

# National Trails System

## Maintenance Action Teams

## Great American Outdoors Act Legacy Restoration Fund



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The National Trails System<sup>1</sup>, consisting of thousands of miles of national historic trails, national scenic trails and national recreation trails, provides endless opportunities for recreation and inspiration. The National Park Service (NPS) administers 25 of these trails, protecting these routes for recreation, reflection, and discovery.

The Maintenance Action Team (MAT) program, funded by the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) Legacy Restoration Fund (LRF), was established in 2021 to address facility projects at small parks. MATs consist of specialized trades workers, along with interns and service corps (via cooperative agreements), regionally located in proximity to multiple park units. They offer a short-term bolster to the workforce at parks with critical maintenance and repair needs. The NPS has made the National Trails System an emphasis area of the MAT Program. These trails highlight scenic landscapes, cultural routes, and historic pathways, connecting people to the stories of the land and its people.

### Legacy Restoration Fund Maintenance Action Team Projects on National Trails<sup>2</sup>

National Trails	State <sup>3</sup>	# of Projects	Project Cost (\$)
Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail	HI	2	\$628,645
Appalachian National Scenic Trail	MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, VA	5	\$1,518,956
Arizona National Scenic Trail	AZ	3	\$770,917
Continental Divide National Scenic Trail	NM	1	\$314,701
Chilkoot National Historic Trail	AK	2	\$353,313
Florida National Scenic Trail	FL	1	\$255,203
Ice Age National Scenic Trail	WI	1	\$201,232
Juan Bautista de Anza National Historical Trail	CA	1	\$155,918
Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail	ND	1	\$36,505
Natchez Trace National Scenic Trail	MS	1	\$281,526
North Country National Scenic Trail	WI	1	\$40,195
Oregon, Mormon Pioneer, California, and Pony Express National Historic Trails <sup>4</sup>	NE	1	\$88,855
Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail	SC	1	\$239,930
Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail and John Muir Trail <sup>5</sup>	CA	1	\$227,705
Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail	WA	1	\$260,000
Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail	VA, DC	4	\$461,754
Santa Fe National Historic Trail	NM	1	\$166,496
Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail	AL	2	\$257,578
Trail of Tears National Historic Trail	AR	2	\$139,603
<b>Total</b>		<b>32</b>	<b>\$5,818,014</b>

<sup>1</sup> Established by the National Trails System Act of 1968, as amended: (P.L. 90-543) 16 USC §§ 1241-1251.

<sup>2</sup> This table does not capture non-MAT LRF investments in the National Trails System.

<sup>3</sup> Location of project work.

<sup>4</sup> These 4 National Historic Trails overlap at this location.

<sup>5</sup> This section of trail is both the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail and the John Muir Trail.

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### Project Spotlights



#### Repair Exterior of Cross Plains Contact Station

*Ice Age National Scenic Trail*



Photo Caption: Cross Plain Contact Station  
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The Ice Age National Scenic Trail was authorized in 1980 to highlight the beautiful landscape features left by an immense glacial flow 12,000 years ago in what is now Wisconsin. The Cross Plains Contact Station, acquired by the National Park Service in 2008, will be the primary operations and public contact station for the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. The historic 1860s stone house and garage embody a mix of stone and wood-framing architecture.

This project ensures the preservation of the historic structures by repairing and staining the board and batten siding, repointing the masonry walls, and replacing the failing windows.

#### Repair Major Trail Sections at Ka'awaloa and Kiholo-Puako

*Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail*



Photo Caption: Repaired section of Alanui Aupuni,  
Kingdom Era Trail.  
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The historic Alanui Aupuni and Ka'awaloa Road date to the mid-1800s and represent fine examples of trails built by the Kingdom of Hawai'i. The Ala Loa is an ancient trail, dating back at least 500 years. Three of the four sections of these trails are contributing elements to the Kealahou State Park Historic District, and the trails are on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

This project will restore and correct deferred maintenance (vegetation removal, dry set masonry stabilization and resetting curbing damage) along the seven-mile section of trail in order to bring it to good condition. This project will also help in the perpetuation of traditional Hawaiian, dry-stack masonry techniques and endless future education and interpretation programs related to the cultural and natural resources.