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ALASKA TRAILS NEWS AND NOTICES

ALASKA TRAILS, FOREST SERVICE IMPROVE GULL ROCK TRAIL

The Gull Rock Trail is seeing some big improvements after Alaska Trail Stewards' first camping/work weekend over the National Trails Day holiday.

Nine volunteers and three U.S. Forest Service (USFS) employees made the trek to Hope to hike in and do maintenance on the Gull Rock Trail.



The first day, volunteers hiked in about two miles and surveyed the section of trail they would work on. While the USFS employees worked on the mill for a no-deck puncheon project, the volunteers cleaned more than 360 feet of ditches and cleared drainage. Claire Shipton, the USFS lead technician on the project, was impressed with the willingness and ability of the volunteers who donned rubber boots and gloves immediately to dive headfirst into the trenches.

After crushing a long day of trail work, everyone decided to hang out afterwards to get to know each other. Some volunteers had worked on trails before, some had not. The camaraderie and cohesiveness between volunteers set the weekend up to be very successful- everyone was able to work together very well.

Day two saw a lot of progress on the no-deck puncheon replacement, as the volunteers were able to replace 40 feet of it. That day, many trail users walked past the work site and were very grateful that this section was being replaced. As part of the annual maintenance on the trail, the other half of the Alaska Trail Stewards' crew was able to clear 300 feet of drainage that morning. USFS employee Stacy was able to demonstrate specifics about trail construction, which proved helpful and they were able to construct new drainage paths along the trail.

Overall, Alaska Trail Stewards volunteers were able to contribute \$3,150 of labor based on the federal volunteer rate - a huge success for the first camping/work weekend offered by Alaska Trails. With the budget uncertain for state and federal agencies, having a volunteer program as helpful as this will only continue to benefit land managers and agencies in the future.



One volunteer, Julie Amabile, from Dallas, Texas, said, "I'll never look at a trail the same way again." What was just supposed to be a work weekend on the trail turned into a really fun weekend with new friends and a bigger appreciation for the trails we walk on every day.

See the summer volunteer schedule at our website: www.alaska-trails.org/volunteer--alaska-trail-stewards.html

(By Katelyn Guinn, Volunteer Coordinator for Alaska Trails)

PROGRAM PROVIDES TRAIL USERS A WAY TO GIVE BACK TO TRAILS

Alaska Trail Stewards welcomes anyone who wants to work hard and help out on the trails, whether you're new to trail maintenance or have been using tools for years. Several events are already on our schedule, including Middle Fork Trail (July 8, August 19), Flattop-Canyon Road Trail (July 19), Kachemak Bay weekend (July 28-30), and Chugach State Park on National Public Lands Day in September. For more information see: <http://www.alaska-trails.org/volunteer--alaska-trail-stewards.html>

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 were upgraded recently and have a plethora 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).

FOUR EASY WAYS TO HELP FUND ALASKA TRAILS

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

FRED MEYER REWARDS: Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer



Rewards Card to Alaska Trails at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for Alaska Trails or by our nonprofit number – 91035. Then, every time you shop and use your rewards card, you are helping Alaska Trails earn a donation! You still earn your rewards points, fuel points, and rebates, just as you do today.

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/73-1677483>

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

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

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) 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 are shown and you can choose Alaska Trails from the list.

STATEWIDE NEWS AND NOTICES

ALASKA FORFEITS \$2.6 MILLION IN BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN FUNDING

Alaska Trails sent a letter to Governor Walker today to alert him that \$2.6 million in Alaska transportation funding has been returned to the US Dept. of Transportation, and that another \$3.9 million is at risk if it is not obligated by September 30, 2017. The funding would have gone to pedestrian and bike projects, but was not obligated in time and is now unavailable to improve safety for people walking and biking in the state.

“It’s disappointing to see money that could have made walking and biking safer across the state go back to the Federal government,” stated Alaska Trails Executive Director Steve Cleary, “especially in these difficult financial times for the state. We need to be using every dollar we can to increase safety for bikers and walkers.”

According to the Safe Routes to School National Partnership, which monitors the progress of State Departments of Transportation in administering the federal Safe Routes to School program and the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), tracking how funds are awarded and obligated. The group explained the process in it’s blog:

“TAP money, like most federal transportation programs, has a four-year expiration date. Obligation is how a state protects funds beyond that time span: obligation commits those funds to a specific project and protects the money, even if the project takes additional years to complete. It’s a critical measure of whether a state is making progress in holding competitions and building projects with TAP. Congress first started putting money towards TAP in fiscal year 2013, and the four-year clock on any unobligated funds ran out at the end of September 2016.

