34TH ANNUAL NATIONAL TRAILS DAY® | SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026 | A NATIONWIDE CELEBRATION OF TRAILS

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AMERICAN HIKING SOCIETY'S

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY®

Any trail, anywhere.

EMPOWERING ALL TO ENJOY, SHARE, AND PERSERVE THE HIKING EXPERIENCE
American Hiking Society
50 YEARS

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY® 2026 IMPACT

VOLUNTEER HOURS
44,437

REGISTERED EVENTS
1,401

STEWARDSHIP VOLUNTEERS
9,495

VOLUNTEER LABOR VALUE
$1,605,597

MILES OF TRAIL IMPROVED
1,691

ESTIMATED EVENT PARTICIPANTS
82,003

STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS
319

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Any Trail. Anywhere.
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Craig Dicht, Laguna Canyon Foundation

HOW DID PEOPLE CELEBRATE AMERICAN HIKING'S 34TH ANNUAL NATIONAL TRAILS DAY®?


Friends of Panthertown Valley


Carolina Thread Trail



NextGen Leader: Angelica


Rugged Rail Trail Ride

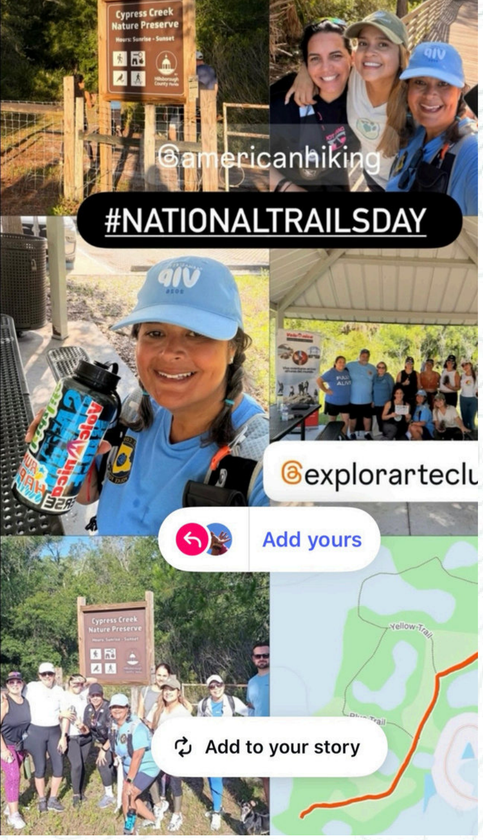

Idaho Trails Association



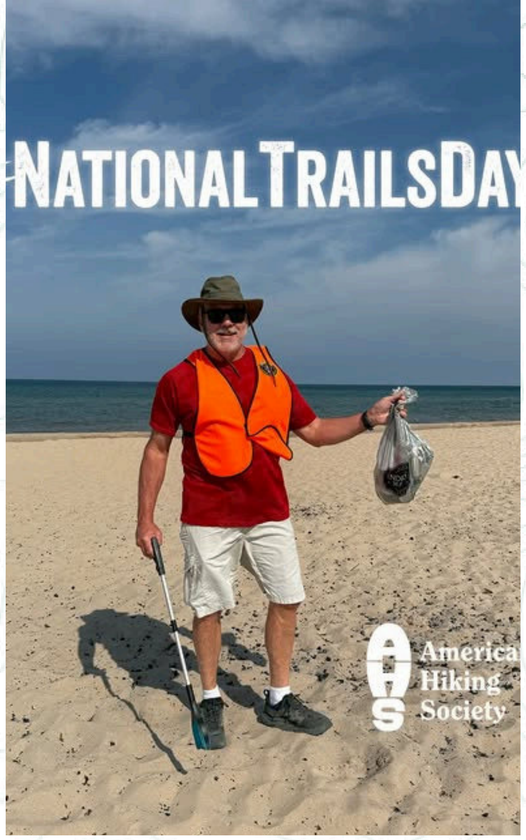
"Any trail, anywhere," means just that. From coast to coast — and beyond — National Trails Day® events took place in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and Canada!

