



LA VETA TRAILS

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



MISSION

La Veta Trails is a 501(c)3 nonprofit founded in 2015 to develop and maintain parks and trails systems in Huerfano County that connect people of all ages and abilities to the outdoors, inspire volunteerism, and contribute to the health and economic vitality of the region.

CORE VALUES



Accountability. We hold ourselves to the highest standard of excellence, safety, ethics, and transparency in our interactions with each other, our partners, and the community.



Inclusion. We seek participation of all stakeholders to improve the well-being of the community, access the outdoors, and stewardship.



Volunteerism. We create opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to connect to the outdoors, develop leadership, and commit to an ethic of environmental stewardship.



Outdoor Lifestyle. We encourage active, healthy living by providing opportunities that connect all people to natural and built resources.



Stewardship. We provide opportunities for people to learn, explore and respect the natural environment and serve as a model for best practices that restore, protect and preserve natural resources.



Philanthropy. We seek to inspire investment in our mission and recognize that we could not achieve success without the generosity, commitment and philanthropic support of businesses, our volunteers, and donors.



2022 HIGHLIGHTS



REGIONAL IMPACT

11 project sites and 32 miles of trails in La Veta, Gardner, Walsenburg, and Spanish Peaks Wilderness Area.



VOLUNTEER STEWARDS

325 Volunteer Stewards invested 1,582 hours to restore and preserve public spaces in Huerfano County.



YOUTH STEWARDS

251 Youth Stewards invested 251 hours in the La Veta and Walsenburg Earth Day Clean-up.



SKILLS/LEADERSHIP

9 stewards earned their First Aid/CPR Certificate from the La Veta/Cuchara Fire Protection District.



HUERFANO STATE WILDLIFE AREA RESTORATION

Partnered with CO Parks and Wildlife to clear trees following a wind storm.



SPANISH PEAKS WILDERNESS STEWARDS

5 certified crosscut sawyers cleared 286 trees on 20 miles of Wilderness trails.



EVENTS

Hosted 32 events with 1,029 adults, youth, and dogs attending.



MASTER PLAN INFRASTRUCTURE

Hosted playground design events in partnership with the Town of La Veta and La Veta Library.



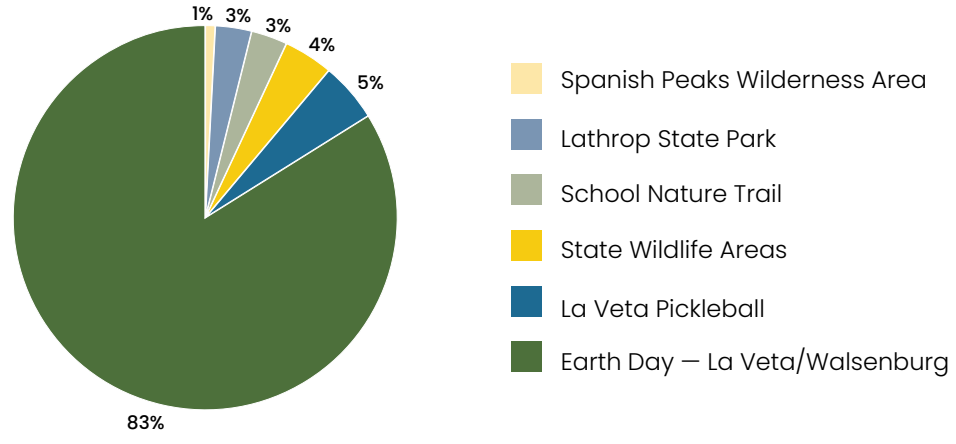
MASTER PLAN INFRASTRUCTURE

Joint project with the Town of La Veta to repurpose the old skate park into a pickleball court.

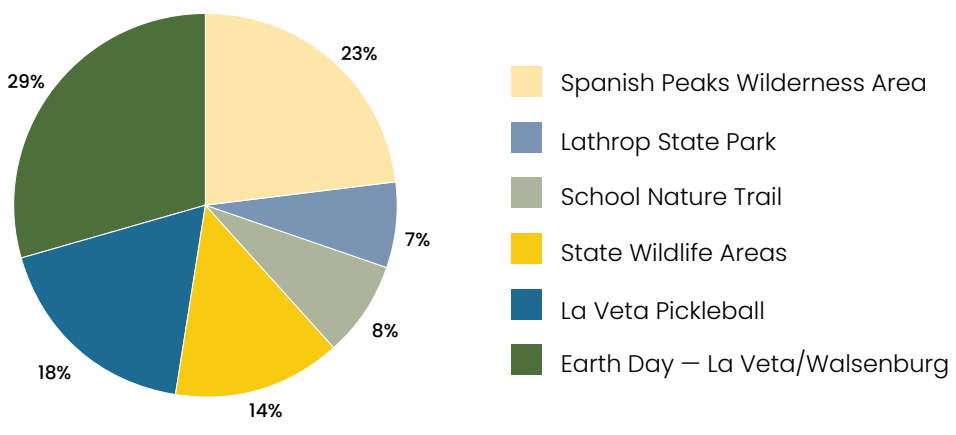


VOLUNTEER IMPACT

Percent of Volunteers by Project Site



Percent of Volunteer Hours by Project Site



PARTNERS

We are grateful to the following partners and funders for supporting our mission.

