2017 International Trails Symposium - Tentative Session Schedule

PLEASE NOTE: The following list of Concurrent Sessions and Trail Talk topics are subject to change and are intended to give attendees an idea of the depth and breadth of topics that will be discussed at the ITS. Times, dates and titles of presentations remain in flux as presenters confirm their participation. We anticipate a full, accurate schedule by the first week of April.

Sunday, May 7, 2017

12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open

12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
• Where Trails Really Take Flight: Connecting People and Heritage in the Birthplace of Aviation
• International (WTN) - Meaningful Trail Experiences
• How Did It Happen? The Evolution of the National Trails System Act
• Adventure Presentation- Continental Divide Trail; 3000 Miles Along America’s Spine
• Where to: Go Horseback Riding
• Drones and Horses - How Emerging Technology May Impact Your Trail Experience
• Horse Caucus

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
• Brazilian Trails: Promoting Greater Public Use and Appreciation of Protected Areas
• Ohio Buckeye’s Trail - From a 1958 Idea to Today’s 1400+ mile Hike
• America’s Trail Above the Clouds: An historical prospective of how the Appalachian Trail took flight
• Adventure Presentation - Pacific Crest Trail; A Walk from Mexico to Canada
• Where to: Go OHV Riding
• Water Trail Caucus

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
• International (WTN): When Trails Bring the World Together: Trails Take Flight!
• National Trails Day: Heightening Community Engagement on Local Trails
• North Country Trail; A 4600 mile Hike on America’s Longest National Scenic Trail
• Adventure - Appalachian Trail; Hiking America’s Legendary Trail
• Where to: Go Mountain Biking
• Leave No Trace Awareness Workshop (3:30-4:00) Tread Lightly Awareness Workshop (4:15-4:45)

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. HAPPY TRAILS HOUR

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Trail Magic Movie - The Grandma Gatewood Story (Public)

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
WELCOME RECEPTION (Official Kick-Off of Symposium)

8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
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Monday, May 8, 2017

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Trail Talks
- Around the Lake(s) - Big Ideas Build Multi-Use Trail Networks
- Finding your path: A Comprehensive Strategic Plan
- Getting your concept off the ground: taking the leap from concept to reality
- Is It Okay If I Walk Here? Exploring Trails as an Anxious, Depressed, Neurotic Girl
- The Devil is in the Details: Common Trail Design Mistakes & How to Avoid Them
- Safe Trails Begin With Marking Standards
- Adventures in Urban Trailblazing: Cleveland's Towpath Trail
- How to Make Your Town a Better Place for Everyone - A Complete Streets Approach
- The Indianapolis Cultural Trail: Making of a World-Class Icon as a Catalyst for Smart Growth and Economic Development
- Native and Medicinal Plants: maximize what your trail has to offer!

8:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
- Cooperative Management at its Best - The National Trails
- Beyond Park Boundaries
- Reclaiming Cleveland: Urban Trails in a (Former) Rust-Belt City
- Federal Transportation Funds for Trails
- Ohio Bridle Trails Take Flight: Shared Visions Establish Route to Success
- Partnerships for Trails Connecting Ohio, Miami Valley, Kentucky, and Indiana
- Improving User Experience through Signage, Interpretive Graphics, Waysides and Kiosks
- PTBA Technical Track - Sustainable Trails for All

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Exhibit Hall Exclusive: Poster Presentations & Refreshments

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Opening Keynote Luncheon

1:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
- Trash to Treasure: Partnering with Utilities for Trails
- The Latest in Trail Technology - Crowdsourced Data, Open Data, Maps and Apps
- What’s in Your Volunteer Toolkit? Managing a Successful and Sustainable Volunteer Program
- Connecting with Academic Communities: Cultivating the next generation of trail
- Playing with Fire: Sparking Creativity in Diversity Work
- What the GTFS is going on! Transit and Inter City Bus Access to the National and Regional Trail Networks
- Ohio Trails Partnership
- Reducing Crime One Trail at a Time
- PTBA Technical Track -When “Sustainable Design” Elements Don’t Work
- National Forest System Trails Stewardship Act
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2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (note 15 min break)
• It’s a Two-Way Street: Improving Safety and Connectivity with a Two-Way Cycle Track
• Operating Hut - to Hut Systems: technical field
• How Multi-County Trails are Connecting......KY
• OMG: Understanding Legal Issues Affecting Rails to Trails Conversions
• Building Healthy Communities on the Navajo Nation
• Active Tourism Comes to Town! Making Active Transportation Work for Community Health and Economy
• At the Cross-Roads: People, Trails, and Technology - Quad Cities
• Reducing Crime One Trail at a Time
• PTBA Technical Track -When “Sustainable Design” Elements Don’t Work

3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
• Los Dos Camino: Bridging Borders Across the Centuries
• Trail Town Culture Shift: Communities “Soar” in Embracing their Trail
• Better Living Through Trails - The power of natural surface trails and bike parks in your community
• Assessing Trails: New Technology Solution Unveiled
• Translating “Sustainability” from concept to management of your trail system/ A Path Forward - The Forest Service’s National Trails Strategy and You
• Progress Through Partnerships: Bridging Communities Together
• Investment Opportunity: How to Make Your Trail Irresistible to Private Funders
• Development The 787 of Trails: Mega Scale Trails that will get you far!
• PTBA Technical Track - Mountain Bike Facilities (S. Linnenburger, C. Irey)

