American Trails
23rd International Trails Symposium
Dayton Convention Center
May 7-10, 2017
Wednesday, May 10 from 7:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Silent Auction Bidding Hours

Special Thanks!
Attend the Google Trekker session at ITS to learn more.
“street view” like images of the region’s trails will go live by May 5, 2017.

Trekked in 2016 including the nation’s largest paved trail network. These
Over 600 miles of the Greater Dayton Ohio Region’s trails were Google
Trekker

A local brewery (Dayton Beer Company) is going to brew a “Trails Town”
pale ale beer for the ITS. They invite attendees to their brewery (just a
few blocks from the convention center on Madison St) for a beer tapping
party on Tuesday night (May 9) after the Awards Banquet. A portion of
the proceeds from sales of this beer will go to American Trails as well
as local trail organizations or projects. Attendees will also have the op-
portunity to vote on their favorite can design by local graphic designers.
We hope you will join us to show your support! Dayton Beer company is
open until 11:00 p.m. and the voting will end at 10:30 p.m.

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Special Thanks! A special thank you to the students within the Design
Department at Sinclair College in Dayton, Ohio for designing this program.
Designers: Michaela Reynolds, Abbie Bostic, Olukorede Megbope, and
Nimisha Hirani.

Auctions
American Trails will give 50% of the proceeds of any auction items that
our Dayton partners helped secure BACK TO DAYTON! The Silent and
Live auctions are open to the public and you do not have to be present
to win when the Silent Auction closes. Thank you for your support of the
Dayton community and American Trails!

Silent Auction Bidding Hours
Sunday, May 7 from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (exhibit hall)
Monday, May 8 from 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (exhibit hall)
Tuesday, May 9 from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. (registration area)

Silent Auction Winner Pick-Up Hours (registration area)
Tuesday, May 9 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. (following the Awards Banquet)
Wednesday, May 10 from 7:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Live Auction
Live Auction items will be on display in the exhibit hall on Monday and Tuesday and
then moved to the Trails Rock Party offsite at the RiverScape Pavilion that evening.
The Live Auction will take place at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8.

Buy a beer and support local trail organizations and American Trails!

Giveaway!!!
Win a Professional Services Package! (value $5,000)

Alta Planning + Design is offering their professional services, valued at $5,000, for one lucky attendee of our National & International Trails Awards Banquet. The drawing will take place at the end of this Tuesday’s Awards Banquet, following the keynote. You must be present to win.

Professional services offered includes the following:
• A consultation over the phone about your project/need
• Proposal that outlines timeline, approach, and deliverable
• Opportunity for collaboration with expert and technical staff
• A digital “deliverable,” a weblink to file of the final product

Potential package ideas*:

*Scope and suitability to be determined by Alta

Learn more by visiting Alta Planning + Design’s booth in the exhibit hall.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs)
$25.00 Flat Fee
CEUs available through OPRA and APA. 0.1 unit for each 75 minute session.
Dear Symposium Attendees,

On behalf of the American Trails board of directors and staff, I would like to welcome you to Dayton, Ohio, the home of the genesis of flight in America, and home to a multitude of inventions and advancements that were critical to the burgeoning trails world.

Did you know…

• Since 1892, Dayton has been an epicenter of the mass production of bicycles in America through Huffy Bicycles?
• There are currently over 300 miles of interconnected paved trails in Dayton and the surrounding communities?
• The dry dam was invented in Dayton, which was critical to the advent of parks and park systems?
• The theme of the 2017 International Trails Symposium is “Trails Take Flight,” celebrating the unique connection between flight and the trails of our nation?

We are extremely excited and humbled that you have chosen to join us in Dayton this spring at the International Trails Symposium (ITS).

The educational opportunities are the best they have ever been, and the networking with all of your colleagues will be unsurpassed.

The next few pages will show you some of the highlights of the ITS. And don’t forget to take in some of the local flavor. The Oregon District is only two blocks east of the Convention Center, with energizing restaurants, bars, and shops.

The Oregon District includes one of the earliest surviving combinations of commercial and residential architecture in Dayton. Examples of Dayton’s architectural history from 1820 to 1915 line the brick streets and lanes in this 12 square block area. The district is populated with art galleries, specialty shops, pubs, nightclubs, and coffee houses.

Again, welcome to Dayton as “Trails Take Flight: Connecting People, Places, and Possibilities!”