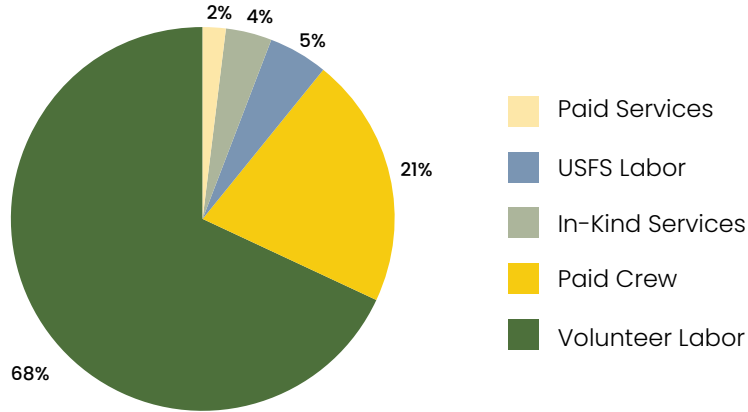
- Basin Electric Power Cooperative
- City of Walsenburg
- Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment
- Colorado Parks and Wildlife
- Huerfano County Government
- Huerfano RE-1 School

- La Veta RE-2 School
- National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance
- San Isabel Electric Association
- Southern Colorado Community Foundation
- Tercio Foundation
- Town of La Veta
- USFS/San Carlos Ranger District

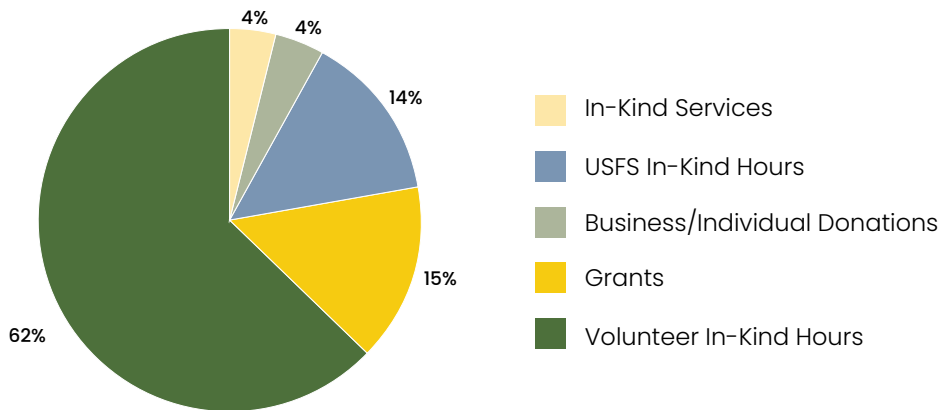


FINANCIAL REPORTS

2022 Maintenance Costs



2022 Revenue Sources



La Veta Trails has earned a **2023 Platinum Seal of Transparency** with Candid!

You can support our work with trust and confidence by viewing our Nonprofit Profile: [La Veta Trails - GuideStar Profile](#) @CandidDotOrg.



2022 BUSINESS SPONSORS

Thank you to our business sponsor and prize donors!

Alys' Restaurant

Bachman and Associates Real Estate

Capella Mortgage

Code of the West Real Estate

Cucharas Valley Recreation Program

Cup, High Altitude Coffee

Danny's

Deerprint Wine

First National Bank in Trinidad

Grandote Peaks Golf

H's Place Gallery & More

Judith Designs

La Veta Mercantile

La Veta Pines RV Park

Mountain Merman Brewing

Nancy J. Carroll PhotographER

R.A.I. Enterprises

Rebecca Leigh Designs

Sammie's Campground

Scot Mangold, Private Chef

Shalawalla Gallery & Gift Shop

South Central Council of Governments

Spanish Peaks Art

Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center

The Lofts Downtown

Watercourse Foods

World Journal





WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN 2023

Restore & Preserve Public Spaces.

- Maintain 41 miles of trails and 20 acres of open space/parks in Huerfano County.
- Organize 100 Volunteer Stewards for 17 project sites in La Veta, Walsenburg, Gardner, and the Spanish Peaks Wilderness Area.
- Remove invasive plants in the four open space areas linked to the planned Cucharas River Trail.

Add New or Improve Existing Recreational Amenities.

- Construct a new section with trees and benches of the School Nature Trail to reduce the grade so more people feel welcome to use the trail.
- Add RE-1's Path to the Walsenburg trail map and the La Veta Trails website.
- Facilitate the Town of La Veta's application to Colorado Parks and Wildlife and GOCO to design and construct the Cucharas River Trail and adjacent recreation amenities,
- Construct a new playground and other amenities with interpretative signs and recreation connectivity in partnership with the Town of La Veta and the La Veta Public Library.

Promote Outdoor Recreation.

- Publish a new user guide to the School Nature Trail that provides photos and descriptive details about the trail that will improve accessibility.
- Publish the 2023 Spanish Peaks Region Recreation and Trail Guide that will showcase La Veta, Cuchara, Gardner and Walsenburg as business and recreational hubs.
- Publish a Walsenburg trail map brochure for residents and visitors that features walking routes identified by Walsenburg residents and property owners.

Increase the number of people certified to work on Wilderness trails.

- Certify 8 people in First Aid/CPR through the La Veta Fire Protection District and crosscut saw operations through the U.S. Forest Service.

Host events.

- Follow us on Facebook for events www.facebook.com/lavetatrails.org.

Increase business partnerships to improve and expand outdoor recreation in the Spanish Peaks region.

- Launch a Business Sponsor Program to expand parks and trails in Huerfano County and publish a Spanish Peaks Region Recreation and Trail Guide.
- Forge partnerships to grow the outdoor recreation industry in Huerfano County.

**HELP US ACHIEVE OUR
2023 PLANS BY MAKING A DONATION.**

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