Four states – Alaska, Hawaii, New Hampshire, and South Dakota—failed to obligate all of their FY13 TAP money and let \$5 million in TAP funding lapse. Lapsed funds are surrendered back to USDOT. States that let funds lapse are effectively indicating that the safety of people biking and walking is so low that they’d prefer to give the funds up rather than to run a competition and obligate funding to local projects.”

Read more at the Safe Routes to School National Partnership blog: <http://tinyurl.com/y8m2xfuz>

FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION BUDGET DECIMATES TRAILS FUNDING

The following letter was sent by American Trails.

Hello Trail Partners,

The Administration's proposed budget for fiscal year 2018 reveals what are nothing less than catastrophic cuts to programs that directly impact trails and the places where Americans hike and enjoy the outdoors. The proposed budget for trails and the federal agencies that manage and maintain trails on federal lands fails to provide for even the most basic necessities needed to maintain and manage these critical recreation resources.

We are stronger when we stand together.

A sign-on letter was carefully crafted in partnership with the American Hiking Society, Backcountry Horsemen of America, and the Partnership for the National Trails System, reflecting

the level of concern among all trail user groups. If your organization is as shocked at the Administration's proposed budget as most of us who support trails, outdoor recreation, and public lands, we ask that you add your organization's name to the sign-on letter which will be provided to the appropriators and other members of Congress.

For more and a link to the sign-on letter please see: <http://tinyurl.com/ya2nw7c9>

GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR IMPROVING BIKE INFRASTRUCTURE

People interested in improving bicycle infrastructure and advocacy initiatives have until July 21 to submit letters of interest for the People For Bike Community Grant Program.

This program offers funding for important and influential projects that leverage federal funding and build momentum for bicycling in communities across the United States. Grants of up to \$10,000 are provided for bicycle infrastructure projects and targeted advocacy initiatives that make it easier and safer for people of all ages and abilities to ride.

Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations with a focus on bicycling, active transportation, or community development; city or county agencies or departments; and state or federal agencies working locally. Full applications will be due October 13. For more information and to see the grant guidelines, go to <http://www.peopleforbikes.org/pages/grant-guidelines>.

(From What's Up? by Peg Tileston)

RTP GRANT APPLICATION PERIOD STARTS EARLIER THIS YEAR

The timeline and associated deadlines for Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant applications are shifting a few weeks earlier this year.

RTP grants provide reimbursable, matching funds to develop and repair recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses. Grants are also available for trail-related environmental protection, safety, and educational projects.

The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation has adjusted the grant application period to provide for a more efficient process. The new timeline is as follows:

- All application and informational documents will be available at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/trails.htm> on or before July 15;
- Applicants must begin public outreach on their proposed projects by September 15;
- Grant applications must be submitted by October 15.

Anyone with questions about RTP grants may contact Darcy Harris at 907-269-8699 or darcy.harris@alaska.gov.

(From Alaska Department of Natural Resources press release)

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

- Eagle Watch, State Parks (several recent issues have had trail-related stories): <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/eaglewatch/eaglewatcharchive>

STATEWIDE LINKS

- Outdoor Explorer radio show: Safe food and water in the backcountry: <http://tinyurl.com/ybdhru9k>
- If you're falling in the middle of a river crossing, don't bring your friends down with you: <http://tinyurl.com/ybswuo4u>
- Biking, trail funds returned to feds: <http://tinyurl.com/yctjhtf6>
- The best way up a mountain is not always the best way down: <http://tinyurl.com/ydc3gd33>
- As budgets shrink, private management of Alaska state park sites grows: <http://tinyurl.com/y893thgd>
- Alaska trail advocates warn Gov. Walker of transportation funding lapses: <http://tinyurl.com/y8uylnok>
- Avoiding Trials on the Trails: <http://coast-magazine.com/avoiding-trials-trails>