Sincerely,

Mike Passo
Executive Director, American Trails

American Trails Statement of Equity and Inclusion: American Trails celebrates equity, diversity, and inclusiveness. Achieving equity, diversity, and inclusion is an ongoing process that requires a continuous commitment to promoting healthy people and healthy communities now and in the future.
#2017ITS

Schedule-At-A-Glance

NEW Pocket Schedule
To view a more detailed schedule with session titles, presenters, and location/room numbers, see the pocket schedule included in your attendee bag.

Check out the brand new Mobile App! View detailed session descriptions, speaker bios, connect with other attendees, and get push notifications of last minute changes.

Download it now at: http://my.yapp.us/ITS2017

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Thank You Sponsors and Exhibitors!

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Dayton/Ohio Region Main Partners

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Everyone is invited to attend this kick-off event in the exhibit hall that is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Visit local vendors who will provide bike demonstrations, a horse exhibit, and more. Explore the RiverMobile Traveling Exhibit from the University of Dayton’s Rivers Institute (outside in front of the convention center off 5th Street), free adventure presentations, as well as a film screening for the Trail Magic movie that starts at 5:00 p.m. The movie is about Ohio hiking legend Grandma Gatewood and includes a post-screening Q&A with the producer (which will take place in the 3rd floor theatre).

Exhibit Hours
Sunday, May 7 • 12:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
Monday, May 8 • 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Exhibit Hall Exclusive
Monday: 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Exhibitor Move-In
Saturday, May 6: Afternoon/Evening
(larger exhibitor displays)
Sunday, May 7: 7:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
(booth/table exhibitors)

Exhibitor Move-Out
Monday, May 8: 4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
(booth/table exhibitors)
Tuesday, May 9: 7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
(larger exhibitor displays)

Indoor Trails and Greenways System
Don’t miss this great opportunity to view the latest in trails technology, products, equipment, planning, and programs. View many of our exhibitor’s products “along the trail” in the exhibit hall, as well as viewing “hands on” presentations and demonstrations of our exhibitors’ products or services. The Dayton Exhibit Hall Committee aimed to please with the exhibit hall design this year and are excited to include a bridge that will serve as the podium for speakers and poster presentations, a replica of the Wright brother’s Valentine Flyer plane (including an NPS interpreter), a pumptrack, a camp area to relax in, and horse exhibit – all with trails meandering throughout the booth aisles (courtesy of our awesome surfacing exhibitors) and landscaping in abundance! In the Exhibit Hall, you will also find the Poster Gallery and Silent Auction, as well as the Free Public Event.

Free Public Event
“Discover, Learn, and Celebrate Trails”
Date: Sunday, May 7
Time: 12:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall 102
Cost: FREE

Sponsored by

We extend a special thank you to LJB, Inc. for their design of the exhibit hall, as well as Emmy Fabich with Bike Miami Valley for her assistance in leading the design of the exhibit hall trails and greenways system. Thank you to Jim Schneider with Trail-Works for securing the bridge, Scarff and Siebenthaler nurseries for their generous landscaping donations, and Snider Block for their design and donation of the water feature. Thank you also to the many exhibitors we worked with who contributed their products and services to the design (bridge, signage, and surfacing).
The 2017 International Trails Symposium will be the most diverse yet as 16 young adults (ages 21-25) from across the country and abroad will be in attendance as part of the Hulet Hornbeck Emerging Leaders Scholarship Program. Some of our international scholarship recipients for 2017 will attend from Nepal, El Salvador, and Turkey.

In its third year, this program will provide training and mentoring opportunities to inspire these young adults to choose a career path so they, too, can leave a lasting legacy on the world as Hulet did. At the Symposium, scholarship recipients will learn from experts, get practical experience with a service project, network with professionals in their desired field, and take a step closer to their career goals within the trails world. Each emerging leader is also paired with a fellow attendee as a mentor who will help to understand their mentee’s career ambitions, answer any questions and related concerns they might have, and to offer advice and connection opportunities.

A big thank you goes out to the major partners for this program that helped bring the Emerging Leaders to attend the Symposium on scholarship, including the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, Federal Highway Administration, National Park Service, and the Bureau of Land Management. Thank you to our exhibitors, attendees, and others who made generous donations as well!

View a list of all the sponsors for this program, learn more about Hulet Hornbeck and the amazing legacy he left (which inspired this program), and more at http://americantrails.org/ee/index.php/symposium/2017-leaders.