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour @ National Museum of the Air Force

7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Trails Rock Party & Live Auction @ Riverscape Pavilion

Tuesday, March 9, 2017

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Trail Talks
• A Path to Success: How to Finance Your Mission and Objectives
• Fully Loaded But Not Too Heavy for Takeoff! Collaborative Trail Development in East King County, WA
• 2700 hours: Freeing yourself from the Technology Boulder Unharmed
• How to P.L.A.N. (People/Land/Actions/Network) for a More Walkable & Bikable Community
• Looking for Treasure: Innovative Funding for Trails
• MEGA Events: How to Get 150, or More, Perfect Strangers to Build Some Awesome Trail
• Outside The Box: Activating a Trail System for an Active Population
• Where the Path Meets the Pavement: Low Stress Connections to Downtown
• Transitioning to a More Accessible Network
• Organizing and leading a Volunteer Trail Group: how to find those key people and keeping them motivated!
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8:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
• Where Muscle Meets Motor: Mixed-Use in a Rural Context
• Core Track, 6 Hour - Creating 21st Century Trail Networks
• American Trails Townhall: Designing AT's Path Forward
• PTBA Technical Track - Sustainable Trails 101/ The Challenge: Build a Sustainable Trail that Lasts 100 Years
• Core Track, 3 Hour - Rolling on the River: The Ohio Water Trails Program, Water Trail Environmental Impact, and a Water Trail Toolbox
• Building Health Equity and Bike Infrastructure in Camden, NJ and on the Camp Chase Trail
• Managing International Trail Destinations - The Keys to Success
• Welcome Back to the Backbone
• Leveraging People and Places: Trails as Economic Development
• It is all in the Difficulty

10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
• Core Track, 6 Hour - Creating 21st Century Trail Networks
• Core Track, 3 Hour - Rolling on the River: The Ohio Water Trails Program, Water Trail Environmental Impact, and a Water Trail Toolbox
• Soaring with Synergy: Partnering for trails excellence in Acadia National Park
• Moving Kids from Trouble to Trails
• State Elected Officials Panel - The Importance of Political Leadership
• National Forest System Trails Stewardship Act & the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps
• Where You Least Expect: Revitalizing Abandoned Industrial Sites and Developing Pocket Trails
• You can Get there: Wayfinding Standards and Regional Trail Wayfinding
• PTBA Technical Track - Cartography 101

11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Lunch & Networking

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. American Trails Mobile Workshops

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. American Trails Featured Workshops

6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Happy Trails Hour & Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. National & International Trails Awards Banquet

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Trail Talks
• Come Together: Trails, Tourism and Teamwork
• Food and Shelter on Global Trails: Huts, Yurts, Cabins, Hostels, Inns, etc.
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- Going With the Flow: Planning, Developing and Building Water Trails
- Lead with Yes for Universal Access - How to Assess and Improve Facilities and Attitudes
- The Positive (and sometimes unintended!) Benefits of Cultivating Your Trails Community
- Trail Events for Fun & Profit
- Trail of hope: Hiking trails between conflicted communities
- Trails and Transit and Utilities, Oh My! - Planning for a Trail in a Corridor with a Multi-Use Vision
- “OMG, I Just Got Sued:” Understanding Legal Issues Affecting Rails to Trails Conversions
- Ancient Trails, New Journeys: Preparing Nepal’s Rural Trails for Future

8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Core Tracks
- Core Track 6 Hours- Creating 21st Century Trail Networks
- A Town of Many Trails: The Unique Story of Milford, Ohio and how it’s Leveraging its 8 Long Distance Trails
- Core Track 3 Hours- Electric Bicycles: What Are They, Where Can They Go, and a Management Handbook
- Large Landscape Planning for National Trails Conservation: An Alaskan Case Study
- Accessibility in the Outdoors: Developed Outdoor Recreation Assessment Process (DORAP)
- Connecting Communities: Integrating Transportation and Recreation Networks
- Rails With Trails: Finding the Safety, Liability, and Mobility, and the Sweet Spot
- Promoting Open Space with Equestrian Access: "A Horse is a Horse of Course"
- PTBA Technical Track - Stages of Design and Layout (J. Underwood)

10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
- Core Track 6 Hours- Creating 21st Century Trail Networks
- Core Track 3 Hours- Electric Bicycles: What Are They, Where Can They Go, and a Management Handbook
- Google Trekker: Dayton’s Experience Capturing Over 600 Miles of Trail
- Data Informed Decision Making: Building a Volunteer Based Data Collection Program on Multi-use Trails in Connecticut
- Trails: Nature’s Path to Participation in Physical Activity for All—Benefits, Experiences and Stories
- How to connect small scale projects into one large vision
- Trails and Nature: an International (WTN) - Global Community of Emerging Trails
- Trail Science Research on the Appalachian Trail: Improving the Sustainability of Trail Management
- PTBA Technical Track - Bridges 101

11:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Closing Keynote Luncheon