BEARS AND TRAILS IN THE NEWS

- After bear-mauling tragedy, mountain race organizers focus on trail safety: <http://tinyurl.com/ycx5lxm3>
- UAA suspends Crow Pass Crossing backcountry marathon for a year: <http://tinyurl.com/yadnxf5t>
- Here are strategies for staying safe in bear country: <http://tinyurl.com/ydz6faxy>
- Adding noise to the Alaska bear protection debate: <http://tinyurl.com/y7lcebzb>
- How to put attacks in context and hold onto Alaskans' right to adventure: <http://tinyurl.com/y9sge64z>
- I can't exaggerate how fast this was': 2 injured in brown bear attacks: <http://tinyurl.com/y9ktyrkl>
- Man reportedly walks away unscathed after bear attack along Juneau trail: <http://tinyurl.com/ybxan4ey>
- Craig Medred has several good articles: <https://craigmedred.news>

NED ROZELL'S TRANS-ALASKA PIPELINE HIKE

- With tough 10-year-olds on pipeline hike, there's no 'suffering in silence': <http://tinyurl.com/ydx4ffhv>
- Where the trans-Alaska pipeline runs farthest from roads, quiet reigns: <http://tinyurl.com/y8chbcnc>
- Restocking and recharging along the trans-Alaska oil pipeline trail: <http://tinyurl.com/ydhea3hl>
- A walk along Alaska's oil pipeline reveals a changed landscape: <http://tinyurl.com/yddn3kxn>

SLIGHTLY OFF-TRAIL

- The road to hell (Medred's bushwhack rating system): <http://tinyurl.com/y8whbc5a>
- When camping in Alaska gets a little annoying: <http://tinyurl.com/yacsoeng>
- On hikes, never trust a wet rock. In the Chugach, never trust a rock: <http://tinyurl.com/y9paxbjl>

ALASKA TRAILS TO HOST TRAIL ASSESSMENT TRAINING IN MAT-SU

Are you a volunteer for a trail user group here in the Mat-Su? Itching to learn more about how you can be more effective in helping maintain some of your favorite trails? Then this is the opportunity you have been looking for.

The Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation is encouraging all of the trail user groups and our grantees here in the valley to take part in this trail assessment training program. This one-day training includes both classroom and field portions. It is designed to teach volunteers the basics of sustainable trails, common problems on trails and a process for identifying and cataloging those problems. Various methods – both paper and electronic – will be employed to collect and organize the data gathered.

- When: Saturday, August 5th from 9am – 5pm. Lunch provided.
- Place: Valley Recycling Center and Crevasse Moraine Trails
- Instructor: Mark Gronewald – Trailwerx

Learn more at Alaska Trails (<http://www.alaska-trails.org>) as more details will be coming soon. We wanted to make sure everyone gets this date on your calendar so you can be sure to attend if you are able.

Please RSVP to Steve Cleary or call him at 907-334-8049 with any questions you might have!

(From Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation newsletter)

MAT-SU FOUNDATION AWARDS SEVEN TRAILS AND PARKS GRANTS

The Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation board of directors approved seven new grants at the end of June. This grant program would not be possible without the support of the Mat-Su Health Foundation and individuals like you who help support our program. These seven grants continue our vision and mission of an integrated trail and park network throughout the Mat-Su Borough. Please join us in celebrating these new grant awards!

Aurora Dog Mushers Club ~ Funding to help with long-term lease for non-motorized winter trail easements through the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. They maintain a network of over 20 miles of trails the club uses for training and sprint race competitions. While the trails are open to the public for all non-motorized winter trail uses, they are maintained primarily for the dog mushing community so if you are out and about not mushing....give those mushers the right-of-way. They are moving fast!

Great Land Trust ~ Funding to help establish a community park project in Settlers Bay. This future park will be a wonderful community asset with wooded trails, and views out along the tidal flats.

Hatcher Pass Avalanche Center ~ Funding to assist with the installation of multiple avalanche safety signs in Hatcher Pass. Look for the new "Are You Beeping?" signs this winter. These are the first to be installed in Alaska. Helping all winter users stay safe in the backcountry.

Hatcher Alpine Xperience ~ Funding to continuing clearing additional alpine ski trails. If you haven't seen the work this volunteer group has accomplished, you should travel up next winter to Mile 10.6 on the road to Hatcher Pass and get out and carve a few turns. They are a hard working group!

Mat-Su Borough ~ West Butte Trail improvements. OK, I think most anyone in the valley who has traversed the Butte knows that cutting trails simply causes more erosion! Well here is one project to address some of the most imperiled sections. The Borough trail crew will installing new trail stabilization walls.

