



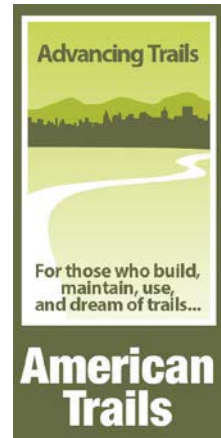
CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations due December 1, 2016

American Trails 2017 International Trails Symposium

www.AmericanTrails.org/2017

May 7-10, 2017
Dayton Convention Center



American Trails presents the National & International Trails Awards Program to recognize the tremendous contributions of volunteers, professionals, and other leaders who are working for the betterment of trails both nationally and internationally in both rural and urban settings.

PLEASE NOTE:

We have adjusted the award categories and criteria for our 2017 Symposium.

Award submissions are only being accepted [online](#).

Please read the entire nomination packet for complete details.

AWARD CATEGORIES (view criteria on pages 3-4)

- **National Trails Categories:**

Lifetime Service
Trail Partnership
Trails and the Arts
Trail Accessibility

Trail Planning/Design (Two Levels)
Trail Promotion and Education
Trails for Health
State Awards: Outstanding Trail Leaders

- **International Trails Categories:**

International Planning/Design

International Partnership

INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE SUBMITTING A NOMINATION:

- All awards must be [submitted online](#) by December 1, 2016.
- One nomination per category, per online submission.
- Except for the Lifetime Service Award, all **efforts eligible for recognition must have occurred between August 1, 2014 to August 31, 2016.** The description must show that the nomination falls within this time period.
- If your nomination has a relationship with the National Trails System, mark YES on the nomination form and include a few sentences within your narrative as to how it ties in. We will be celebrating the upcoming 50th Anniversary of the National Trails System at the 2017 International Trails Symposium.
- Some awards are intended to recognize an individual, while others may recognize a project, team, or company. Please read the descriptions carefully and nominate accordingly.
- Self-nominations are accepted.
- The American Trails Board shall have sole responsibility for determination of award recipients.
- **QUESTIONS?** Email symposium@americantrails.org or call (530) 605-4395.

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL BE ASKED OF YOU TO SUBMIT ONLINE (ALONG WITH YOUR ATTACHMENTS):

- **Award Category (One nomination per category, per online submission.)**
- **NAME OF NOMINEE [person(s) or organization(s)]:**
 - First and Last Name (may be the same as above)
 - Title
 - Representing
 - Address
 - City, State, Zip, Country
 - Phone
 - Fax
 - Email
 - Website
- **NOMINATED BY:**
 - First and Last Name
 - Title
 - Representing
 - Address
 - City, State, Zip, Country
 - Phone
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 - Email
 - Website
- **NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM:**
 - Does your nomination have a relationship with the National Trails System? If yes, please provide a few sentences within your narrative as to how it ties in. (We will be celebrating the upcoming 50th Anniversary of the National Trails System at the 2017 International Trails Symposium.)
- **REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS:**
 - Word Document Description (2 page maximum)*
 - Photo 1 (at least 1MB)**
 - Photo 2 (at least 1MB)**
- **OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS:**
 - Exhibit 1***
 - Exhibit 2***
 - Exhibit 3***

* 2-page maximum Microsoft Word Document with a description of nominee & reason for nomination (Times New Roman, 12 point font with 1 inch margins).

** Two HIGH RESOLUTION digital photos (1MB or higher, 300 dpi in JPG, TIF, or EPS format) of individual, project, team, or company. (If you are nominating an individual, please include photos of the individual.)

*** OPTIONAL: You may submit up to 3 exhibits (articles, documents, maps, etc.) demonstrating work done toward meeting the award criteria (Word docs or PDFs work best).

AWARD CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL TRAILS AWARDS

NATIONAL AWARDS:

Lifetime Service Award: This award recognizes and honors an individual demonstrating longstanding, significant, and exemplary service to the trails movement. Their contribution should be national in scope and submissions should describe accomplishments which have achieved lasting impact for trails. Supporting documentation and affirmations are encouraged.

Trail Planning/Design Award (Two Levels): This award recognizes an extraordinary trail project which demonstrates innovative planning and design techniques while making a positive contribution to the community it serves. Submissions should describe special features of the trail(s), greenway(s), or blueway(s), with an emphasis on unique solutions to design challenges as well as explain the trail's positive impact.

Level One: Trail projects funded with **less** than \$500,000

Level Two: Trail projects funded with **more** than \$500,000

(Your application should indicate which level applies to your project.)

Trail Partnership Award: The partnership must consist of two or more entities and must have benefited agencies or services within the field of trail planning, design, or implementation. The partnership must have contributed toward positive public exposure for trails. The partnership can be between organizations, agencies, corporations, or public and private interests.

Trail Promotion and Education Award: This award recognizes innovative and successful strategies for promoting and increasing trail use and understanding. Unique signage, fun trail events, outreach to schools/elders/veterans/etc., creative use of media, modal training, story boards, specialized apps, etc. are but a few of the imaginative ways being used to engage and broaden the community of trail users.

Trails and the Arts Award: This award recognizes the integration of art with the trail experience including outstanding public art works, interpretive signs, or other creative structures, sounds or even smells associated with trail related enhancement.

Trails for Health Award: This award recognizes a community's commitment to incorporating trails into their overall public-health-improvement plans by facilitating access, promoting use, and broadly communicating the importance of physical activity to good health. The award highlights the effectiveness of including trails in community design as a strategy for increasing citizen activity level and consequent good health.

Trail Accessibility Award: This award recognizes a trail or trail system that demonstrates excellent integration of accessibility characteristics into its design and construction. Trails must comply with the new Federal guidelines for recreation trails and provide universal design for people of all backgrounds, ages, and abilities.

State Awards: Outstanding Trail Leaders: These awards will recognize individuals who have made compelling and significant contributions to the trails movement in their home states. Any area of trail excellence or achievement – advocating, designing, building, using, maintaining, promoting, decorating, adapting technologies for trail use, etc. – could be grounds for receiving this honor. **Only one award per State will be made.**

INTERNATIONAL AWARDS:

International Partnership Award: This award recognizes an outstanding partnership, occurring outside the United States, which enhances the trails movement within a specific country or region of the world. The partnership can be between private organizations, public agencies, or public and private interests. It should have contributed to or catalyzed a positive outcome in trail planning, design, or implementation.

International Planning/Design Award: This award recognizes an extraordinary trail project, occurring outside the United States, which demonstrates innovative planning and design techniques while making a positive contribution to a specific country or region of the world. Submissions should describe special features of the trail(s), greenway(s), or blueway(s) with an emphasis on unique solutions to design challenges and a narrative of the project's impact on the communities it serves.