

INTERIOR TRAILS QUARTERLY

Dedicated to the preservation and maintenance of trails in interior Alaska

June 2018

INTERIORWIDE

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY EVENTS TO BE HELD ACROSS INTERIOR



The following events are being held as part of National Trails Day in communities around interior Alaska. Unless otherwise noted, no RSVP is needed and the events will be held on Saturday, June 2

- More information can be found at: <https://americanhiking.org/national-trails-day/find-an-event/>

National Trails Day is the American Hiking Society's signature trail awareness program. It inspires the public and trail enthusiasts nationwide to seek out their favorite trails to discover, learn about, and celebrate trails while participating in educational exhibits, trail dedications, gear demonstrations, instructional workshops and trail work projects. For more info see: <http://www.americanhiking.org/national-trails-day/>

FAIRBANKS

- Alaska Endurance Trail Run, a 6,12, and 24 hour trail run/race held on the UAF West Ridge Trails, starting at 8pm on Friday, June 1. More information: <https://www.alaskaendurancetrailrun.org/>

DENALI NATIONAL PARK

- Help a National Park Service trail crew do trail maintenance on the park's trail system near the Riley Creek Day Use Area and the Triple Lakes Trail; 9am to 2pm; meet at Riley Creek Day Use Area; RSVP not required. For more info: (907) 683-9504.

DELTA JUNCTION

- Hike up Donnelly Dome with the Delta Junction Trails Association starting at 11am. For more information: <http://tinyurl.com/yar5aby3>

SNOWMOBILE TRAILS PROGRAM APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Grant applications for the state Snowmobile Trails Program are now available. Public notice for applications must be posted by June 10. Grant applications must be submitted or postmarked by July 1. This program, administered by the state Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, provides reimbursable, matching grant funds for trail easement acquisition, development and maintenance of trails and trail-related facilities for snowmobile use. The program also provides funds for snowmobile safety programs. Matching funds are not required for safety programs.

Grant funds are generated from annual registration fees paid to the state by snowmobile owners statewide. For more information on the Snowmobile Trails Grant Program and the Grooming Pool, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/q33aj9m>

For general grant questions regarding the program please contact the Grants Administrator (907/269-8709). For project development questions please contact the State Trails Coordinator (907/269- 8699). Or contact either one through the Department of Natural Resources email page (<http://tinyurl.com/3umsvj5>).

PARK SERVICE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Could the National Park Service help in your community to create close-to-home recreation opportunities and protect nearby nature?

Apply by June 30 to be considered for technical assistance with your locally led conservation and outdoor recreation project.

The community assistance specialists in our Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program can help you to:



- Increase access to outdoor recreation and the natural world;
- Improve community health with new opportunities for more active living;
- Promote conservation and encourage stewardship of local resources;
- Benefit the local economy by improving quality of life;
- Connect youth to the outdoors and engage the next generation of conservation stewards; and
- Build partnerships that support your project's success!

To find out if we can help your community, review the application process. Then get in touch with Paul Clark, Alaska Region Program Manager (akr_rtca@nps.gov), to discuss your idea. We want to talk with you informally before you apply, to explore and develop your project idea and help you make the best of your application. Please let us know by the end of May if you intend to submit an application.

Still need help deciding to do something great in your community with our help? Watch this short video: <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/multimedia.htm>

Step right up! Applications are due by June 30:
<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/apply.htm>

(From National Park Service email; photo of RTCA program manager Paul Clark talking with Joe Hall about the newly rerouted portion of the Middle Fork Trail near Anchorage from RTCA webpage)

RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE IN JULY

It's time to get your Recreational Trails Program grant application started.

RTP grants provide reimbursable, matching funds to develop and repair recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses. Grants are also available for trail-related environmental protection, safety, and educational projects. The grants are administered through the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. The timeline is as follows:

- All application and informational documents will be available at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/trails.htm> on or before July 15;
- Applicants must begin public outreach on their proposed projects by September 15;
- Grant applications must be submitted by October 15.

Questions? Contact Darcy Harris at 907-269-8699 or darcy.harris@alaska.gov.

ALASKA TRAILS HAS TOOL TRAILER READY FOR PROJECTS



As you start planning trail building and maintenance projects, remember that Alaska Trails has a mobile tool cache available in the Fairbanks area to loan to organized trail groups in the Interior. The trailers were upgraded recently and have many trail tools including mcleods, pulaskis, rakes, gloves, and much, much more. If you would like to borrow one of the caches, please contact Geoffrey Orth (gcorth@straydogs.us).

