

2019 Statewide Trails Conference Keynote and Breakout Details



THURSDAY KEYNOTE SESSION:

Title: Guides to Trails and Life

Date/Time: Thursday, April 18th, 9:30 AM

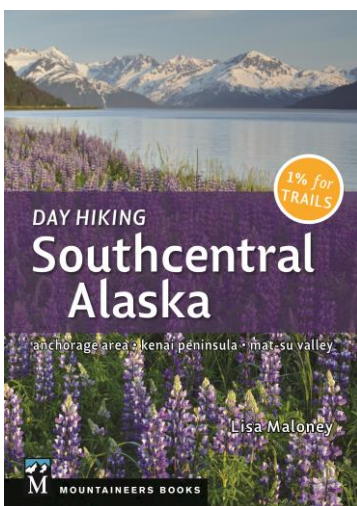
Presenters: Lisa Maloney, Author

Description: Tying together her work, the fun of exploring and helping others get out on trails with the right information and inspiration.

A thirty-year resident of Alaska and avid outdoorswoman, Lisa Maloney is the author of three guidebooks, including the just-released "Day Hiking Southcentral Alaska" and the award-winning "Moon Alaska." She's also worked as an outdoors columnist at The Anchorage Press and the Anchorage Daily News, served a stint as senior editor at Alaska magazine, and covered a nationwide hiking/backpacking beat for About.com.

Lisa is generously donating a portion of the proceeds from "Day Hiking Southcentral Alaska" to Alaska Trails.

Read more about Lisa and her work at her website: <http://maloneywrites.com>



Breakout Sessions – Thursday, April 18th, 10:45 AM - Noon

TRACK: TRAIL FUNDAMENTALS

Title: RFPs and Contracts – How They’re Different

Presenters: Mike Shields – *Trail Consultant*

Description: Topics covered in this session include: How an RFP is different from RFB/RFQ contracts; when and why it gets used; the RFP process from formulation through Award; defining “deliverables”; evaluating Proposals; negotiating contract requirements; pitfalls and snares; and the basics of contract field administration.

TRACK: TRAIL CONCEPTS

Title: Inclusion on Trails

Presenters: Eileen Kazura – *Alaska Geographic and Alaska Trail Stewards*

Description: Coming Soon

TRACK: TRAIL FUNDING

Title: Funding Sources for Trails

Presenters: Darcy Harris – *State of Alaska DNR – Recreational Trails Program*

Katie Sechrist – *State of Alaska ADF&G, Pittman / Robertson*

Wes Hoskins – *Executive Director, Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation*

Lia Slemons – *Kenai Mountains Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area*

Description: As state coffers continue to shrink, funding sources for trails are even more important. Knowing where dollars can come from is important. Panelists will discuss various government and private grant programs that have funded trails and could provide funding for future projects. Grant programs to be discussed include: the Recreational Trail Program, the Pittman-Robertson Fund, XXXXXXXXXX

TRACK: TRAIL DESIGN

Title: Trails for the Soul: Aesthetics, Artistry and Trail Design

Presenter: Mark Gronewald - *Trailwerx*

Description: Most of us agree that trail design is both a science and an art. There have been many classes about the science; this one is about the art. In this presentation we take a peek into the cranium of a typical

trail user, review lessons learned from landscaping styles of earlier cultures, and identify effective ways to subtly delight the visual senses, enhance satisfaction, minimize conflict, and reduce human-caused trail degradation.”

Breakout Sessions – Thursday, April 18th, 1:00 PM – 2:15PM

TRACK: TRAIL FUNDAMENTALS

Title: When “Sustainable Design” Elements Don’t Work

Presenters: [Mike Shields](#) – *Trail Consultant*

Description: Topics covered in this session include: Discussion of where, when, and why some elements of “Sustainable Trail Design” may not work as they’re supposed to, or be constrained by other trail needs. Can such failures be anticipated before layout and construction, and are there ways to compensate for the absence of a given design element? Are there any effective corrective actions available when such failures occur after construction?

