

Partnerships for Trails

Chugach Park Fund-Alaska Trails-Alaska State Parks

South Fork Eagle River Trail Reconstruction Summer 2023





The Chugach Park Fund was established in 2016 to enable Alaskans to enjoy the beauty of Chugach State Park by enhancing trails and facilities. The Fund's priority is supporting trail projects through philanthropy and partnerships.

<https://alaskacf.org/blog/funds/chugach-park-fund/>

How does the Chugach Park Fund achieve its purpose?

- The Chugach State Park Citizen's Advisory Board (CAB) entered into an agreement with the Alaska Community Foundation to establish the Chugach Park Fund (June, 2016);
- This allows the fund's advisors, who are appointed by the CAB, to focus their work on fundraising rather than on establishing and administering a non-profit organization;
- Currently there are six volunteers who working to further CPF's mission: Judy Caminer, Haley Johnston, John Quinley, Charlotte Levy, Walt Wrede and me;
- We collaborate with park staff to select projects to focus our fundraising efforts on, then we go out and raise money mainly from individuals, foundations and businesses;
- Once we have enough to get a project started we find an organization to do the work (typically Alaska Trails) and we set up a three way agreement between CPF, the organization doing the work and park staff—basically a road map of who does what to get the project completed.

Chugach Park Fund Accomplishments

- Support for volunteer events-Middle Fork Loop Trail rebuild (2018)
- New informational signs-Flattop Sunnyside Trail (2019)
- Complete re-route of the Little O'Malley Peak Trail (2020-2021)
- Brushing Hillside and Rabbit Lake trails (2021-2022)
- Sponsored six volunteers events/summer (2021-2023)
- Drainage improvements-Rabbit Lake Trail (2022)
- South Fork Eagle River Trail Reconstruction (2023)



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Approx. 2.5 Miles of Trail
(Bridge to Eagle Lake Outlet)

- Guaranteed wet shoes
- Poor drainage, muddy runoff
- Crossed wetlands
- Tread widening and braiding by hikers trying to avoid wet and boggy areas

Project Objectives

- Dry shoes
- Halt resource damage, including muddy runoff from trail ponds
- Easier access for all hikers
- Keep hikers on a single alignment
- Minimize maintenance with sustainable alignment & construction



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- Work accomplished by Alaska Trails Crew
- Crew established basecamp/worked 4-10s for twelve weeks
- Helo support for camp & materials
- One volunteer event (August 12) with 15 helpers



South Fork Eagle River Trail Reconstruction Summer 2023 Project Cost and Funding



Costs	
Crew	\$99,000
Helo	48,575
Materials	37,508
<u>Other (Fuel, equipment repair, tools)</u>	<u>7,328</u>
TOTAL	\$192,410
Funding	
Rasmuson	\$79,000
Continental Subaru	31,075
Conoco-Phillips	30,000
Athletic Brewing	10,000
Chugiak-Eagle River Foundation	5,000
<u>Individual donations</u>	<u>37,335</u>
Total	\$192,410

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