Each pin on the map represents a community coming together to celebrate, steward, and share the joy of trails. Hikers, bikers, boaters, & riders found countless ways to connect with the outdoors and each other.

Every celebration, big and small, moved us closer to our shared goal: making trails and the outdoor community welcoming, accessible, and well maintained for all.











TALES FROM THE TRAILS

Outdoor enthusiasts, trail lovers and advocates took to social media to share how they celebrated National Trails Day®. From snapshots of sunrise hikes to group cleanups and community events, the day was filled with inspiration and calls to action. Trail lovers across the country encouraged their communities to join in, get outside and celebrate, and commit to being trail stewards by taking American Hiking's annual National Trails Day® pledge.

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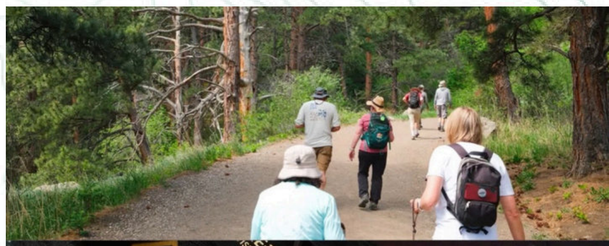
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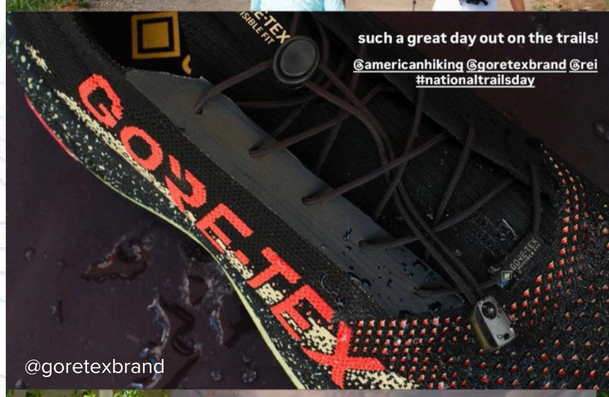
11M
Digital, News & Blog Reach

$3.25M
Advertising Value Equivalent

3,628
People Signed NTD Pledge









SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS ON THE TRAIL

2026 is a milestone year, marking America's 250th Celebration and the 50th anniversaries of both American Hiking Society and GORE-TEX® Brand. To commemorate these significant anniversaries, we partnered with our long-standing partner to host events in three cities — Seattle, Boulder, and Washington, D.C. — and enhance trail stewardship and community involvement for National Trails Day®.

At our Signature Event in Washington, DC, more than 115 participants joined us — including leadership from the National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service, representatives from five trail organizations, and partners from REI and GORE-TEX — to celebrate, steward, and strengthen our nation's trails.



National Trails Day Event® — Washington D.C.



National Trails Day Event® — Boulder



National Trails Day Event® — Boulder


National Trails Day Event® — Boulder


Craig Dicht, Laguna Canyon Foundation


Marin Municipal Water District

> We had a stellar event this year with 450 hours of volunteer time logged on and around the trails!
>
> **— Friends of Kachemak Bay State Parks**
> *(Homer, AK)*

> National Trails Day® is the focus of one of our biggest community events, ‘Purcell Lake Day.’ This year we had a 50% increase in visitors, raffle participants, and hot dogs given away!
>
> We love the publicity we gain through Natonal Trails Day®, and we got several visitors from distant communities who drove down because there weren't other events in their area that day!
>
> **— The City of Purcell**
> *(Purcell, OK)*


American Chestnut Land Trust


Matt Ross, The Mountaineers

OVERHEARD ON THE TRAIL



The Palmetto Trail

> We invite A.T. thru hikers to our event, providing them with a free shuttle, meals and camping. The general public loves talking with them!
>
> We also collect trail magic for the event’s hikers and the rest we share with our local trail centers.
>
> **— Loudoun Appalachian Trail Festival**
> *(Hillsboro, VA)*



Loudoun Appalachian Trail Festival

> Thank you for including language that all are welcome on the trail! I was able to bring my two young daughters to help out on the trail when I previously thought they might be unable to help with trail maintenance.
>
> **— Attendee, Trail Mix Inc.**
> *(Juneau, AK)*



Sierra Club South Carolina

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY® 2026 MICRO-GRANT RECIPIENTS



Brown People Camping



Town of Lisbon



Native Women Run Albuquerque


Destination Hike

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL TRAILS DAY® MICRO-GRANT PROGRAM?

