



Interior Alaska Trails and Parks Foundation

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Mission Statement: The Interior Alaska Trails and Parks Foundation advocates to develop, maintain and promote a year-round trails and parks system for the greater Fairbanks area and beyond. The Foundation will promote cooperation between all users of trails and parks in our community.

The Interior Alaska Trails and Parks Foundations (IATPF) is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization based in Fairbanks that was started in 2018. IATPF does not have a membership base, instead it has a volunteer Board of Directors that is made up of five voting members (currently with a vacancy).

IATPF's goal is to promote and sustain public access, support trail building and maintenance, and local park needs throughout interior Alaska.

- Organizing volunteer work parties for trail work.
- Supporting volunteer trail projects with trail tools, lunches, snacks, water, BBQs, etc.
- Providing funding for trail and park projects and improvements

To fund trail and park work, IATPF relies on contributions and donations from local Alaskans and the Pick, Click, Give programs. These donations are used for developing and maintaining public recreation trails and park facilities in the greater Fairbanks area.

Strengths of IATPF

- Ability to connect local user groups - motorized and non-motorized
 - Off-road users – OHV/ORVs, snowmobiles,
 - Hunting groups
 - Hikers and skiers
 - Dog Mushers and Equestrian
 - Mountain Bikers
- Organized motorized and non-motorized user groups to replace boardwalk on the Pinnell Mountain Trail.
- Brushing Table Top Mountain Trail.
- Funding materials for Isberg trailhead information kiosk.
- Brushing Alaska Dog Mushers Hall trails
- Participating in ski-joring and dog mushing clinics

IATPF Project Funding

- In 2024, IATPF started a user-directed project grant program to directly fund work for local trails and parks.
- Grant application is on our website at iatpfoundation.org.

- Grants are limited to \$10K, applications are due March 31st, requires some prep work for permits, etc.
- Brush clearing along the race trails at the ADMA.
- Funding new signs for UAF ski trails and frisbee golf course.

Upcoming IATPF 2025 project support

- Mastodon Trail brushing project June 2025 (CRSRA)
- Nome Creek Valley trail brushing summer 2025 (WMNRA)
- ADMA race trail brushing fall 2025

What's Ahead

- Partnering with Alaska Trails for
 - Sponsoring Interior Alaska Trails Conference
 - Sponsoring trail training in the Interior
- Obtaining insurance required for partnerships with land management agencies
- Pursue partnership agreements with BLM and Alaska State Parks.
- Improving name recognition for IATPF
- Getting new donations and funding sources
- Retaining board members
- Supporting accessibility opportunities to trails and parks