



# *National Recreation Trail Application for Designation*

## *Introduction*

Thank you for your interest in the National Recreation Trail (NRT) program. Completed NRT application packages must be submitted by November 1 for the NRT designation to be announced during the following National Trails Day celebration in June.

Interested trail managers should begin the application process in coordination with their Regional NRT Program Manager by September 1 to ensure they meet the November 1 deadline. If you need the contact information for your Regional NRT Program Manager, please contact the National Recreation Trail Coordinator at the address listed below. **If your trail is on federal land administered by the Secretary of Agriculture, please contact the USDA Forest Service NRT Program Coordinator at (202) 205-1589 for guidelines on their application process.**

Upon designation, the information you provide in the following application may be used to set up a NRT web page for your trail. To view existing NRT web pages, visit [www.americantrails.org/nationalrecreationtrails](http://www.americantrails.org/nationalrecreationtrails).

Please note: Letters of consent are required from all landowners whose property the trail crosses. These letters do not need to be submitted with the application, but must be kept on file by the trail managing agency. Please see the NRT website for more details, including a list of current program criteria.

## *For Information and Assistance*

If you have questions about the NRT program, would like additional information including copies of the NRT brochure, or would like the name and contact information for your agency or Regional NRT Program Manager, please contact the National Recreation Trail Coordinator.

National Recreation Trail Coordinator  
Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program  
National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
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Washington, DC 20240-0001  
Phone 202-354-6900 Fax 202-371-5179  
Website: [www.nps.gov/nrt](http://www.nps.gov/nrt)

## *NRT Application Package Instructions*

Please complete the following NRT Application to apply for designation as a National Recreation Trail. Submit the completed application, along with any additional materials (e.g. letters of support, trail map, trail brochure, photos) to the National Recreation Trail Coordinator by November 1. If you have digital images of your trail map, brochure, or photos, please include these on a disk or CD with your application package for possible use on the NRT web page for your trail. **Before sending a disk or CD, please contact the NRT Coordinator for the appropriate shipping address.**

The application must be submitted by the trail managing agency, organization or individual officially responsible for permitting trail use. If the trail is managed by more than one entity, either one application with a statement of support from all managing entities, or individual applications from each trail managing entity may be submitted.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a letter of support from the appropriate State Trails Coordinator (see NRT website). Please notify your NRT Coordinator once you have contacted your State Trails Coordinator.

Trail Name  
Trail Location  
County(ies)  
State(s)  
Congressional District(s)  
Trail Managing Agency or Organization  
Trail Manager's Name  
Address  
City, State, Zip code  
Phone Number  
Fax Number  
Email address  
Website address

Public Information Contact *(if different from trail managing agency/organization)*

Name  
Address  
City, State, Zip code  
Phone number  
Fax Number  
Email address  
Web site address

## *Existing Trail Designation*

*Please check all that apply.*

- None/Unknown
- Millennium Trail:
- National  Legacy  Community
- Other National Designation (Please list.)
  
- State or local designations (Please list.)

## *Trail Type*

*Please check all that apply.*

- Greenway
- Rail-trail
- Backcountry
- Urban trail/bikeway
- Snow trail
- Water trail
- Other (Please list.)

## *What Is Special about Your Trail?*

*For possible use in press materials, please write a 1-paragraph descriptive narrative of your trail. If you'd be interested in having your trail featured on the NRT website, please include some digital photos and a descriptive narrative (no more than 2 pages) highlighting the items below.*

- Innovative trail design and construction
- Connection with other significant trails
- Diverse partnership and support
- Accesses outstanding natural, cultural and/or historic resources
- Provides trail experiences for underserved communities
- Serves a broad population
- Uses cost-effective management strategies

## *Trail Uses and Activities*

Mark **A** for Allowed or **P** for Prohibited.