American Hiking Society's micro-grant program is designed to expand access for those who seek to participate in meaningful events in celebration of National Trails Day®.

This year, American Hiking selected four groups to receive $1,500 in funding for their in-person National Trails Day® festivities, each of whom are organized by and for identities that have faced barriers to outdoor recreation, leadership, and stewardship:

- The Town of Lisbon, Maine
- Native Women of Albuquerque
- Destination Hike
- Brown People Camping

With their grants, each group was encouraged to host events featuring outdoor recreation opportunities and trail service projects. Overall, our recipients used their funding towards transportation costs, hands-on materials, stewardship supplies, food and beverages, event promotion, and any other materials they needed for to create an accessible trail experience.

We are honored to work alongside each of these incredible organizations.

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY® 2026 MICRO-GRANT RECIPIENTS



Brown People Camping



Town of Lisbon

BROWN PEOPLE CAMPING

For National Trails Day®, Brown People Camping celebrated their 10th anniversary with a special event centered on community-building, Native history, and land acknowledgment. The group met at Rock Creek Park in Washington, D.C.

More than 28 participants joined the event, comprising of a vast range of Intersectional identities — including women and LGBTQIA+ community members! Together, attendees enjoyed a scenic hike, a prize giveway, delicious food, and a family-friendly environment.

After the event, Brown People Camping's founder, Ambreen Tariq, shared, "For many, solitude in nature is healing; for me, finding community in the outdoors fills my soul." Needless to say, the National Trails Day® event accomplished both.

TOWN OF LISBON

Community members from Lisbon, Maine came together on National Trails Day® to create a more inclusive outdoor experience for neurodivergent individuals and their families.

Designed with accessibility and sensory needs in mind, the event offered a special hike in a low-stimulation environment where participants could explore nature at their own pace. Along the trail there were sensory exploration stations featuring natural elements like moss, stones, and bark, as well as scavenger hunts and guided activities, to encourage attendees to engage with the outdoors in a way that felt most comfortable.

Lisbon's National Trails Day® demonstrates that time outside can look different for everyone, and that's something worth celebrating!

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY® 2026 MICRO-GRANT RECIPIENTS



Native Women Run Albuquerque



Destination Hike

NATIVE WOMEN RUN ALBUQUERQUE

Native Women Run Albuquerque hosted their first National Trails Day® to further connect with, and empower, Indigenous women living in the Greater Albuquerque area.

The group met early at Willow Creek Trailhead to run, collect trash, and commune over delicious breakfast burritos. To the group's surprise, 36 people attended the event, from age 3 to senior. Notably, the group shared the day with a member of the US Forest Service, who learned about the event while working along the Continental Divide Trail!

The event organizer shared, "we adopted a mantra for the day, 'not my trash, but it's my planet.' With that mantra, everyone left with a trash bag and a pair of gloves that they could use during the week to pick up trash in another place close to their homes."

DESTINATION HIKE

Destination Hike is a Washington, D.C.-based organization that seeks to bring American hikers to unforgettable natural experiences. The woman-led group offers local, national, and international adventures, and recently completed a trip across Andora, Spain, and France.

The Destination Hike National Trails Day® event was held at Prince William Forest Park in Triangle, Virginia. In total, 30 attendees of all ages joined the "Sisterhood on the Trail" hike, including an incredible group of women of color (ages 30–60)! Along their 4-mile trek, the group built community and collected trash.

Reflecting on the event, the group said, "The weather perfect, the energy was unmatched, and the connections made were truly magical."

THANK YOU TO OUR NATIONAL TRAILS DAY® PARTNERS!

