World Trails Conference

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The World Trails Conference has established itself since 2010 as the world's internationally representative gathering place for the global trails industry. The conference focuses on addressing emerging trends, best practices and on sharing up-to-date information and experiences about trails from around the world. Championing cooperation and networking for sustainable development and management of quality trails. The conference promotes trail tourism and trail destinations that deliver lifestyle benefits to local communities and inspire custodianship of nature and unlock regional economic opportunities. The conference is a showcase platform for the rich diversity of trails of the world and a chance for all trail related industries to share insights and inspiration to make the world a better place through trails.



History of World Trails Conference

Conference name	Date	Venue
6th World Trails Conference in Tottori	October 14~17, 2016	Tottori Prefecture, Japan
5th World Trails Conference	January 15~17, 2015	Jeju Island, Korea
4th World Trails Conference	January 15~17, 2014	Jeju Island, Korea
3th World Trails Conference	October 29~31, 2012	Jeju Island, Korea
2nd World Trails Conference	November 7~9, 2011	Jeju Island, Korea
1st World Trails Conference	November 7~9, 2010	Jeju Island, Korea

World Trails Network

World Trails Network (WTN)

The World Trails Network is an international Non-Profit Association based in Geneva, Switzerland. We strive to connect the diverse trails of the world to promote the creation, enhancement, and protection of outstanding trail experiences. We bring trail associations, trail users and all people passionate about the outdoors together from around the world to foster global collaboration and networking for the betterment of the world's trails.



• World Trails Network (WTN) Main Programs

The World Trails Network fosters global collaboration and networking among all trail types that serve to connect people with nature, the outdoors and cultural heritage around the world. The Network encourages: care for the environment, sustainable development practice, sharing best management practices and trail research, a commitment to quality experiences, connections with communities, accuracy of information, promotion of cross-marketing opportunities, sharing the common values trails unlock, promoting active lifestyles in the outdoors and nature.

Members of World Trails Network Committee

The members of the World Trails Network Committee are all volunteers and host a monthly online conference call meeting tasked with taking the five focus areas of action forward.

●1st World Trails Network Committee Members (October 2012 ~ January 2014)

Chair Person	Galeo Saintz (Rim of Africa)
Sub-Committee - Knowledge and Resource Sharing	Robert Searns (American Trails) Laura Belleville (Appalachian Trail Conservancy) Hui Jung (Korea Trails Association)
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Asia Trails Network

Asia Trails Network (ATN)

The Asia Trails Network was officially established in January 2014. It aims to share trail issues and common value and take the initiative in building a sustainable development of trail industry through knowledge sharing and an effective cross-promotional platform for trails, the creation of a healthy walking travel culture, the protection of natural resources and the implementation of corporate marketing. The lead organizations of trail and walking associations in Asia are playing a key role to establish the global trail network.

Asia Trails Network Main Programs

- · Campaign for natural resources preservation
- · Knowledge sharing and an effective cross promotional platform for trails
- \cdot Improving the quality of life and fitness in the community through trails
- · Building healthy walking culture and increasing walking tour
- · Implementing a corporate marketing and promotion
- · Various events including international trails conference with World Trails Network

Joint Projects

• Asia Trails Network Passport

Asia Trails Network Passport is a travel certificate for the hikers who visit the trail routes in Asian countries. You can use this Asia Trails Network Passport on the Asia Trails Network membership trail routes. Don't forget to get at least one stamp at the designated place on each trail. You can get a small gift when you visit each Asia Trails Network membership trail having this passport and the completion certificate will be given after you visit every trail.