TRACK: TRAIL CONCEPTS

Title: [Technical Trail Skills with Interior Trails](#)

Presenters: [Christine Byl](#) – *Interior Trails*

[Gabe Travis](#) – *Interior Trails*

Description: Coming Soon

TRACK: TRAIL FUNDING

Title: [Grants for Trails](#)

Presenters: [Steve Cleary](#) – *Alaska Trails*

Description: The presenter(s) will engage in an open dialogue about grants opportunities, with a focus on past funding sources for trails and trail organizations. Both government and private foundation sources will be explored. A grant template will be displayed, highlighting the most common elements of a grant proposal and how those can be developed for many uses. Participants are encouraged to bring their own grant proposals to share and a list of grant opportunities will be jointly developed and share for all.



Breakout Sessions – Thursday, April 18th, 2:30 PM – 3:45PM

TRACK: TRAIL FUNDAMENTALS

Title: Technology on Trails – Maps and More

Presenters: Prof. Jen Schmidt - UAA Alaska
Wes Hoskins – Executive Director, Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation

Description: Coming Soon

TRACK: TRAIL CONCEPTS

Title: Technical Trail Skills with Interior Trails

Presenters: Christine Byl – Interior Trails
Gabe Travis – Interior Trails

Description: Coming Soon

TRACK: TRAIL FUNDING

Title: Other Funding Ideas for Trails

Presenters: Steve Cleary – Executive Director, Alaska Trails
Beth Nordlund – Executive Director, Anchorage Park Foundation

Description: The presenters will share tips, events and ideas for raising money for your trail group, organization or project. Please bring your ideas to this presentation to share with others from around the state on the best ways to raise money for trails.

TRACK: TRAIL DESIGN

Title: Motorized Trail Building

Presenter: Jon Underwood – Happy Trails

Description: Coming soon



Joint Session – Thursday, April 18th, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Title: UAA AND APU STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

Presenters: Prof. Scott Hamel – *UAA Engineering Students*
Prof. Jen Schmidt – *UAA*
Aaron Woelk – *APU*

Description: Engineering and GIS students from UAA and Outdoor Studies students from APU will share their projects.

Breakout Sessions – Friday, April 19th, 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM

TRACK: TRAILS INITIATIVE

Title: The AK Trails Initiative: Who, What, and You!
Presenter: Chris Beck – *Principal, Agnew::Beck / Alaska Trails Board*
Lee Hart – *Confluence*
Meg Pritchard – *AK Urban Fellow*

Description: Coming Soon

TRACK: TRAIL FUNDAMENTALS

Title: Sustainable Trails 101: Pt 1 Classroom
Presenter: Jon Underwood – *Happy Trails*

Description: This is a condensed version of the introductory course on sustainable trail building. Come and see what it takes to make the great trails that you have been using all these years. This class will emphasize sustainable design elements, trail planning, and management concepts for all trail enthusiasts. This is a two-part class that will include a field session in the next time slot.



TRACK: VOLUNTEERS

Title: Pt. 1: Leading Volunteers
Presenter: [Kristen Mrozowski](#) – *Trails Technician, Alaska Trails*
[Joe Hall](#) – *Chugach State Park*

Description: Coming soon

TRACK: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Title: **Completing the Network – Trail, Bike and Ped Projects**

Presenters: [Colin Singleton](#) - PE – *CRW Engineering Group*
[Maeve Nevins-Lavtar](#) – *Senior Park Planner, Municipality of Anchorage*
[Andrew Ooms](#) – *Senior Engineer, Kittelson and Associates*
[Joni Wilm](#) – *Senior Transportation Planner, Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator AMATS*

Description: Presenters will highlight a variety of projects that could enhance the network of biking, walking and trail facilities. Connecting a network for safe walking and biking is a key need to increase the number of Anchorage residents using active transportation. The presentations will include an update on the integrated bike, ped and trails plan, an exploration of 8-80 Bike Facilities, examples from Madison Wisconsin on how to build a robust network and an overview of the Chester Creek singletrack trails and how building trails like that can increase the number of people riding to where they ride.