Mountaineering Club of Alaska ~ Are you a fan of huts like Snowbird, and Bomber...well...a new one is on the way. This grant will help fund the construction of the Seth Holden Hut in a valley north of Montana Peak. This will add another loop to your Bomber traverse.

Student Conservation Association ~ Getting youth engaged in conservation and trail work is important. Each generation has a turn at being good stewards of our lands. This grant will help SCA work with the Mat-Su Borough to identify and have their youth trail crew actively engaged in maintaining high priority trail projects in our Borough.

(From Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation newsletter)

SOUTHCENTRAL LINKS

- 11 Alaska glacier adventures within 150 miles of Anchorage: <http://tinyurl.com/y7p7w2j3>
- New trails ready for riders in far north Eagle River/Chugiak: <http://tinyurl.com/y857duze>
- State of the trails (descriptions of several trail outings in Southcentral): <http://tinyurl.com/y7y5zb4h>
- Think you know where you're hiking? Bring a map anyway.: <http://tinyurl.com/yab2jsru>
- Chugach State Park users who obstruct traffic face citations: <http://tinyurl.com/ya4svn4r>
- Start your Bomber hike early, or be willing to face the consequences: <http://tinyurl.com/ycvbo3ug>
- Campbell Creek Trail (Anchorage) construction has begun: <http://tinyurl.com/yc8b99rj>

KODIAK

- Termination Point trail on Kodiak Island opens to public: <http://tinyurl.com/ycppu6ef>
- Final Comment Period Open for Near Island Comp Plan (deadline July 4): <http://tinyurl.com/y8hovf7p>

KENAI PENINSULA

- Tsalteshi 2.0: Work starts on new trails (Soldotna): <http://tinyurl.com/ycg9bn5j>
- Video: Around the Kenai Peninsula — by packraft, fat bike and kayak: <http://tinyurl.com/y96lyfnk>
- Why did we wait so long before exploring Seward Ranger District trails?: <http://tinyurl.com/ycaxbpdo>

INTERIORWIDE NEWS AND NOTICES

FAIRBANKS PARKS AND REC OFFERING FREE WEEKLY GUIDED HIKES

Join FNSB Parks and Recreation Staff at a different trailhead every week for a guided walk along some of the town's most beautiful areas. Roughly 5k walks. No registration needed. No non-service pets please. This is a free program. Don't forget to bring a water bottle, snacks, bug spray, sun screen, good walking shoes and a camera of course! Dress for inclement weather. All hikes start promptly at 6:00pm. All ages and ability levels are encouraged to attend. More information: <http://tinyurl.com/yat9nlv4>

(From FNSB Parks and Recreation Facebook page: <http://tinyurl.com/zofgaa8>)

THANK YOU TO TRAIL VOLUNTEERS FOR FAIRBANKS TRAILS PROJECT

We owe a belated but sincere “Thank You” to the group of fifteen energetic and benevolent volunteers who joined us on National Trails Day! The weather was amazing and the company was even better. The volunteer crew learned a lot from Christine at Interior Trails and then put their knowledge and muscle to good use working on the trail. Together we improved about 100 feet of rough section of the Secret Trail with hand tools. Steel, sweat and smiles can go a long way. So thank you to our sponsors REI Fairbanks, BLM Alaska, Alaska Trails and Interior Trails, and most of all our new friends who volunteered their time on a beautiful summer Saturday to take care of our public trails!



We look forward to helping organize more projects like this in the future. If you didn't get a chance to join us on June 3rd and would like to be informed about future volunteer opportunities, email or call the FNSB Parks and Recreation office. Until then, the trails await- get out there, Fairbanks!

(From Alaska Trails Facebook page)

VOLUNTEERS TEND TO DENALI NATIONAL PARK TRAILS

Four trails in Denali National Park got spruced up last Saturday with the help of 28 volunteers, who donated their time for National Trails Day.

A few volunteers were visitors from North Carolina and the rest were all Alaskans, including a carload of Fairbanksans who drove down early in the morning and were waiting anxiously to begin by 8:30 a.m.

The group split into teams and cleared brush on the bike path, the roadside path, Rock Creek Trail and Healy Overlook Trail.

“They all had the option: strenuous, easier or moderate,” said Kathleen Kelly, volunteer coordinator.