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Asia Trails Conference

Asia Trails Conference is a global walking event of Asian trail organizations with hikers from all over the world. People walk together and enjoy nature and culture of the local community, diverse performances and local food during the conference and also share up-to-date trail information. Asia Trails Conference is held biennially in different trail and country, affiliating with other representative walking event in Asia

- 1st Asia Trails Conference Date/Place: November 2014 / Jeju, Korea Affiliated Event: 2014 Jeju Olle Walking Festival (www.ollewalking.co.kr)
- 2nd Asia Trails Conference Date/Place: October 2015/ Tottori Prefecture, Japan
 - Affiliated Event: 2015 Walking Festival in Tottori/Asia Trails Conference
- 3rd Asia Trails Conference Date/Place: 2017/Undecided







The 6th World Trails Conference in Tottori: List of Participating Organizations

(Asia)

China

China Volkssport Association/Bailuwan Wetland - Jinjiang Greenway Jilin Provincial Government Mountain Journey China/National Trails System (NTS)

Japan

Japan Long Trail Association Japan Nordic Walk League/Japan Nordic Walk Premier League Japan Walking Association Kyushu Olle Certification Council/Kyushu Olle Nature Conservation Division, Kagoshima Prefectural Government/Amami World Natural Heritage Trail (tentative name) (Courses TBD) Mirai (Specified NPO)/ Walking Resort Tottori Sanin Kaigan Geopark Trail Council/Sanin Kaigan Geopark Trail Tanabe City Kumano Tourism Bureau/Kumano Kodo Walking Shikoku Association/Shikoku O-Henro

Nepal

Samarth - Nepal Market Development Programme/Great Himalaya Trails

Republic of Korea

Daegu Green Consumer's Network/Daegu Olle Gangwon Provincial Government, Gangwon Convention & Visitors Bureau NPO Gubee Gil/Gubee Gil Gutgosipeun Busan Corporation/Galmaetgil Trail (Busan Metropolitan City) Jeju Olle Foundation/Jeju Olle Korea Walking Federation Naepo Trail/Naepo Trail The Pathway Foundation/Jirisantrail TYTREKKING Yeoju Yeogang NPO/Yeogang River Trail

Russian Federation

Public organization League of walking «Ginseng» Primorsky region/League of walking «Ginseng» LLC "portal Sezonov" LLC "ROZintur" LLC Vladsportservice

Taiwan

The Thousand Miles Trail Association, Taiwan/Thousand Miles Trail of Taiwan

Turkey

Turkey's Culture Routes Society/Turkey's Culture Routes Society

[Europe]

Denmark

European Ramblers' Association/European long distance trails E1-E12

Greece

Paths of Greece/Kythera Hiking

Ireland

Clare-Getsidetracked/Lough Avalla Farm Loop

Spain

S.A. de Xestión do Plan Xacobeo/Turismo de Galicia/Camino de Santiago (St. James Way)

Switzerland

World Trails Network

[Africa]

South Africa

Rim of Africa/Rim of Africa Trail

[North America]

Canada

The Bruce Trail Conservancy/Bruce Trail

Costa Rica

Alliance for the Sendero Pacífico/Sendero Pacífico

Republic of Panama

Fundación Caminando Panama

United States

American Trails/ American Trails Hut2Hut.info PBR Hawaii & Associates, Inc. State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Na Ala Hele, Trails and Access Program State of Hawaii Na Ala Hele Trail and Access Program

[South America]

Brazil WWF Brazil

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Participation group summary

Asia •

China

China Volkssport Association

Bailuwan Wetland - Jinjiang Greenway

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China Volkssport Association (CVA)/Beijing Today Walk Center was established in 2002, and joined the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV) in 2004 as the representative of China. CVA is in charge of IVV operation in China.

Four major activities of CVA: Large-scale international walking events, walking tours, trail development, and outdoor walking education/training

Official website: www.chinawalking.net.cn

Established an international standard trail for walking tours in Kanas, China in 2016.

CVA will share knowledge and make improvement with counterparts from around the world while helping each other in the fields of walking tours, trail development, outdoor walking education and training.

Mountain Journey China

National Trails System (NTS)

(2014/2015/2016)



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The National Trails System (NTS) has planned and designed 14 trails in China from 2009 up to the present. The trails cover wide areas nationwide, including the provinces of Zhejiang, Shandong and Sichuan and covering a total of 1,600 km in length. NTS is made up of the following:

URL www.ntscn.net

- 1. Road surface system
- 2. Safety system (Including emergency aid system)
- 3. Environmental conservation system
- 4. Service system

NTS continues its efforts to develop better trails, and to provide all travelers with an environment ensuring safety, health, and opportunities for scientific study.