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National Trails Day® is made possible thanks to the vital support of our corporate and federal partners. Their commitment and contributions power a nationwide movement of trail stewardship and advocacy, and we're proud to recognize their leadership in the hiking community. Together, we've created something truly impactful: a celebration of trails and the people who care for them in communities across the country. If you share this vision, we'd love to explore ways to team up for next year's National Trails Day®. Learn more at americanhiking.org/partners.

VOLUNTEER LABOR VALUE

$706,690



Friends of the Inyo, Robinson Creek Brush Out

VOLUNTEER HOURS

19,554

USDA FOREST SERVICE 2026 IMPACT

REGISTERED EVENTS

389



Florida Trail Association

THE FOREST SERVICE HOSTED

30%

of all National Trails Day® events & celebrations!



Friends of Ouachita Trail

MILES OF TRAIL MAINTAINED

1,257



Black Hills National Forest

USDA FOREST SERVICE 2026 IMPACT

STEWARDSHIP VOLUNTEERS

4,292



National Forests and Grasslands in Texas

ESTIMATED EVENT PARTICIPANTS

15,100

VOLUNTEER LABOR VALUE

$184,061



Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Stewardship

VOLUNTEER HOURS

5,429

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT 2026 IMPACT


Bureau of Land Management - Utah

REGISTERED EVENTS

21

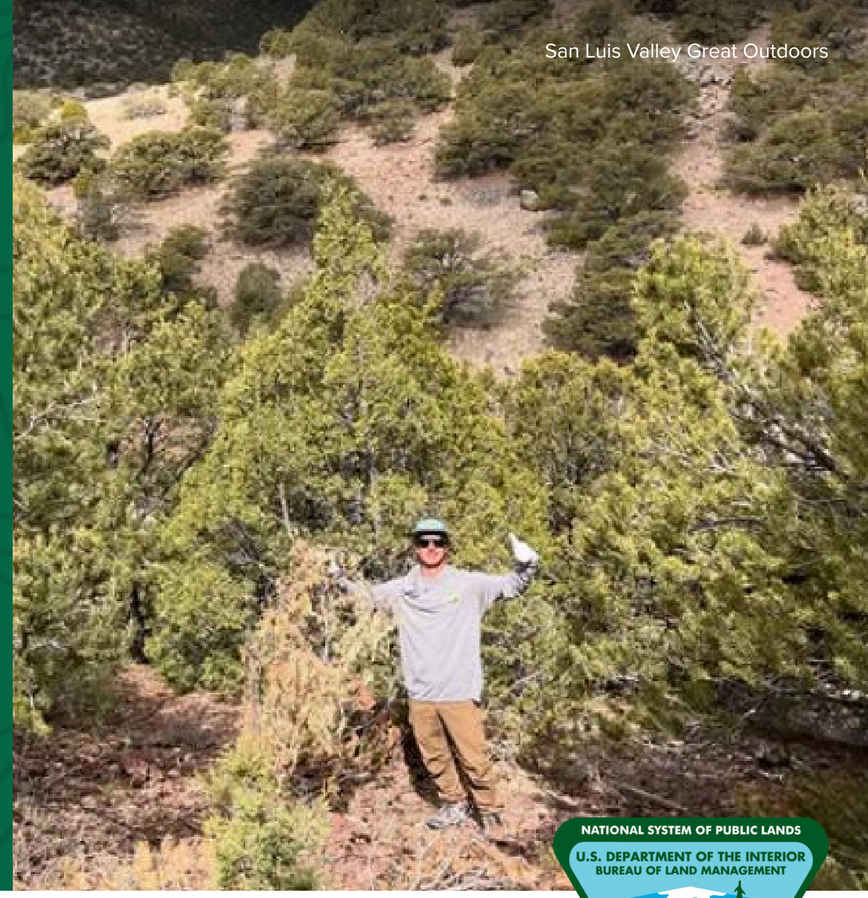

San Luis Valley Great Outdoors



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MILES OF TRAIL MAINTAINED

99


San Luis Valley Great Outdoors

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT 2026 IMPACT

NATIONAL SYSTEM OF PUBLIC LANDS
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