We also thank the Emerging Leaders Committee members for their time, dedication, and commitment to our young trail stewards!

- Amy Camp, Co-Chair, Cycle Forward (AT board member)
- Brian Ruscher, Alta Planning + Design (past scholarship recipient)
- Candace Mitchell, American Trails
- Charles Thomas, Outward Bound Adventures
- Corrie Parrish, Five Rivers MetroParks (past scholarship recipient)
- Jenny Rigby, Co-Chair, The Acorn Group (AT board member)
- John Favro, TrailsGuy (AT board member)
- Kathie Brennan, Ozark Trail Association
- Katie Pitstick, Alta Planning + Design (past scholarship recipient)
- Leslie King, University of Dayton
- Roger Bell (Honorary Chair), American Trails Advisor

RAFFLE

A bike wrapped with the American Trails logo will be raffled off during the Closing Luncheon. All proceeds will go towards the 2019 Emerging Leaders Scholarship Program, thanks to a partnership with Bike Path Country and Direct Embed.

Tickets are $5.00 for one or $20.00 for five. Learn more at the registration area.

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Hulet Hornbeck Emerging Leaders Scholarship Program

Berhat ‘Onaf’ Alan, Olimpos/Antalya, Turkey

Emily Wilkins, Fort Collins, CO

Oliver Marzetti, Kathmandu, Nepal

Caitlin Toner, Pocatello, ID

Indie Lewis, Phoenix, AZ

Seth Young, Columbus, NC

Chris Rivera, Morro Bay, CA

Levi Ballard, Booth Creek, CO

Stephanie Cantu, Colorado Springs, CO

Dean Arnold, Glendale, AZ

Montana Napier, Anacortes, WA

Toyya Mahoney, Las Vegas, NV
Happy Trails Hour and Welcome Reception
Date: Sunday, May 7
Time: 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
(Happy Trails Hour—no-host bar starts at 4:00 p.m.)
Location: Exhibit Hall 102
Cost: Included with registration
($29 for guests, includes light meal)

American Trails has worked hard to pull together the best and the brightest trail advocates, designers, builders, and developers from across the globe to attend this year’s Symposium. We honor just a few of those notable individuals in our biennial State Trail Awards. Honorees from across the nation have been received, and the best have been selected by our board of directors for special recognition. Tonight’s Welcome Reception will celebrate their unique accomplishments. (You can view the winners and their bios on the American Trails website following the Symposium and via the printed Awards Program that will be made available on Tuesday evening (May 9) during the Awards Banquet.)

In addition to all of the State Awards, American Trails has chosen to give a special award commemorating Emma Rowena “Grandma” Gatewood’s impact in Ohio and across the nation in promoting and developing the role of women in our nation’s long distance trail system. Ohio’s own Grandma Gatewood is hiking royalty and may be one of the most recognizable names within the Ohio hiking community, she is a legend.

Emma Caldwell was born around 1887 at Raccoon Creek in Gallia County, Ohio; she was one of 15 children. Emma spent most of her life on farms along the Ohio River. She married at age 19 and raised 11 children. Surprisingly, she had never hiked much. Then, in 1954, when she was 66, she read in the National Geographic magazine about the 2,000-mile Appalachian Trail (AT). That year, she started hiking the Trail, but she didn’t get too far. The next year, 1955, she made it, hiking in her legendary KEDS sneakers with a laundry sack over her shoulder and a shower curtain to sleep on. She became the first woman to thru-hike the AT by herself and in a continuous hike.

Her story has recently been brought to film in the movie Trail Magic produced by Peter Huston based on the book “Grandma Gatewood’s Walk.” We will show the Trail Magic movie this evening following the Welcome Reception in the theater on the 3rd floor of the Convention Center. Show times are 5:00 p.m. for the public, and 8:30 p.m. for ITS attendees. We will hold a Q&A following each showing with the director Peter Huston and Grandma Gatewood’s great granddaughter Marjorie Wood.
Opening Keynote Luncheon
“Trails Take Flight”
Date: Monday, May 8
Time: 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall 101
Cost: Included with registration ($29 for guests, includes meal)

We welcome attendees to Dayton by first introducing our 16 Emerging Leaders scholarship recipients. This year, the worthy recipients join us from all over the United States as well as Nepal, Turkey, and El Salvador.