Japan



The Japan Long Trail Association (Specified NPO) aims to popularize long trails in Japan, develop and maintain sustainable trails that attract many visitors both from Japan and abroad via mutual publication and information exchange with trail management organizations nationwide, and contribute to promote tourism in each region. At present, 18 trails (including those under development) are registered as members, and the total length exceeds 1,800 km.

Japan Nordic Walk League

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(2016)

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The League's establishment was inspired by the IVV Olympiad held in Japan in May 2009. It was the first time the event was held in Asia. The League has established its unique teaching method based on exercise intensity, and carries out activities throughout Japan with the purpose of "raising public awareness of the northern European walking style that is beneficial to all people." It has over 3,500 certified trainers, and has established a new concept of Medical Nordic Walking in April 2016 to further enhance the field of activities as a savior in the super-aging society. Fifty-six events as part of the JNW Premier League are held nationwide, which contribute to the tourism promotion of each region.

Japan Walking Association

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A student of Waseda University who walked across North America and his friends established the Japan Walking Association as Aruke Aruke no Kai ("Walk Walk Association") in Tokyo in October 1964 at the time of the Tokyo Olympics.

The major activities are: practice and promotion of walking, popularizing ideas about nature conservation ideas, health enhancement, hosting walking events as part of the health enhancement activity, and training and qualifying certified trainers. The association works in cooperation with walking associations in each prefecture.

Kyushu Olle Certification Council

Kyushu Olle

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(2011/2012/2014/2015/2016)



Kyushu Olle was created in cooperation with Jeju Olle Trail. Kyushu Olle Certification Council was founded in February 2014 to maintain and manage the brand of each course, as well as to promote each brand independently and exchange information amongst regions included in Kyushu Olle. The hikers can feel the culture and history of each area, as well as the surrounding landscape it has.

Nature Conservation Division, Kagoshima Prefectural Government

Amami World Natural Heritage Trail (tentative name) (Courses TBD)

(2016)

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Kagoshima Prefecture, in cooperation with its municipalities, is working on the selection of long trail courses that connect the Amami Islands, the candidate areas for World Natural Heritage to each other.

The prefecture and its citizens are in the process of selecting courses where visitors can experience the unique attractions of Amami, such as subtropical forests, mangroves, white sand beaches and houses that feature stone walls made of coral.

The selection of courses started in 2016, and the courses will be sequentially opened to the public when established.

Mirai (Specified NPO)

Walking Resort Tottori

(2011/2012/2014/2015/2016)



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Mirai was established in January 2004 and is in operation under the principle of "creating a future for the community and children." Mirai is promoting regional revitalization based on walking and healthcare, believing that the effects of walking will energize Tottori. It has set a goal of creating a "walking resort" in Japan ("walking resort" is a concept developed by Mirai). Setting "SUN-IN Mirai Walk" as the main event, Mirai widely introduces walking courses where people can enjoy the beautiful and relaxing places that Tottori has to offer.

Sanin Kaigan Geopark Trail Council

Sanin Kaigan Geopark Trail

(2016)

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The Sanin Kaigan Geopark features many spots blessed with beautiful nature, rich culture, history and delicious food, and is the best place for eco-tourism and sports tourism. The Sanin Kaigan Geopark Trail Council was established in July 2015, and set the 40.7 km course focusing on "Japan's No. 1" Tottori Sand Dunes and Uradome Kaigan Coast boasting highly transparent sea water. On the long trail route in the Sanin Kaigan Geopark, visitors can not only see process of the formation of the Sea but also enjoy marine activities.

Tanabe City Kumano Tourism Bureau

Kumano Kodo

(2014/2015/2016)



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For over 1000 years people from all levels of society, including retired emperors and aristocrats, have made the arduous pilgrimage to Kumano. These pilgrims used a network of routes, now called the Kumano Kodo, which stretched across the mountainous Kii Peninsula in Japan. In July 2004, the Kumano Kodo pilgrimage routes were registered as UNESCO World Heritage as part of the 'Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Routes in the Kii Mountain Range'.