Tim Karl, who works at Fort Wainwright, said his team of six volunteers on the Healy Overlook Trail were all veterans. Many in that group continued climbing the mountain after they cleared all the brush they could and then reached alpine terrain.

Each volunteer received a bus voucher for traveling inside Denali National Park.

Volunteers cleared a massive amount of brush from the bike trail — “Not just a pickup load, but a big truck load,” Kelly said.

Park staff were pleased with the turnout and thrilled with the results.

(From Kris Capps column: <http://tinyurl.com/y7zwmrsp>)

SMOKEJUMPERS HELP CLEAR HAPPY VALLEY SINGLETRACK TRAILS

Thanks to the crew of Alaska Smokejumpers that spent couple of days last week working on the Happy Valley Singletrack! Mark, Bryce, Gavin, Peter, Tyler, Spencer and Ethan polished the trail and cleared the lower access route into Happy Valley. Thanks guys!

Also, thanks to Craig Malloy for the nasty job of relocating the moose road kill! There's now a moose carcass decomposing in the Inner Loop, 100yds downhill from the first junction with the Outer Loop.

We'll be doing additional work sessions to armor some drains and finish a new ride feature.

(From Ester Dome Singletrack Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/255880317931110/>)

INTERIORWIDE LINKS

- New Fairbanks promotional video includes people out on area trails: <http://tinyurl.com/yakcylhe>
- Meditating to a White Mountains 100 finish: <http://tinyurl.com/yapjvxxa>
- Low water on Ikhèenjìk makes for slow going on AlaskAcross route: <http://tinyurl.com/yble65hl>
- Fairbanks Parks and Rec Summer Trails Challenge: <http://tinyurl.com/yachq58h>
- Birch Hill Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility (sealed bids due): <http://notice.alaska.gov/186304>
- Update on the Quartz Creek Trail (White Mountains National Rec Area): <http://tinyurl.com/yb3533hl>

SKYLINE RIDGE PARK TRAILS NEAR FAIRBANKS DAMAGED

- Vandals cause thousands of dollars worth of damage to trail: <http://tinyurl.com/y9onhn2t>
- Trail vandalism shameful: Off-roaders damage trails, cut down trees at Skyline Ridge Park: <http://tinyurl.com/y9vbs259>
- Troopers: No criminal charges planned in Fairbanks park damage: <http://tinyurl.com/yckpo4ax>
- Borough will seek restitution for damages to Skyline Ridge Park trails: <http://tinyurl.com/yaqe8sho>

SOUTHEAST NEWS AND NOTICES

VOLUNTEERS BRUSH OUT THIMBLEBERRY LAKE TRAIL NEAR SITKA

Thimbleberry Lake Trail is brushed out all the way to the big bridge before Heart Lake. Thank you to the kind volunteers and to several of our board members who helped last Saturday! Their volunteering helps to keep Sitka's trails accessible and beautiful.

(From Sitka Trail Works Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SitkaTrailWorks/>)

TRAIL MIX WORKS ON TREADWELL DITCH BRIDGES NEAR JUNEAU

We have some exciting Trail Mix news! Our Trail Mix crew members, led by woods boss Ryan O'Shaunnesy, have begun the construction of the Paris Creek and Eagle Creek bridges on the Treadwell Ditch trail. Paris Creek is located directly above the town of Douglas; Eagle Creek is two trail miles north of the Dan Moller trail junction.

The concrete abutment footings for both bridges have been excavated and poured. The wood beams, decking and other components for the Paris Creek bridge will be flown in by helicopter and assembled starting on or around the 3rd of July. For safety, we will need to close the Paris Creek bridge area to the public while the helicopter is flying in the components. We will post an update a day or two before the scheduled helicopter operation.

If all goes well the Paris Creek bridge will be finished sometime in mid to late July (we will announce the bridge opening), and the crew will begin building the Eagle Creek bridge shortly after.