WATCH FOR MOOSE WITH CALVES WHEN OUT ON THE TRAILS

It's calving season for the moose again and things can get dangerous really fast when you surprise a moose or get too close and the mama decides it's time to protect her young. To learn how to avoid surprising moose and how to deal with aggressive moose, check out these resources:

- <https://www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Pages/MooseontheLoose.aspx>
- <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=livewith.moose>

NWS RIVER FORECAST WEBSITE TRACK WATER LEVELS



The National Weather Service's River Forecast Center has a website that tracks several things regarding rivers, including how breakup is going and what river conditions are like. See the website at: <http://www.weather.gov/aprfc/>

INTERIORWIDE LINKS

- BLM closes area to campfires, other activities: <http://tinyurl.com/y8b732zz>
- White Mountain NRS trail updates: <https://www.facebook.com/BLMWhiteMountains/>
- Trail restrictions remain till June 1 at Chena Rec Area: <http://tinyurl.com/yb2sngro>

- Lend a helping hand on National Trails Day (Denali National Park): <http://tinyurl.com/ybyd3bk8>
- Five Fairbanks area hiking trails from easy to grueling: <http://tinyurl.com/y9cpckot>

FAIRBANKS AREA

CHENA RIVER, NOYES SLOUGH CLEANUPS PLANNED FOR JUNE

Two cleanups of the Chena River, including Noyes Slough, are planned for June.

The Fairbanks Paddlers had to reschedule its planned May cleanup because of high water earlier. It has tentatively been rescheduled for June 6. See more:

<http://tinyurl.com/ycfbl4r9>

The Fairbanks Storm Water Advisory Committee is holding its 14th Annual Stream Cleanup Day on Saturday, June 9. Meet at 9 am at the Lion's Club Park picnic shelter off Danby Road. All cleanup supplies will be provided, along with a picnic following and free T-shirts for volunteers. See the flyer for more info: <http://tinyurl.com/yb5yyjq4>

CELEBRATE THE LAND, WATER TRAILS AT TANANA LAKES REC AREA

The Lake and Trail Festival is back for another year! Join us Thursday June 7 from 3pm - 8pm at the Tanana Lakes Recreation Area Non-motorized Boat Launch.

The Parks & Recreation Department will be hosting a day on and around the lake. TRAX Outdoor Center, Alaska Dream Adventures and Alaska Canoe School will provide paddling instruction in canoes, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards throughout the evening. There will be many family oriented outdoor games and kids activities, food trucks and the opportunity to hike some of the park's trails!

This is a FREE event. Pre-registration is suggested and opens May 25th at 10am. Register on our website www.fnsb.us/pr

(From FNSB P&R Facebook page)

FAIRBANKS AREA LINK

- Commission votes for duck hunting: Firing shotguns may be allowed at Tanana Lakes: <http://tinyurl.com/ycby23v7>

STATEWIDE

FORAKER GROUP OFFERS CLASSES FOR NON-PROFITS STATEWIDE

The Foraker Group, which is dedicated to strengthening Alaska's non-profits, offers classes about the proper workings of non-profit groups, which include many trail and trail user groups. If you are a member or employee of a non-profit group consider taking one of the classes,

which are offered in several communities and statewide by teleconference. For more information visit the Foraker Group website (www.forakergroup.org/) or call 907/743-1200 or (toll free) 877/834-5003.

FOUR EASY WAYS TO HELP FUND ALASKA TRAILS

With the help of other organizations, you can help Alaska Trails continue advocating for trails.

FRED MEYER REWARDS: Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred



Meyer Rewards Card to Alaska Trails at

www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for Alaska Trails or by

our nonprofit number – 91035. Then, every time you shop and use your rewards card, you are helping Alaska Trails earn a donation! You still earn your rewards points, fuel points, and rebates, just as you do today.

AMAZONSMILE: If you shop at Amazon, please take the simple extra step of



signing up for AmazonSmile. It's the same Amazon website, but when you shop from AmazonSmile, you can make a donation to Alaska Trails at the same time:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/73-1677483>

GOODSEARCH: GoodSearch.com is a search engine that donates half its revenue, about a penny



per search, to charities designated by the user. You use it just as you would any search engine, and, it's powered by Yahoo!. Just go to

www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter Alaska Trails as the charity you want to support.