STEWARDSHIP VOLUNTEERS

923



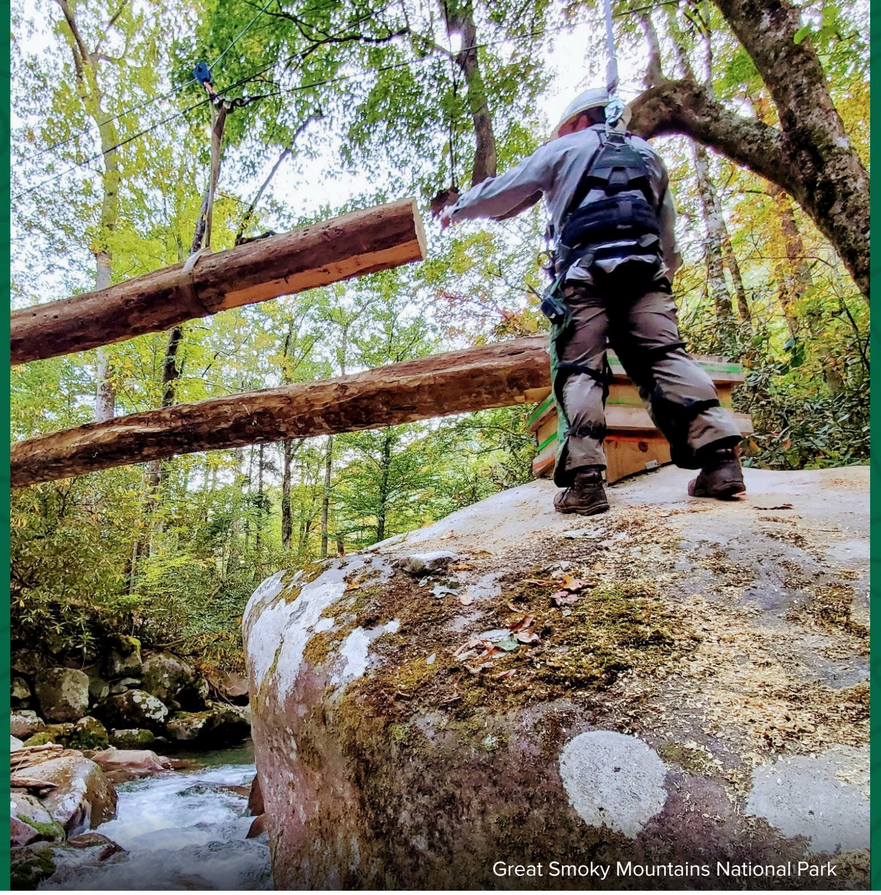
Bureau of Land Management - California

ESTIMATED EVENT PARTICIPANTS

4,984

VOLUNTEER LABOR VALUE

$555,883


Great Smoky Mountains National Park

VOLUNTEER HOURS

15,380

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE/NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM 2026 IMPACT


Great Smoky Mountains National Park

REGISTERED EVENTS

197


Zion National Park Volunteer Office

PARTICIPATING TRAILS

CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH CHESAPEAKE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL
JUAN BATISTA DE ANZA NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL
LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL
MORMON PIONEER NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL
WASHINGTON-ROCHAMBEA REVOLUTIONARY ROUTE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL

MILES OF TRAIL MAINTAINED

814

PARTICIPATING TRAILS

APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
NORTH COUNTRY NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
ICE AGE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
POTOMAC HERITATE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
SANTA FE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE/NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM 2026 IMPACT

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STEWARDSHIP VOLUNTEERS

2,952



ESTIMATED EVENT PARTICIPANTS

16,430

VOLUNTEER LABOR VALUE

$71,701



VOLUNTEER HOURS

1,984

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ADMINISTERED NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM 2026 IMPACT



Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail

REGISTERED EVENTS

35





MILES OF TRAIL MAINTAINED

20



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ADMINISTERED NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM 2026 IMPACT

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STEWARDSHIP VOLUNTEERS

334



ESTIMATED EVENT PARTICIPANTS

3,088

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY® 2026 BY THE NUMBERS

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STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS	319

SAVE THE DATE!

