From coast to coast, folks of all ages and abilities headed to the outdoors to celebrate the 31st annual National Trails Day® with one common goal — celebrating, enjoying, and protecting the outdoor spaces they love. Together, they put action behind their pledge to give back to trails and build a world where everyone feels welcome and has access to enjoy the great outdoors.
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— Lancaster County Stormwater

We spent the day doing maintenance on one of the busiest trails in Panthertown, so a lot of people got to see some of the work that we do, which was great!

— Friends of Panthertown

Our event got front-page coverage in our local newspaper, which greatly helped our case of eradicating an invasive species from an important trail system.

— Potomac Appalachian Trail Club

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American Hiking Society, with support from Moosejaw and U.S. Forest Service, awarded three micro-grants through the National Trails Day® micro-grant program. These grants are designed to reduce barriers for underrepresented communities to participate in meaningful events in celebration of the 31st annual American Hiking Society’s National Trails Day® on Saturday, June 3, 2023.

Three events organized by historically underrepresented communities in the outdoors were selected to receive funding to support an in-person event for National Trails Day®. The recipients were chosen based on their commitment to promoting inclusivity and diversity in the outdoors and their plans to provide an immersive and meaningful outdoor experience for participants.

"In addition to providing financial support for the grant, Moosejaw has also provided tents, sleeping bags, coolers, and other gear for these events. We are grateful for Moosejaw’s partnership and generous support,” said American Hiking’s Executive Director, Heather Klein Olson.
2023 National Trails Day®

Micro-Grant Recipients

Tales From the Trails

Irasema Romero National Trails Day - 6/3/23
Salt Lake City

So grateful for the partnership with @womenwhexplore_utah. A big shoutout to its local ambassador @kikassadventures.

We had a great morning where we committed to leave our trails better than we found them. It’s not too late to take the Pledge and be entered for the giveaway. Link in my bio.

Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge

This Saturday, June 3 at the La Crosse District Visitor Center! Bring your pup to learn what it means to be a B.A.B.Y Ranger and get a free bandana! Help us celebrate National Trails Day by keeping our trails clean of pet waste and enjoy a free scoop of ice cream for helping to "scoop the poop!" Please give Ranger Kathryn a call to sign up at 608-779-2230. More details in the event post below.

Pacific Crest Trail

Happy #NationalTrailsDay!

The Pacific Crest Trail is more than just a trail, it's a never ending project that continues to exist thanks to the thousands of people who give back to the trail each year.

Lo_inlandempire A huge THANK YOU to those of you who joined us for the National Trails Day BIPOC Campout!

National Trails Day is a day of advocacy and service for hometown trails and the communities who care for them. We celebrated by . . .

Whitney The K (kandacelene) Happy National Trails Day! Spent this morning running on the trails with @trail_sisters RDU and bonus miles with @katie_ann_stanford #nationaltrailsday @americanhiking

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We took the pledge, will you?!