BAGOY'S: Anchorage-based Bagoy's Florist and Home helps through its Helping Hands web



fundraising program (<http://tinyurl.com/oavza6p>). When you order online from Bagoy's (www.bagoys.com) there is a check box at the bottom of the payment page that says "This is a Helping Hands order." When you check that box, the list of enrolled organizations is shown and you can choose Alaska Trails from the list.

STATEWIDE LINKS

- Eagle Watch (state parks newsletter): <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/eaglewatch/eaglewatcharchive>
- Outdoor Recreational Trails Advisory Board recruiting new members (deadline Aug 1): <http://notice.alaska.gov/189969>
- New members sought for Snowmobile Trails Advisory Council (deadline June 15): <http://notice.alaska.gov/189970>
- We love our trails: Outdoor recreationists come in many types and styles: <http://tinyurl.com/y7h5z5wf>
- Plan ahead, avoid trouble in the outdoors: Don't be the person who has to be rescued this summer: <http://tinyurl.com/y7jh6oz8>

SOUTHCENTRAL LINKS

- Get Out: What to know for hiking in Kincaid Park: <http://tinyurl.com/yavpto48>

- Outdoors Explorer radio show: The 12-Peak Challenge and Chugach trails: <http://tinyurl.com/yaabalpc>
- Tonsina Point near Seward provides a perfect place for Alaska's newest public-use cabin: <http://tinyurl.com/ydhdzwt9>
- The Making of a Good Trail Experience: <http://tinyurl.com/ybl5wsjf>
- Summer 2018 Anchorage Parks and Recreation Activity Guide: <http://tinyurl.com/y8etbv24>
- Chugach Park Fund supports trails and other park amenities: <http://tinyurl.com/y79ww6fu>
- These nice guys' conflict over trails shows how Anchorage is changing: <http://tinyurl.com/y9kbf8d>
- Fish Creek Trail Rehabilitation, Invitation to Bid: <http://notice.alaska.gov/190212>

SOUTHEAST LINKS

- Wolf that killed dog along Juneau trail likely protecting deer kill, official says: <http://tinyurl.com/yca8wvrb>
- Treadwell Ditch Renovation Project in Juneau: <http://tinyurl.com/y8jag6ua>

TIS THE SEASON

- Got bear spray? Here's how to make sure you use it right: <http://tinyurl.com/yb8spbrl>
- Thirteen Yards in One Second: Why You Can Never Outrun a Charging Bear: <http://tinyurl.com/yapyysv3>
- Bear Spray - From the Other Side: First aid and other tips: <http://tinyurl.com/ybgd3pm9>
- It's moose calving season in Alaska. Keep your distance or risk being stomped to a paste: <http://tinyurl.com/y7lafnsr>

SLIGHTLY OFF-TRAIL

- Let's invest in our national parks, support Alaska's economy (opinion): <http://tinyurl.com/yb9fhzzb>
- When life gets too demanding, the outdoors is an escape hatch: <http://tinyurl.com/y92bar44>
- Kaktovik father and son travel to every North Slope village by dog team: <http://tinyurl.com/y8qs9pdm>
- Juneau's Trail Mix Spring 2018 Newsletter: <https://trailmixinc.org/2018/05/spring-2018-newsletter/>

NATIONWIDE/WORLDWIDE

INCORPORATE ADVOCACY INTO YOUR TRAILS DAY EVENT

Are you hosting an National Trails Day event and looking for a new way to engage your participants? The American Hiking Society is offering event hosts a free and easy way to help your event participants ask Congress to #SaveLWCF and protect trails by providing postcards at NTD events across the country. To get your postcards see: <http://tinyurl.com/yaeu65jf>

NATIONWIDE / INTERNATIONAL LINKS

WEBINARS, MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING, ETC.

