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Join State Parks and partners for National Trails Day events June 2-4

(Anchorage, AK) – The public is invited to get outdoors and help Alaska State Parks and local organizations celebrate National Trails Day by participating in the following guided hikes and trail projects over the weekend of June 2-4. Unless otherwise specified, bring lunch and snacks, water, appropriate clothing, sturdy footwear, sun or safety glasses, gloves, and bug spray.

Volunteer projects in Kachemak Bay State Park, June 2-4

Sign up by **Friday, May 26** to work and play across the bay with Alaska State Parks and Friends of Kachemak Bay State Park. Activities include a hike to Grewingk Glacier, camping at Kayak Beach, building a new outhouse, brushing a section of the Sadie Knob Trail, rerouting the South Grace Ridge trail and cleaning the Glacier Spit beach. Alternately, volunteers can remain on the Homer side of the bay and help the Homer Cycling Club expand their Diamond Creek bike trail. For the activities across the bay, there is a charge of \$20/person. Tools and water taxi are provided, no skills necessary, fun guaranteed! You must pre-register by May 26. Stop by the Alaska State Park offices on the 2nd floor of the Alaska Islands & Ocean Visitor Center in Homer, fill out your volunteer form and make payment, or email kbayvolunteer@gmail.com to have the form emailed to you. For more information call Christina at 435-7969. Can't get enough? Trail work parties and guided Second Saturday hikes on the Homer side of the bay, and Last Saturday hikes across the bay are also planned throughout the summer.

Volunteer work on Middle Fork Trail, Chugach State Park, June 3

Join Alaska State Parks and Alaska Trails at 9 a.m. on June 3 at the Glen Alps parking lot to help reroute a portion of the Middle Fork of Campbell Creek Trail. The trail is being rerouted to bypass a long, muddy, and dilapidated section of the trail. Volunteers will work on cutting in a new sustainable trail on a slope where they can, and installing boardwalks and turnpikes through boggy sections. Most of the work will be done with Pulaskis and shovels and entail some simple carpentry. Guidance and training will be provided by state park trail specialists. For registration and information, go to <http://www.alaska-trails.org/middle-fork-trail.html>

Guided Donnelly Dome Hike near Delta Junction, June 3

Join the Delta Junction Trails Association with support from Alaska State Parks at 11 a.m. on June 3 for a guided hike of Donnelly Dome. This hike also celebrates the 75th Anniversary of the Alaska Highway. Meet at the pullout 2.5 miles up the Dome Road off Mile 248 of the Richardson Highway. Bring a Recreation Access Permit which can be obtained at the Fort Greeley Visitor's Center during regular business hours or at <https://usartrak.isportsman.net/>. Check on the status of Donnelly East Area 531 by calling 907-873-3181 or by going to the website. This will tell you if the area is open for recreation or if it has been temporarily closed for military training. If closed to training, the backup meeting location will be the pullout on Coal Mine Road at the same time. Please contact Ellen Clark for more information at 907-895-5155.

Volunteer work on Curry Ridge Trail, Denali State Park, near Trapper Creek, June 3

Join Alaska State Parks for hiking and trail work along the Curry Ridge Trail. Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the new Kesugi-Ken Interpretive Center located at Mile 134.5 of the George Parks Highway. Parking is in the day-use lot. Volunteers will hike 4-5 miles and participate in trail work throughout the day, including cutting brush, moving materials and rocks, and compacting soils. Afterward join us for a cookout at the interpretive center. Potluck items are welcome. Please contact Carter Forney at 907-354-5890 (cell) or 907-733-5123 (office) for more information.

Fairbanks multi-agency trail volunteer training, June 3

Join the Fairbanks North Star Borough Parks and Recreation Department at 10 a.m. at the Fairbanks REI store at 19 College Road, Unit A, for a morning trail volunteer training session and an afternoon fieldwork session. Trainings will be led by Christine Byl of Interior Trails. Hosts and sponsors include REI, Interior Trails, Alaska Trails, and the Bureau of Land Management. For more information contact Bryant Wright at bwright@fnsb.us or 907-459-7401. Register for the morning session at <https://www.rei.com/events/national-trails-day-sustainable-trails-volunteer-workshop/fairbanks/177532> or the afternoon session at <https://www.rei.com/events/national-trails-day-afternoon-trail-work-session/fairbanks/177537>.

Seward area self-led hikes and community celebration, June 3-4

Join the Seward Trail Blazers and Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance by planning your own hikes on Saturday and participating in a community celebration on Sunday. On Saturday, The Trail Blazers are encouraging people to get out and walk the trails around town and all over the Kenai Peninsula. In town, there are the bike path/Iditarod Trail and the Two Lakes Trail, as well as the climb up Mt. Marathon. The bike path extends to mile 5, where you can access the Lost Lake trail and the Iditarod Trail can be accessed at Bear Lake or Saw Mill Creek. On June 4, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Seward Trail Blazers and the Iditarod Historic Alliance will host a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the building of the Seward bike path, which is recognized as the first miles of the Iditarod National Historic Trail. Refreshments will be available. For more information contact sitblazers@gmail.com.

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