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The American Discovery 250 Relay & Other Activities on the Discovery Trail

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The American Discovery Trail

Making connections coast-to-coast



Dear Julie,

This Saturday is National Trails Day, and if you are able and so inclined, please get out and go for a walk, run or ride. The trees have "leafed out" and the crops have been planted, so you will be amazed how different it is out there as compared to March or April. Depending on where you live, also be sure to bring your best tick and bug repellent as our little friends are out too.

Starting on July 1 -- and for the subsequent 140 days -- the American Discovery 250 Relay will head east along the American Discovery Trail with daily stops along the way to celebrate our history and commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The three relay batons (above) say "Life", "Liberty", and "Pursuit of Happiness". Interested in walking, running or riding with a baton on a specific section of the trail? We still have openings in each of the 15 states that host the trail. [Sign up here.](#)

During this adventure, we will be posting photos, videos, and stories via [our Facebook page](#) so you will be able to follow virtually from home as an "armchair explorer". Viewers will

experience the full range of ecosystems and communities: the mountains and deserts of the west, the farmlands of the mid-west, the forests of the Appalachians, major rivers, and some big cities too.

Over 100 local entities have reached out about sponsoring/ hosting a gathering when the relay is in town or passing through. Please contact Dave Whitson if you would like to help, such as host a breakfast/ lunch/ or dinner, organize a hand-shake with the mayor, provide overnight camping/ accommodation, etc. One group plans to put out 250 flags along their section of the trail.

Walkers, runners, bikers, disabled veterans, outing clubs, equestrians, retirees, elementary school kids, college students, employees of local businesses, and all sorts of others are welcome to join. There will be gatherings and events all along the way -- Washington, DC, seven state capitals and other cities plus college towns and rural communities.

If you have any questions about the relay - participating, sponsoring, hosting events, etc. - send them to relay@discoverytrail.org.

Happy Trails!

Eric S. Howard, Executive Director

P.S. Annual memberships and gifts make it possible for us to provide assistance to users and to promote the trail at the local, national and even international level. [Click here to join.](#)



Updates:

1. National Trails Day: Held on the first Saturday of June, this annual event was launched years ago by the American Hiking Society -- the same entity that created the Discovery Trail in 1990-91. The AHS Website has a map showing scores of events in all 50 states that are open and available to you, including some events that are on the ADT.

2. Our Spring Newsletter: Our newsletter is one way that we tell the world about the world's second longest trail. Edited by our board president, it is available online. It includes updates on route changes in Nebraska and California and stories about horseshoe crabs, overnight accommodation while using the trail, the legacy of Mike Reynolds, and hiking in wolf country.

3. Free Downloads of the Route: Thanks to a generous contribution from Indiana Trails, you can download the complete route for free. Since the first of the year nearly 1,000 people have requested the data, and you can too! (the download link). A basic overview of the entire route (walking or biking) is also viewable online at www.discoverytrail.org/adtroute.

4. Corporate and Institutional Partners: Many thanks to the businesses, tourism boards, public agencies, chambers, family foundations, and other entities that have made donations and in-kind contributions to support our coast-to-coast mission. If you would like to be a partner or sponsor of the Society or the Relay, please contact us at info@discoverytrail.org or 800-663-ADTS (800-663-2387).

5. Outreach: Please forward this email to friends who enjoy the outdoors and may wish to get involved in the Relay.



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