Breakout Sessions – Friday, April 19th, 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

TRACK: TRAILS INITIATIVE

Title: The Economic Impact of Trails and How to Boost It
Presenter: [Chris Beck](#)
[Nolan Klouda](#)
[AEDC](#)
[Economist](#)

Description: Coming soon

TRACK: TRAIL FUNDAMENTALS

Title: Sustainable Trails 101: Pt 2 – Field Trip

Presenter: Jon Underwood – *Happy Trails*

Description: This is a condensed version of the introductory course on sustainable trail building. Come and see what it takes to make the great trails that you have been using all these years. This class will emphasize sustainable design elements, trail planning, and management concepts for all trail enthusiasts. This is a two-part class.

TRACK: VOLUNTEERS

Title: Pt. 2: Volunteer Risk Management

Presenter: Kristen Mrozowski – *Trails Technician, Alaska Trails*
Joe Hall – *Chugach State Park*

Description: Coming soon

TRACK: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Title: Pop-Up Projects – How and Why

Presenters: Joni Wilm - *Senior Transportation Planner, Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator AMATS*
Pierce Schwalb – *Executive Director, Bike Anchorage*

Description: Pop-up demonstration projects — also known as "tactical urbanism," "Do-It-Yourself urbanism" or "DIY urbanism" — typically involve community members working together to bring attention to overlooked spaces, address neighborhood issues, or demonstrate things they want changed or improved within a public or sometimes private space such as a streetscape, empty building or underused lot. AMATS and Bike Anchorage are excited to team up on a pop-up demonstration project on Fireweed Lane. Our goal is to implement a Complete Streets design on a portion of Fireweed Lane to demonstrate how the corridor can better serve all users. We plan to roll out this temporary design in conjunction with an Open Streets event, which will increase exposure of the project and elicit community involvement and feedback.

Breakout Sessions – Friday, April 19th, 1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

TRACK: TRAILS IINITIATIVE

Title: Featured Trail Projects of the AK Trails Initiative

Presenter: Amy Dalton, AK Huts

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Title: Accessibility on Trails

Presenters: Ira Edwards –

Jared Zimmerman – *Crew Leader, National Park Service - Denali*

Description: Trails that accommodate all users will be the focus for this panel, highlighting what has happened in the past and the philosophical basis for inclusive trails. Speakers will highlight how Alaska can increase such trails with some specific examples and a discussion of how parking lots and other infrastructure also contribute to the accessibility of trails.

TRACK: VOLUNTEERS

Title: Pt. 3: Youth Volunteers

Presenter: Kristen Mrozowski – *Trails Technician, Alaska Trails*

Joe Hall – *Chugach State Park*

Description: Coming

TRACK: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Title: Anchorage Vision Zero - Streets should be safe for everyone.

Presenters: Wende Wilber - *AICP PTP - Principal, Kittelson & Associates*



Dawn Groth – RN, BSN, MEd Health Promotion, Division of Public Health

Tanya Iden – Principal/Owner, Agnew::Beck

Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic-related fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. We know that in Anchorage, traffic collisions disproportionately impact people who walk and bike.

Description: Activating the Vision Zero Network – Let’s implement our plans!

Anchorage has developed a Vision Zero Action Plan and a Vision Zero Marketing & Messaging Campaign Plan. Both seek to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility. To develop these plan a network of many organizations that all share a common concern and have a stake in creating safer streets for all came together to define the problem and develop an approach to achieve real results. In this session, we’ll dig into these plans and talk about tangible next steps our community can take together to save lives, prevent injury, and increase the safety and enjoyment of roads for all people.

FRIDAY KEYNOTE SESSION:

Title: PROJECT SHOWCASE

Presenters: Gabe Travis – *Co-Owner, Interior Trails*
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