Nepal

Samarth - Nepal Market Development Programme

• Great Himalaya Trails

(2012/2014/2016)



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Great Himalaya Trails (GHT) is a network of trails that makes it possible to hike across hills and mountains in Nepal. From Humla and Darchula in the West to Kanchenjunga in the East, through popular trekking areas of Everest and Annapurna to the more secluded treks in Dolpa and Makalu Barun, GHT is the banner that covers trails across the entire Himalaya range in Nepal.

Republic of Korea

Daegu Green Consumer's Network

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(2014/2015/2016)

The Daegu Olle team of the NGO Daegu Green Consumer's Network established eight regular courses and four courses connecting them to Mount Palgongsan during the period from 2008 to 2012. The Network has managed the total 12 courses up to the present. Daegu Olle offers distinctive courses with Seasonal attractions and various challenge levels, which means that everyone can enjoy them. Representative courses include Palgongsan Daegu Olle No. 6 Course, starting from Bullo-dong Tumuli that has over 214 old burial mounds formed in the period of the Three States, and Palgongsan Daegu Olle No. 1 Course (Bukjijangsa Temple Course) that can brag about its beautiful pine forests and barrier-free facilities easily by baby stroller and wheelchair users. Palgongsan Daegu Olle No. 7 and No. 8 periods foot provide the part of the templer with an old queits temperature. courses feature calm temples with an old quaint atmosphere, where visitors can, in summer, enjoy the shade of trees that block the sunlight and refreshing streams.

NPO Gubee Gil

Gubee Gil

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In 2012, NPO 'Gubee Gil' was established by 20 opinion leaders in the community to develop walking routes for health and healing, happiness and memories mixed with legends, folk stories, history remains, ecology including the history of Wonju, the center of six hundred years of history Gangwon-do. A preliminary set of 15 courses for a total of 280km of walking route is being developed. The installation of signage and trail infrastructure is demanded from the local government in 2015. The characteristics of the routes as the name suggests 'Gubee Gil' are beautiful landscapes, relaxed atmospheres with romantic ideals, diverse paths and food items, and memories. The organization aims to provide visitors with these aspects. Wonju is located one-hour away from the capital and will be a host city of the Winter Olympics in 2018 so that there is a strong likelihood of a popular place for hikers. It has an outstanding surrounding for walking like Namhan-Gang River, Seom-Gang River and ChiaKsan Mt.

Gutgosipeun Busan Corporation

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Gutgosipeun Busan Corporation announced in October 2009 that they would create Busan Galmaetgil Trail as part of a movement to advocate walking and manage the Trail's software program. The movement has subsequently played an important role in helping Busan to become a "clean" city by increasing the popularity of walking. Galmaetgil Trail is a coinage with 'Galmaegi'(Sea gull) which is the symbolic bird of Busan and 'gil'(Road). The group's logo derives its shape from a Chinese character and it contains the images of mountains, rivers and seas in Busan. The logo was selected through a public contest in May 24th 2009. There are 9 courses and 20 side tracks in Galmaetgil Trail, which makes up 263.8km in total and an adult will take roughly 86 hours to walk across the whole track.

Jeju Olle Foundation

Jeju Olle

(2010/2011/2012/2014/2015/2016)



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As the walking trail that best represents Korean, the Jeju Olle Trail is a exquisite trekking course along the coast of Jeju Island. It has 26 courses for a total of 425km as of the August 2016 since it has started its first course on September 2007. The Jeju Olle Trail is the No. 1 destination for the Korean people and was selected as the 'Star of Korean Tour Industry Events' (2010) by The Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Tourism and the Korea Tourism Organization. It was also awarded "The Seven Events of the 2010-2012 Visit Korea Year' (2012), recognizing it as Korea's top tour brand, 'Ist International Trail Awards' (2013), 'Jeju Tourism Grand Prize'(2014), '5th Yumin Awards' (2014) and has gained a reputation for being a perfect example increasing public awareness of a healthy hiking culture.





