildlife habitat enhancement, recreation enhancement, road improvement, and timber harvest. This is your forest and the Forest Service would like to hear your thoughts and ideas on how to make the forest a better place. For more information, contact Jon Hyde at [907-228-4137](tel:907-228-4137) or email [jmhyde@fs.fed.us](mailto:jmhyde@fs.fed.us) or Planning Staff Officer Daryl A. Bingham at [907-228-4114](tel:907-228-4114) or email [darylbingham@fs.fed.us](mailto:darylbingham@fs.fed.us).

*(From What's Up? by Peg Tileston)*

## **SOUTHEAST LINK**

- Sitka: Free guided hike of Herring Cove/Beaver Lake Trails offered July 2: <http://tinyurl.com/zcmvsfl>

## **NATIONWIDE NEWS AND NOTICES**

### **GROUP RELEASES RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM AWARDS**

Ten trail projects and a State Recreational Trails Advisory Committee have been chosen by the Coalition for Recreational Trails (CRT) as recipients of its Tom Petri Annual Achievement Awards in recognition of their outstanding use of Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funds. These national awards, which honor Tom Petri, a former Member of Congress from Wisconsin and longtime champion of the RTP, were presented at a special Capitol Hill ceremony in Washington, D.C. on June 8, 2016 as part of the celebration of Great Outdoors Month.

The trail projects honored by the CRT and their award categories are:

- Kanab Creek OHV Bridge Project (Utah) – Construction and Design
- Cochran Mill Park Trail (Georgia) – Maintenance and Rehabilitation
- Dolan Springs Trail (Arizona) – Multiple-Use Management and Corridor Sharing
- Eureka Trail (Tennessee) – Engaging Public-Sector Partners

- “Great Trails: Providing Quality OHV Trails and Experiences” (Nationwide) – Education and Communication
- Student Conservation Association/District Department of Transportation Rock Creek Park Bridge Projects (Washington, DC) – Youth Conservation/ Service Corps and Community Outreach
- Utah Conservation Corps Bike Crew – Youth Conservation/Service Corps and Community Outreach
- Ash to Kings Trail (Nevada) – Community Linkage
- Graber Pond Accessible Trail (Wisconsin) – Accessibility Enhancement
- Gypsum City OHV Park (Iowa) – Public-Private Partnerships Enhancing Public Lands Access and Use
- The Indiana Trails Advisory Board won the award for the Outstanding Recreational Trails Advisory Committee chosen by the Awards Committee of the National Association of State Park Directors.

See the full awards presentation here (9MB): <http://tinyurl.com/h4whq3x>  
 (From Coalition for Recreational Trails press release)

## **NATIONWIDE / INTERNATIONAL LINKS**

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### *WEBINARS, MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING, ETC.*

- For a listing of upcoming trail webinars workshops, conferences, and other meetings, see the American Trails calendar at: [www.americantrails.org/Calendar.html](http://www.americantrails.org/Calendar.html)

### *RECENT TRAILS-RELATED NEWSLETTERS/MAGAZINES*

- American Trails (June): <http://tinyurl.com/gw5alvg>
  - New National Recreation Trails designated for 2016
  - U.S. Department of the Interior releases Economic Report
  - and more...
- National Forest Foundation *Tree-mail*: <http://tinyurl.com/j9kg2na>
  - Swamp Slogging and Scrub Busting on the Florida Trail
  - Need to Know Bear Facts and Safety Tips
  - and more...
- Conservation Volunteers International Program (June): <http://tinyurl.com/zocxbcm>
- National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council newsletter (June): <http://tinyurl.com/zjoxbya>

### *GRANTS*

- Horseback riding trails grant (application due August 1): <http://tinyurl.com/zrcyt48>
- People for Bikes (Letter of Interest due July 29): <http://www.peopleforbikes.org/pages/apply-now>

### *STUDIES/REPORTS*

- American Hiking Society Report Highlights Hiking-Health Connections: <http://tinyurl.com/hvjv8qv>
- What Hiking Does To The Brain Is Pretty Amazing: <http://tinyurl.com/hl2l24x>

### *TRAIL GUIDES*

- 7 Easy Escapes For National Trails Day—Or Any Day: <http://tinyurl.com/jfvm8qa>
- Washington's best family-friendly trails: <http://tinyurl.com/jpg3otf>
- Bike through Utah – great trails you should try this summer: <http://tinyurl.com/zylcwsj>
- 10 scenic hiking trails in Nebraska: <http://tinyurl.com/z8k8lvp>
- Indiana Trail Finder feature launched and discussed with Facebook chat: <http://tinyurl.com/hfvabwf>
- Map Shows Connected Trails Across Northwest Arkansas: <http://tinyurl.com/hlw6kob>
- Take a hike! Great trails in Massachusetts: <http://tinyurl.com/grymoct>
- Top 5 most popular trails in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park: <http://tinyurl.com/zxscbzc>
- Hike Through History on the Infamous Donner Pass Trails: <http://tinyurl.com/jfztcj>
- Cape Cod's Most Underrated Biking Trails: <http://tinyurl.com/jzz9df7>
- 25 Dog-Friendly Hiking Trails & Tips for Hiking With Your Dog: <http://tinyurl.com/zunnz4f>

#### *OTHER NATIONAL LINKS:*

- Blazing a trail: Tourism officials market North State's hiking, biking paths: <http://tinyurl.com/j85swy6>
- Contest deadline July 25: Communicating the Connection Transportation and Public Health: <http://tinyurl.com/jc4zo2k>
- Kauai's Alakai Boardwalk Gets A Facelift: <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/blog/2016/05/20/nr16-087/>
- The City Different (Santa Fe, NM) embraces mountain-town identity: <http://tinyurl.com/hvrrz74>
- 10 More Game-Changing Rail-Trails: <http://tinyurl.com/zxwf57m>
- How a hospital used a historic trail to help its community: <http://tinyurl.com/h4fb488>
- A 67-Mile Hiking Trail Just Opened Through LA's Urban Mountains: <http://tinyurl.com/hrcjjjz>
- Gov. Hickenlooper Announces First Phase Of Online Statewide Trail Map: <http://tinyurl.com/hdrspss>
- 18 beautiful hiking trails in Massachusetts (photos): <http://tinyurl.com/h3pwgk2>
- Trail etiquette: how to yield, stay safe, preserve the wilderness: <http://tinyurl.com/h67yoj9>

#### *INTERNATIONAL LINKS*

- The World's Most Amazing Paths: <http://tinyurl.com/zwnxyeb>
- Forested photogallery documents efforts of North Shore trail builders: <http://tinyurl.com/hfs2ws9>
- Venture will guide hikers through traditional trails of Canadian First Nation: <http://tinyurl.com/jldostd>
- 35 km of multi-use trails coming to Dawson City, Yukon: <http://tinyurl.com/h8u2rbk>

#### *SLIGHTLY OFF-TRAIL:*

- 21st Century Conservation Service Corps Set to Receive More Than \$3 Million to Put Young People to Work on Public Lands: <http://tinyurl.com/jrbks46>
- Park Match: The National Parks Dating App: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mY\\_aMdY\\_UyE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mY_aMdY_UyE)

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The Alaska Trails board meets via teleconference on the second Tuesday of each month from noon to 1:00 pm. If you want to hear more about Alaska trail topics, share trail information, or propose a trail project, join us for an hour. Members and the public are welcome. More info: [office@alaska-trails.org](mailto:office@alaska-trails.org)

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