See more: <http://tinyurl.com/ycczukul>

(From Trail Mix Facebook post)

SOUTHEAST LINKS

- Guided weekend hikes by Sitka Trail Works: <http://sitkatrailworks.org/weekend-hikes/>
- Standing room only: 750 miles on a paddleboard to Alaska: <http://tinyurl.com/y8s7zbvo>

NATIONWIDE NEWS AND NOTICES

NATIONWIDE / INTERNATIONAL LINKS

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

ADVOCACY

- Comment on the Value of our National Monuments to Trails (from American Trails): <http://tinyurl.com/ya73jnw>
- FY2018 Budget Must Support Outdoor Recreation: <http://www.funoutdoors.com/node/view/3780>

TRAIL GUIDES

- Colorado releases online map with 39,000 miles of them across the state: <http://tinyurl.com/ycrpzcc>
- 5 Top North American Wildflower Hikes: <http://tinyurl.com/ycj7ouzh>
- Your Guide to Yosemite Hiking Trails with Waterfalls: <http://tinyurl.com/y8f542sy>
- Looking for a Utah hiking trail? Here are some websites: <http://tinyurl.com/y8cp57br>
- 0 of the Best Hiking Trails Near Ottawa: <http://tinyurl.com/y9hgwneg>
- The 15 Most Terrifying Trails Sure To Get Your Heart Racing: <http://tinyurl.com/y7g5qmns>
- Ten Top Mountain-Biking and Road Cycling Destinations (Michigan): <http://tinyurl.com/y8jbowcl>
- Hikes in Los Angeles: 8 trails with spectacular endings: <http://tinyurl.com/y9pngt2n>
- Explore Greater Cincinnati's best outdoor walkways this summer: <http://tinyurl.com/y7x4dhac>
- 10 Dallas Area Bike Trails to Ride This Summer: <http://tinyurl.com/yb2f5zhr>
- My 5 Favorite Hiking Trails in Louisiana: <http://tinyurl.com/y9f53qzj>

STUDIES

- Getting Kids Moving Now Could Save Billions in Later Health Costs: <http://tinyurl.com/yb8k44gw>

OTHER NATIONAL LINKS:

- Build Great Trails & Great (OHV) Clubs With These Top 5 Tools: <http://tinyurl.com/y89rgmol>
- Adventuring In Bear Country: What You Need To Know: <http://tinyurl.com/y75w7tvq>
- Tax The Rich And Build The Trails (opinion): <http://tinyurl.com/y8x879q5>
- Meet the woman behind Colorado's highest trails: <http://tinyurl.com/ya3tazbe>
- Coalition for Recreational Trails 2017 Annual Achievement Awards: <http://tinyurl.com/ycjsc8oo>
- Are New Hampshire's hiking trails too hard? One Alabaman thought so: <http://tinyurl.com/ycz7xw2o>
- Towns to Trails: Creating a 200-mile loop trail in the Columbia River Gorge: <http://tinyurl.com/yaocjv8n>
- Video on Colorado's on-line trail guide: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2n7USQhlgc>
- Converting Unsustainable Roadway to Urban Trail Brings Major Environmental Benefits to D.C. Community: <http://tinyurl.com/y8y6axqc>

INTERNATIONAL LINKS:

- Hiking Nepal's forgotten trail: <http://tinyurl.com/n4vkz7o>
- Seven spectacular bike trails you must visit in Cornwall (U.K): <http://tinyurl.com/y87bmhty>
- 10 Incredible Instaworthy Hiking Trails Around The World: <http://tinyurl.com/yaan9lwm>
- 8 beautiful walking trails and parks to enjoy (South Dublin, Ireland): <http://tinyurl.com/y7vqh482>
- Kumano Kodo (Japan): a trek where the gods live: <http://tinyurl.com/y7pef4ge>
- Newly completed canoe, bike trails link Sault Ste. Marie to rest of Canada: <http://tinyurl.com/y87pll49>
- Jordan Trail: A trek through history via ancient villages and wild wadis: <http://tinyurl.com/yaqpvmnm>

SLIGHTLY OFF TRAIL

- How to spot a (biking) parent on the trails: <http://tinyurl.com/yayjen7l>
- Interior secretary wants more 'front line' help in parks, but can't give details: <http://tinyurl.com/yarm3cq>
- Learn the lingo: Trailworker slang: www.hcn.org/issues/49.11/learn-the-lingo-trailworkers-slang

The Alaska Trails board meets via teleconference on the first 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. Call for more information and meeting details [907-334-8049](tel:907-334-8049).

A copy of this newsletter will also be posted to our web site. Newsletters come out at the beginning of each month. Deadline for articles is five days before the first of the month. Send stories to Editor Eric Troyer at fbxtrails@gmail.com