Dayton, Ohio is the home of the famed Wright Brothers, and is arguably the innovation hub that made American’s the high-flying visionaries of the world. In many ways, though far less dramatic, the visionary history of Dayton has also developed a leading role in trails in our nation. The bicycle was the basis for both flight and for America’s burgeoning transportation system, including trails. Combine that with the invention of the dry dam, which was integral to the development of parks and trails in Dayton and across the country.

Our exciting opening keynote speakers will celebrate the accomplishments and unique position Dayton holds in the history of America, and America’s trails.

Join special guests and keynote speakers:

Stephen (Steve) Wright is the great grandnephew of Wilbur and Orville Wright. He is the great grandson of Lorin Wright the second of five Wright brothers born to the Bishop Milton Wright and Susan Koerner Wright. His great grandfather Lorin lived his entire life in Dayton and often worked closely with his two, more famous younger brothers in the capacity of bookkeeper, unofficial photographer, aircraft handler, secret agent, and most importantly, close, life-long confidant.

Steve lives and has worked in Dayton as a commercial photographer for 30 years and, along with his sister Amanda Wright Lane, serves as a trustee of the Wright Family Foundation. The Wright Family Foundation was founded by Amanda and Steve’s late father Wilkinson Wright to benefit scholarly causes in the field of aviation history and the preservation of artifacts relating to aviation. In recent years the Wright Family Foundation has been dedicated to the preservation and restoration of one of Dayton’s great architectural treasures, Hawthorn Hill, the home of the Wright Brothers.

We are honored to be able to include a replica of the Wright Brothers Valentine Flyer plane in our exhibit hall, which also serves as a backdrop to the Opening and Closing Keynote Luncheons at the 2017 International Trails Symposium.

Mark Rentschler is the Board President of the Miami Conservancy District (MCD). The MCD protects communities in southwest Ohio from flooding, preserves the quality and quantity of water, and promotes the enjoyment of the waterways. Mark’s passion for the Miami Conservancy District (MCD) may be genetic. He is the fifth member of his family to proudly serve on the MCD board of directors. His great, great-uncle, Gordon Rentschler, was one of the three founding board members. Another great-great uncle, George; his grandfather, Walter; and his father, Tom; also have served on the board of directors.

Mark has continued his family’s passion to serve the region. All of the Rentschlers have been true to Arthur Morgan’s vision of combining recreation with flood protection. About 3,300 acres of land in the retarding basins behind the dry dams are part of a system that reduces flood risk for about one million people. The Rentschlers, in their work on the board of directors, have made certain that MCD-owned land in places like Taylorsville and Germantown MetroParks continues to provide opportunities for recreation activities including hiking, birdwatching and paddling. And more than 50 miles of bike trails in this region are built on MCD land, much of it on or along levees that protect cities from flooding.
Join the Party!
Attendees will have the opportunity to attend two great offsite events (included with a full registration) on Monday night during the Symposium.

Cocktail Hour at National Museum of U.S. Air Force
**Date:** Monday, May 8  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m.  
(transportation starts at 5:00 p.m.)  
**Location:** National Museum of U.S. Air Force  
**Cost:** Included with registration (no-host bar)

The museum will be closed to the public but opened for a private party for International Trails Symposium attendees! Complimentary transportation (courtesy of Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority) will be provided to all attendees to join us for cocktail hour “under the wings” at the Air Force Museum. There is no charge to visit the museum but a no-host bar will serve cocktails. With a new fourth hangar, we understand that a lot of time can be spent admiring and learning the history of the aircrafts. If you didn’t get to see all that you wanted to on Monday night, we invite you to visit the museum again during your trip to Dayton. Admission to the museum is free and regular business hours are from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. seven days a week. Learn more at [http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/](http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/).

Trails Rock Party and Live Auction
**Date:** Monday, May 8  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.–11:00 p.m.  
**Location:** RiverScape Pavilion  
**Cost:** Included with registration (includes $10 food truck voucher, no-host bar)

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Proceeds from beer purchases will be split between local trail organizations.

Attendees who visited the museum will then be transported to the Trails Rock Party at the RiverScape Pavilion, which is located along the Great Miami River National Water Trail (recently named a national water trail in June 2016, it is only one of 22 national water trail systems in the country).

Attendees can enjoy a stroll or bike ride along the trail system, check out the recent modification of a low-head dam and construction of a white water play area just upstream, yummy food from a variety of food truck vendors, a no-host bar, live auction, and will rock out to The Sly Band — an 11 piece ensemble including horns!

