



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 December 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 October 1 to ensure they meet the December 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.

Please note: Letters of consent are required from all landowners whose property the trail crosses. 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.

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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, digital photos) to the National Recreation Trail Coordinator by December 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 put an "X" next to all that apply.

- None/Unknown
- Millennium Trail:
___ National ___ Legacy ___ Community
- Other National Designation (Please list.)

- State or local designations (Please list.)

Trail Type

Please put an "X" next to all that apply.

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

What Is Special about Your Trail?

Please write a 1-paragraph description highlighting the main features 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 and any other interesting aspects.

- 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
- Features artwork
- Given the growing emphasis on the health benefits of outdoor recreation, please note if there is a health partner already involved to assist with development, operation, and/or promotion of the trail.

Trail Uses and Activities

Please mark "X" for Allowed.

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 put an "X" next to 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 _____