- For a listing of upcoming trail webinars workshops, conferences, and other meetings, see the American Trails calendar at: www.americantrails.org/Calendar.html

TRAIL GUIDES

- 4 Virginia State Parks With Incredible Mountain Biking Trails: <http://tinyurl.com/yb4jrdu>
- Hike These Dog-Friendly Trails Near San Francisco: <http://tinyurl.com/yd75hlpb>
- Accessible Hiking Trails To Check Out In Maine: <http://tinyurl.com/y7trnaob>

STUDIES

- Even a Little Exercise Might Make Us Happier: <http://tinyurl.com/yavd8wgl>
- Study: People Who Bike to Work Live Longer Than People Who Drive: <http://tinyurl.com/ychubg94>
- NOHVCC is Compiling OHV Economic Impact Information: <http://tinyurl.com/ybyy5yuz>
- Bicycle, pedestrian, and mixed-mode trail traffic: <http://tinyurl.com/ybb8gcct>

FUNDING

- American Hiking Society 2018 National Trails Fund Recipients: <http://tinyurl.com/ybw8vwwh>
- Horseback riding trails grant (application due August 1): <https://www.agha.com/step>
- National Forest Foundation awards (deadline June 13): <http://tinyurl.com/px7y6ke>
- PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program (Fall 2018 Grant Cycle opens June 11): <https://peopleforbikes.org/grant-guidelines/>

TRAILS-RELATED NEWSLETTERS

- For the latest American Trails news publications: <http://www.americantrails.org/trailtracks/index.html>
- National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (May 2018): <http://tinyurl.com/yd4a3w8t>

OTHER NATIONAL LINKS:

- 5 Easy Ways to Keep Muddy Trails in Tip-Top Shape: <http://tinyurl.com/ycve65o7>
- Photo contest: 50th Anniversary - National Trails System (due Aug 1): www.trails50.org/photo-contest/
- Drones are Helping Prescott, AZ, Build New Hiking Trails: <http://tinyurl.com/y9g8bns4>
- Secretary Zinke Announces 19 New National Recreation Trails in 17 States: <http://tinyurl.com/ybjv6d4f>

SLIGHTLY OFF-TRAIL

- States Come Together to Flex Outdoor Recreation's Power: <http://tinyurl.com/ybv6ksap>

INTERNATIONAL LINKS:

- 5 hiking trails in Hong Kong with amazing and unique views: <http://tinyurl.com/y7c53hsr>

LINKS TO INTERIOR TRAIL INFORMATION

Interiorwide / Statewide

- TrailMapper (local and statewide trails): www.trailmapper.org
- Alaska State Parks trails (includes Chena River SRA): <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/aktrails/index>
- Fairbanks North Star Borough Parks and Recreation Department (Birch Hill, Tanana Lakes, and Chena Lake recreation areas; also the Trails Office): <http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/pr/pages/default.aspx>
- Skijoring trails page: www.alaskaskijoring.org/trails/
- SnowTRAC trails (groomed for snowmachines; includes Yukon Quest, Chena River SRA, Denali Highway): <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/groompl.htm>
- Fairbanks Cycle Club ride maps: www.fairbankscycleclub.org/Rides/
- National Park Service units: www.nps.gov/state/ak/index.htm?program=all
- Fairbanks Snow Travelers Trails database (snowmachine group; requires account): www.snowtravelers.org
- Alaska Public Lands Information Center (Fairbanks): <http://www.alaskacenters.gov/fairbanks.cfm>
- Fairbanks Area Trail Conditions (Facebook): www.facebook.com/fairbankstrails
- Happy Trails, Inc. (video and pics of some local trails): www.happytrailsak.com

Paper-based (in local stores; on Amazon)

- Books
 - Outside in the Interior (book): <http://tinyurl.com/ycg5aal5>

- Denali National Park: Guide to Hiking, Photography and Camping (Ike Waits): <https://www.denaliguidebook.com>
- Best Easy Day Hikes Fairbanks (Falcon Guide): <http://tinyurl.com/yabajvvv>
- Map
 - Fairbanks Area Hiking and Birding Guide: <http://ak.audubon.org/birds/alaska-birding-maps>

Fairbanks area

- Alaska Dog Musher Association Trails: <http://alaskadogmushers.com/trail-maps>
- Creamer's Field: www.creamersfield.org
- Equinox Marathon Trail: www.equinoxmarathon.org
- Ester Dome Singletrack - Happy Valley Trails: <https://www.mtbproject.com/directory/8011352/ester-dome-singletrack-happy-valley-trails-hvt>
- Ester Dome Single Track (Facebook): www.facebook.com/groups/255880317931110/
- Goldstream winter trails: www.acsalaska.net/~brucemc/trail_maps/mapsof.html
- Goldstream Sports Trails Page (includes GS Classic Ski Trails) <http://www.goldstreamsports.com/trail-maps/>
- Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks trails page: www.nscfairbanks.org/index.php/trails
- Pearl Creek Nordic Park: <https://pearlcreeknordicpark.wordpress.com>
- University of Alaska Fairbanks (trail maps, conditions) www.uaf.edu/fs/northcampus/

