

Greenways and Trails TIDBITS

November 2009 Edition

DISCLAIMER: Information provided in this newsletter is taken from other sources and the Greenways and Trails Program strongly recommends that you go to those resources directly for the complete information about an activity or event.

SE Water Trails Conference: www.southernblueways.org

If you did not attend, you missed a GREAT Conference!!

A Full Agenda of speakers from 10 states covered everything you would want to know about developing, operating and promoting your water resources!!
Conference includes on the ground trips to see how to get it done!

For information about the Conference proceedings, go to the website mentioned above.

NEW!! DRAFT FINAL Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas including Trails!

The long awaited final rules for Outdoor Developed Areas and Trails has been released and is in the final stages of becoming official. While these rules and Regulations apply only to Federal government sites, they will become the accepted standards of practice when they receive final approval.

Go to: <http://www.access-board.gov/outdoor/draft-final.htm> to see the report and the comment period deadline is December 18, 2009.

Recreational Trails Program (RTP) renewal: <http://www.americantrails.org/rtp/>

The SAFETEA-LU transportation legislation that authorizes the RTP expired September 30, 2009! To find out more about the possible reauthorization of the RTP, go to the website listed above for the latest information.

The trails community is watching closely for the next federal transportation Authorization bill which will affect the funding for ALL the trail related programs funded through the Federal Highway Administration.

The **Rails-to-Trails Conservancy**, <http://www.railstotrails.org/index.html> is supporting **S. 575**. For more information about this bill and what it does, go to: http://rtt.convio.net/site/MessageViewer?em_id=8081.0&dly_id=25741.

Greenways and Trails TIDBITS

November 2009 Edition

National Parks Service – Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program

Go to: <http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/rtca/>

Need help or assistance, call your states Rivers, Trails, Conservation Assistance (RTCA) staff person who can get you headed in the right direction. They also have a great newsletter that features latest happenings and accomplishments of the RTCA!

To find out who your local contact person is, go to:

http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/rtca/contactus/cu_offices_region.html

Need C.E.U.'s!!

<http://www.nohvcc.org/education/webinars.asp>

You can get 1.0 CEU from attending the webinars on Trail Planning at the National off Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHCC) website. The 4 modules are being coordinated through Marshall University and comprise 10 hours of contact time. The modules on Trail Planning are targeted at the U.S. Forest Service Travel Management program, but the principles of trail system are applicable to any trail system.

You can also get C.E.U.'s from the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association (TRPA) webinar series. Go to: <http://elearning.trpa.net/> for more information about each course and the cost associated with each webinar.

Need funding for your trail project?

<http://www.americanhiking.org/NTF2010application.aspx>

The American Hiking Society has the National Trail Fund program and the grant application for funding ranges from \$500 to \$5,000.00. You must apply on-line and deadline for applications is December 15, 2009 at midnight. Grant awards will be announced in April, 2010.

Please send your ***EVENT*** information to Bob Richards as soon as you are aware of the date for inclusion in the Greenways and Trails TIDBITS newsletter. It will be included in the TIDBITS as space permits. This newsletter is produced bi-monthly, or when there is enough information to distribute.

2009-10 Calendar of Greenways and Trails Events

Greenways and Trails TIDBITS

November 2009 Edition

November 7, 2009 Lawrenceburg, TN	6 th Annual Trail of Tears Re-enactment Walk http://www.home.earthlink.net/~bellsroute/id4.html	
November 13-14, 2009	Summit for a Sustainable Tennessee http://www.tectn.org/	Lebanon, TN Ward Agricultural Center
November 14, 2009 Walk Pulaski, TN	6 th Annual Bell and Benges Memorial Motorcycle Ride and gctourism@gilescountytourism.com	
November 16, 2009 November 17, 2009	Sustainable Tourism Workshop Sustainable Tourism Workshop http://www.tnsustainabletourism.com/	Jackson, TN Memphis, TN See April 16, 2009 press release!
November 18, 2009 Mud Island River Park	Greenways and Byways: A Regional Forum for Success	Memphis, TN

2010

June 5, 2010	National Trails Day	Various locations
September 25, 2010	Public Lands Day	Various locations
November 14-17, 2010	American Trails National Symposium	Chattanooga, TN



Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Authorization No. 327157, 514 copies. This public document was promulgated at a cost of \$0.20 per copy. February 2009.

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Recreation Educational Services Division
Greenways and Trails Program Coordinator
10th Floor L&C Tower, 401 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37243-0439
Robert.richards@tn.gov
615-532-0753
<http://tn.gov/environment/recreation/greentrails.shtml>
www.tdec.net/recreation