Complimentary transportation (courtesy of Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority) will also be provided from the host hotels on a continual basis throughout the evening.

Attendees also have the option to walk or use the Link Bike Share (attendees will get a free pass for Link during their visit).

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Awards Banquet and 50th Anniversary Celebration

Date: Tuesday, May 9
Time: 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.
(Happy Trails Hour starting at 6:00 p.m.)
Location: Theatre, 3rd Floor
Cost: Included with registration
($49 for guests, includes heavy hors d’oeuvres)

Happy Trails Hour sponsored by

We are excited to announce that we have completely redesigned our biennial National and International Trails Awards program. This year’s awards program will be much shorter (we heard your feedback) and will focus on the following awards:

- Trail Accessibility
- Trail Planning & Design (Less than $500,000)
- Trail Planning & Design (More than $500,000)
- Trail Partnership
- Trail Promotion & Education
- Trails for Health
- International Planning & Design
- Hulet Hornbeck Lifetime Service
- State Awards: Outstanding Trail Leaders

After we celebrate this year’s award recipients, we will turn our attention to a visual and audio celebration of the kickoff of the 50th Anniversary of the National Trails System.

In 2018, America will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our National Trails System. But the party has already started! Join the National Trails 50th Birthday celebration by sharing your stories, photos, or favorite memories, or by simply getting out on the trail – and maybe bringing along a friend.

With the 1968 passage of the National Trails System Act, America was given a gift – the creation and protection of some of our favorite places to discover and engage with the great outdoors. National Scenic Trails, such as the Appalachian Trail, celebrate outdoor adventure; and National Historic Trails, such as the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail, allow us to walk through history.

This anniversary is a golden opportunity for all Americans to not just celebrate trails – all trails – but to learn about them, enjoy them and protect them. For the next two years, the 50th Anniversary Celebration, will engage the American public and spur a new level of awareness and engagement for all generations.

Recognition Onsite for Award Winners

- The State Awards: Outstanding Trail Leaders will be presented at the Welcome Reception on Sunday, May 7.
- The Hulet Hornbeck Lifetime Service Award will be presented at the Closing Keynote Luncheon on Wednesday, May 10.
- All other awards will be presented during the Awards Banquet on Tuesday, May 9.

We are looking forward to high caliber speakers including:

Bob Ratcliffe
National Park Service, Chief, Conservation and Outdoor Recreation

Gary Werner
Partnership for the National Trails System

Marianne Fowler
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

The keynote speakers for the kickoff of the 50th Anniversary are Robert and Martha Manning.

Robert Manning is Professor Emeritus in the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources at the University of Vermont. He teaches and conducts research on the history, philosophy, and management of national parks and wilderness. He is the founding Director of the Park Studies Laboratory which conducts a long-term program of research for the U.S. National Park Service and other agencies, and is the author of several books about the national parks. His wife, Martha Manning, is an artist specializing in fiber, clay, and printmaking. Her work has been featured in national shows and publications.

Robert and Martha have hiked dozens of long-distance trails and multi-day walks on six continents and write books to encourage others to walk more and to try long-distance walking. Their books, “Walking Distance: Extraordinary Hikes for Ordinary People” and “Walks of a Lifetime: Extraordinary Hikes from Around the World,” have been called “beautiful” and “inspiring” and are endorsed by the Sierra Club, Appalachian Mountain Club, and American Hiking Society.

Robert and Martha Manning
The Mannings will hold a book signing following the evening’s banquet. Books can be purchased in advance at registration or at the book signing.
Special Announcement: 2019 International Trails Symposium Location and Logo Unveiling

Visit Syracuse, Onondaga County, and the entire state of New York are in the midst of an unprecedented spike in trail use that has resulted in local, regional, and state agencies working together to create one of the most vibrant trail networks in the country. Last year Governor Andrew Cuomo unveiled the NY Parks 2020 plan, which called for nearly a billion dollars in improvement to New York parks and their adjoining trail systems. The momentum from that plan continued when earlier this year the Governor announced over a million dollars in new improvement for trail and outdoor access projects.

Closing Keynote Luncheon

“Trails at the Heart of the Future American City: Trails and Transportation”

Date: Wednesday, May 10
Time: 11:45 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Location: Exhibit Hall 101
Cost: Included with registration ($29 for guests, includes meal)

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