North of Fairbanks

- BLM-White Mountains Rec Area Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BLMWhiteMountains

East of Fairbanks

- North Pole Parks, Trails, and Recreation: http://www.northpolealaska.com/parksites?field_microsite_tid=24
- Chena River State Recreation Area trails: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/units/chena/trails.htm>
- Pinnel Mountain Trail guide: [www.bottomdollar.us/Pinnel%20home.html](http://www.bottomdollar.us/Pinnell%20home.html)

South of Fairbanks

- Denali National Park and Preserve: www.nps.gov/dena/planyourvisit/dayhiking.htm
- Eastern Denali Highway hikes: <http://fairbankshiking.org/trails/eastern-denali-highway/>

Bureau of Land Management (north, south and east of Fairbanks)

- Includes White Mountains National Recreation Area, Denali Highway, Gulkana and Delta rivers, Birch Creek, and the Pinnel Mountain and Quartz Creek trails. To find information on land and water trails managed by BLM, you can either go to the overall BLM "Visit" page (<https://www.blm.gov/visit>) and do a search or go to the BLM Alaska page

(<https://www.blm.gov/alaska>) and see if what you are looking for is in “Popular Links” or “Featured Places.”

(If you know of more please send me an email: fbxtrails@gmail.com)

LINKS TO INTERIOR TRAIL USER GROUPS

Dog mushing groups

- Alaska Dog Musers Association: <http://alaskadogmusers.com>
- Alaska Skijoring and Pulk Association: www.alaskaskijoring.org/

Facebook pages

- Alaska Dog Musers Association: <https://www.facebook.com/Alaska-Dog-Musers-Association-214130832872/>
- Alaska Snowshoe: <https://www.facebook.com/AlaskaSnowshoe/?fref=nf>
- Alaska Trailblazers Snowmobile & ATV Club (Tok): <https://www.facebook.com/aktrailblazers/>
- Fairbanks Fatbike Forum: www.facebook.com/groups/453831528146223/
- Fairbanks Paddlers: <https://www.facebook.com/fairbankspaddlers/>
- Get Outdoors Fairbanks: www.facebook.com/GetOutdoorsFairbanks
- Fairbanks North Star Borough Parks & Rec: <https://www.facebook.com/Fairbanks-North-Star-Borough-Parks-Rec-285026928325274/>
- Friends of Chena-Ester Ditch: https://www.facebook.com/ChenaEsterDitch1930?hc_location=ufi
- Skarland & Pearl Creek Park Trail Users (Facebook): www.facebook.com/groups/1553793074862242/
- Two Rivers Dog Musers: <https://www.facebook.com/TwoRiversDogMusers/>

Misc.

- Alaska Outdoor Council: www.alaskaoutdoorcouncil.org/
- Alaska Trappers Association: www.alaskatrappers.org/
- Arctic Audubon Society: www.arcticaudubon.org/
- Delta Junction Trails Association: www.deltajunctiontrails.com
- Fairbanks Area Hiking Club: <http://fairbankshiking.org>
- Fairbanks Cycle Club: <https://www.fairbankscycleclub.org>
- Friends of Creamers Field: www.creamersfield.org/
- Fairbanks Paddlers: www.fairbankspaddlers.org/
- Interior Alaska Land Trust: <https://interioraklandtrust.org>
- Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks: www.nscfairbanks.org/
- Running Club North: www.runningclubnorth.org/

Mountain climbing groups

- Alaska Alpine Club: <http://www.alaskaalpineclub.com>
- Alaskan Alpine Club: <http://alaskanalpineclub.org>

Off-road groups

- Arctic Offroad: www.arcticoffroad.com/
- Fairbanks Offroad Lions Club: www.fairbanksoffroadlions.com/

Snowmachine groups

- The Fairbanks Snow Travelers: www.snowtravelers.org/

University of Alaska Fairbanks-related

- UAF Trails Club: <https://uaftrailsclub.weebly.com>
- UAF Dept of Recreation, Adventure and Wellness: www.uaf.edu/draw/
- UAF North Campus Recreation: <http://www.uaf.edu/fs/northcampus/>
- West Ridge Runners: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/west-ridge-runners>

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