### *Trail Uses*

- Bicycling (any)
- Bicycling-Mountain
- Boating-Motorized
- Boating-Non-motorized:
  - Canoeing
  - Kayaking
  - Rafting
  - Sailing
- Camping
- Camping-Backpacking
- Dogs-Mushing
- Dogs-On Leash
- Dogs-Off Leash
- Equestrian-Riding
- Equestrian-Pack Trips
- Equestrian-Other Stock
- Fishing
- Motorized Vehicles-ATV Riding
- Motorized Vehicles-Four-wheel drive
- Motorized Vehicles-Motorcycling
- Motorized Vehicles-OHV Driving
- Motorized Vehicles-Snowmobiling
- Pedestrian-Caving
- Pedestrian-Hiking/Walking/Running
- Roller/Inline Skating
- Shooting-Archery
- Shooting-Skeet
- Shooting-Target
- Skateboarding
- Snow-Skiing, Cross Country
- Snow-Snowshoeing
- Swimming
- Swimming-Diving/Snorkeling
- Wildlife observation - Birds
- Wildlife observation - Mammals

### *Other activities*

- Hang Gliding
- Hunting (any)
- Hunting-Archery
- Hunting-Big Game
- Hunting-Bird
- Hunting-Small Game
- Ice Skating
- Land Sailing
- Rock Climbing
- Rockhounding
- Snow-Skiing, Downhill
- Snow-Snow Play, General
- Snow-Snowboarding
- Sand Sailing
- Others (Please list.)

## *Facilities at, along, or near the Trail*

Please indicate the **number** of these facilities that exist.

- Bench
- Boat Launch
- Cabin
- Camping Area
- Corral/Hitching Rail
- Fire Ring/Grill
- Historical Site
- OHV Play Area
- Parking
- Parking, Trailer
- Picnic Area
- Public Shelter
- Resort/Ranch
- Restrooms
- RV Hookup
- Shooting Range
- Showers
- Sign:  Interpretive  Directional
- Ski Area
- Telephone
- Trail Access Information
- Trail Intersection
- Trailheads
- Trash Disposal
- Visitor Center
- Water, Non-Potable
- Water, Potable
- Other (Please list.)

## *Features at, along, or near the Trail*

Please indicate the **number** of these features that exist.

- Archeo/Paleontological/Historical
- Beach
- Cave
- Climbing Area
- Coastline
- Creek
- Geological
- Glacier
- Grove
- Lake, Pond, Reservoir
- Meadow
- Mountain Peak
- River
- Scenic Viewpoint
- Spring, Geyser
- Swimming Area
- Valley, Canyon
- Waterfall
- Wetland
- Other (Please list.)

## Accessibility

Trail length: \_\_\_\_\_ miles  
Loop trail?  Yes  No  
Lowest elevation: \_\_\_\_\_ feet  
Highest elevation: \_\_\_\_\_ feet  
Average width of tread or beaten path \_\_\_\_\_ inches  
Minimum width of tread or beaten path \_\_\_\_\_ inches  
Average grade of trail \_\_\_\_\_ %  
Maximum grade of trail \_\_\_\_\_ %  
Average cross-slope \_\_\_\_\_ %  
Is user accessibility information available?  
 Yes  No  
If yes, in what format:  
 trailhead signage  brochure  web site  other

Additional information:

## Primary and Additional Surface Material

Please check all that apply. Place the letter "P" next to the material that is the primary surface of the trail.

- Asphalt
- Boardwalk
- Bituminous Treatment
- Bricks
- Concrete
- Crushed Rock, Compacted
- Grass or Vegetation
- Gravel
- Paver Blocks
- Puncheon
- Rock, Boulders
- Rock, Smooth
- Sand
- Snow or Ice
- Soil
- Soil, Compacted
- Soil with Stabilizer
- Water, Moving
- Water, Still
- Wood Chips
- Wood, Running Plank

## Trail Fees

Admission Yes No amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Parking fees Yes No amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Permit required Yes No amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Open Dates

Open all year  
 Open from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

## Times of Trail Operation

Open 24 hours  
 Open from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

## Seasonal Closures

Please indicate dates and reason for closure.

## Certification for Public Use

I hereby certify that: (1) I am duly authorized to represent the agency, organization or individual officially responsible for permitting trail use; (2) the trail is in existence and will be available for public use, to the best of my knowledge, for at least 10 consecutive years after designation; (3) the trail has been designed, constructed, and is maintained according to best management practices, in keeping with the use anticipated; (4) the trail is in compliance with applicable land use plans and environmental laws; and (5) all landowners, public or private, whose property the trail crosses, have been notified and have given their written consent to this application. If this trail becomes permanently closed to public use, we will immediately notify the NRT Coordinator at the National Park Service.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Agency or Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_