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Korea Walking Federation

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The Korea Walking Federation is the only organization in Korea certified by the International Marching League/ Walking Association (IML WA). It is also a member of the Association for International Sport for All (TAFISA), which has 250 member organizations from 154 countries worldwide. The federation has hosted the Wonju International Walking Festival held in Wonju City, Korea, as well as the National Walking Festival and the Korea Walking Grand Slam. It has 14 affiliate leagues throughout Korea. The federation also provides training sessions for walking trainers and plays a leading role in the national walking movement.

Naepo Trai

Naepo Trai

(2011/2012/2014/2015/2016)



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Launched in January 2010, Naepo Trail Foundation is a non-profit organization that manages and maintains Naepo Trail developed between 2010 to 2013 by the private and public cooperation organizations. These organizations consist of 4 local governments in Naepo area (Seosan, Dangjin, Yesan and Hongseong), Central Regional Forest Service and Sudeoksa in the private sector. There are four themed trail; 'Wonhyoggaedaleumuigil', 'Baekjibuheungg il', 'Cheonjukyosullegil', 'Naepoyeoksainmuldonghakgil'. In addition, one of the courses, 'Cheonjukyosullegil', is more well-known for Pope Francis has visited the area in 2014. Naepo Trail was developed to prevent reckless land development and make the community more beautiful. The Trail is 320km long with 24 main routes and 2 side routes.

The Pathway Foundation

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(2010/2011/2012/2014/2015/2016)



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The Jirisantrail is aiming to realize the aspirations of a village community and is the road of retrospection and recollection proposed by the pilgrims who made 'Life and Peace' a topic in 2004. The trail is 295 km long with 22 looped sections and passes through 3 provinces (Jeollanam-do & Jeollabuk-do, Gyeongsangnam-do), 1 city and 4 counties (Gurye-gun, Namwon-si, Snacheong-gun, Hadong-gun, Hamyang-gun). The Pathway Foundation operates 8 information centers that provide information needed by visitors and assist the management of the trails. The Foundation has earned the support of 5 local autonomous entities, Jirisan National Park, main agents of the public institutions, as well as the commitment of visitors and locals. The Foundation offers various programs; a walking festival, youth place-based education, self-healing program for the disadvantaged and other pilgrimage programs. It cultivates the culture for a safer, sustainable and mature society.

TYTREKKING

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This coalition is a non-profit organization which intends to show Tongyeong, the city of history, culture and art, by walking. Tongyeong is a town that has produced many artists, cherished beautiful stories here and there along with splendid landscapes, culture and art. There are 526 islands in Tongyeong, which embrace the blue archipelago, and it is the place for walking along the blue sea while listening to mountain birds singing. TYTREKKING has been supervising a small-scale walking event since September 2011, and it wishes to walk with citizens to explore the pretty roads in every corner of Tongyeong. It constantly looks out for physical environments for walking such as the walking condition of Tonyeong and cultural assets and signboards to substantialize the life of happy walking. In 2004, The Craftsmen's Way was created and it will be implemented permanently in the future.

Yeoju Yeogang NPO

Yeogang River Trail

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The nonprofit organization 'Yeogang River Trail' works to realize a win-win society which enables the recovery of humans' and nature's health by spreading the importance and greatness of Namhangang's (river) history and culture, ecology, preserving and using them as cultural assets.

'Yeogang' means "Namhangang which goes through Yeoju". Yeoju people have strong affection for the river as they call it YG. Yeogang River Trail is located in Yeoju-gun, Gyeonggi and it becomes to represent the idea of rivers. Yeoju, Yeonggi-do is located in the capital area and its geographic features allow trekkers to cross the heart of the region. Although the origins are not clear, Yeoju has been closely related to the river, the basis of life from the past to now.

