A DAY OF SERVICE AND ADVOCACY FOR HOMETOWN TRAILS

People across the country found physical, mental, and emotional restoration on trails during the pandemic. In honor of National Trails Day®, tens of thousands of participants came together to give back and care for America’s magnificent trail system and ensure more people in the U.S. can enjoy trails and natural areas.

Following COVID-19 local guidelines, folks across the country united around trails through modified in-person events, virtual events, and record social media engagement. Trail enthusiasts also participated by taking the National Trails Day® Pledge to take action in 2021 to care for trails and advocate for equitable, safe access to quality green spaces. In efforts to remove transportation barriers access to trails, Congress received hundreds of messages supporting the Transit to Trails Act* in celebration of National Trails Day®.

*Federal funding was not used for National Trails Day® advocacy efforts
$681,371 Volunteer Labor Value
36,398 Event & Pledge Participants
6,006 Trail Service Volunteers
565 Registered Events
274 Miles of Trail Improved
111 Trail Service Projects

UNITED BY TRAILS
National Trails Day® volunteer and recreation events took place across the country on all types of hometown trails, including the National Scenic, Historic, and Recreation Trails of the National Trails System (and trails supported by the Recreational Trails Program) on lands managed by BLM, USFS, NPS, state, and local agencies.

Everyone had a job from the very young (8 years old) to the very experienced (80 years old).
—Maah Daah Hey Trail Association

The visitors seemed to have a great time. We offered dip nets to look for invertebrate animals in the wetland that was nearby. It was good muddy fun!
—Linn County Conservation

Participants indicated many of them discovered trails they were not previously familiar. Local businesses were very pleased to be involved in the event. The local visitors bureau ended up with a map of local trails as a result of the event.
—Grand Traverse Hiking Club

We had 13 people put in over 75 hours of work to complete the trail. This has been a 3 year project for the TCC and we are very proud of the work the community has done.
—Tahoe Climbing Coalition

With a group of Boy Scouts and teachers from the local school coming together to tackle this trail, it seemed everyone enjoyed the work and the end result was a much-improved trail.
—Los Padres Forest Association

We invited members of the local Outdoor Afro chapter to participate. We had a few folks from their group attend. It was a great day with lots of laughter, camaraderie, and face to face conversation.
—Florida Trail Association: Suncoast Chapter

We used the event to construct new trails in an area being developed as a new addition to the town’s trail system. At least one new trail by-passed a wetland area crossed by an older trail that will be closed.
—Hopkinton Trails Club

We had a nice workday with a mixture of experienced volunteers and new volunteers. Work went smoothly, repairing erosion damage to the trail.
—Friends of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail
Happy National Trails Day! Woke up to a rainy day today but glad I got to go outside for a hike this morning.

Happy Hiking! 🌧❤️

Here are 3 ways you can celebrate National Trails Day:
1. Take the National Trails Day® Pledge
2. Find a local or virtual event to attend
3. Share why trails are vital to you. Tag #nationaltrailsday and @americanhiking

Happy National Trails Day! In Congress our work continues to restore our trails, expand access to the outdoors and protect the lands we love.

Below is one of my favorite trails — what's yours?

Whether we're headed out on an all-day mission or escaping for a short afternoon adventure, trails are where we go to stretch our legs, recharge our minds and fill our souls.

Tomorrow is National Trails Day and we're teaming up with our non-profit partner @americanhiking to invite you to share why trails are vital to you.

Celebrate by getting outside tomorrow with those you love and don't forget to tag photos of your outing with @americanhiking and NationalTrailsDay when you do!

Happy National Trails Day! Where will you explore?

Just in time for National Trails Day, @SecDeBlaaland designates 10 new National Recreation Trails!

Happy National Trails Day! Did you that your National Forests contain over 156,000 miles of trail? Go take a hike today!

See more National Trails Days® content on our Instagram highlight.