Russian Federation

Public organization League of walking «Ginseng» Primorsky region (2016)League of walking «Ginseng»



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This is the only organization for walking in former Soviet Union and Russia, and has promoted walking as a new sport to maintains health since 1990. It has been in operation in the fields of sports, health, ecology, tourism, extreme sports and hiking for 26 years.

Out of the uniquely developed 93 hiking routes in the Primorsky region, 33 routes received gold awards. Fifteen routes were recognized as Primorsky's best product in 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2005; 14 routes were selected as Russia's best 100 products in 2002, 2003 and 2005 and received 52 prizes of various kinds.

Taiwan

The Thousand Miles Trail Association, Taiwan

Thousand Miles Trail of Taiwan

(2015/2016)



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The Thousand Miles Trail Association, Taiwan is engaged in the conservation of beautiful scenery of mountains and sea, as well as human historical heritage. In 2006, it started grass-roots activities with regional communities and volunteers, and later completed an over 3,000 km circular trail across the island of Taiwan. To maintain natural trails and prevent the extension of cemented trails, the Association has been training trail volunteers, conducting research on the pavement condition of suburban mountain trails, and promoting trail studies. In urban areas, the Association is promoting green belts and natural paths. In suburban mountains around regional communities, the Association focuses on the promotion of citizens' participation in trail-related activities and environmental conservation.

Turkey



Turkey's Culture Routes Society is a non-profit organization linking Culture Routes working groups throughout Turkey. It has an office and small shop in central Antalya. Currently, the Society manages 17 varied trails, ranging from 120km to 600km in length, and 4 clusters of one-day walking courses.

— Europe

Denmark

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(2012/2014/2015/2016)

(2014/2015/2016)

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Kythera

PathsofGreece

Hiking

ERA was founded in 1969. ERA has 55 member organisations from 33 European countries. The newest members come from the South-Eastern corner of Europe, where walking is not only relevant for the health of the population, but also as a very important touristic activity.

ERA represents 3,000,000 organised and millions of non-organised walkers in Europe.Most of the member organisations have long experience in organising and creating conditions to facilitate walking (waymarking, construction of huts etc.) and in arranging activities for the members. Some of them have been in existence for more than one hundred years.

Greece

Kythera Hiking

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Path of Greece is a social co-operative enterprise that specializes in the development and international promotion of hiking trail networks all over Greece. It is the only company of its kind in the whole country. It was founded in 2010, and has developed since a large amount of hiking trails in different areas of the country.

Ireland



downloadable mapcards, links to guides and up and coming outdoor events. The brand is managed by Eoin Hogan the Rural Recreation Officer for Clare Local development Company, the rural development company for the county.



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Camino de Santiago (St. James Way)

(2014/2016) (2011/2012/2016)



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The Camino de Santiago is an European pilgrimage route to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela wherethe Apostle St. James the Elder was buried. It is a trail that has 1,200 years of pilgrimage history. The northern trail starts from Paris, France and crosses from the east to the west of Spain, for about 900 kilometers. Along with the John Muir Trail of the United States and the West Coast Trail of Canada, the Camino de Santiago is also one of the world's top three trails that are often called the 'Dreams of Walkers.'

Africa

South Africa

Rim of Africa

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(2012/2014/2015/2016)



Rim of Africa Cope Mountains and Trails initiative

Cederberg to Outeniqua

The Rim of Africa is a long distance trails and mountains initiative traversing the length of the Cape Mountains from the famed Cederberg Wilderness in the North to the Outeniqua Mountains in the East. Walking the Rim of Africa, or a section thereof, is an opportunity to discover the grandeur and unique biodiversity of this region of South Africa. Follow the tracks of leopards or enjoy some of the 9,000 different plant species during the annual trail season

North America

• Canada

The Bruce Trail Conservancy
Bruce Trail
(2010/2011/2)

(2010/2011/2012/2014/2015/2016)

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The Bruce Trail Conservancy is a charitable organization committed to establishing a conservation corridor containing a public footpath along the Niagara Escarpment, in order to protect its natural ecosystems and to promote environmentally responsible public access to this UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve. The Bruce Trail is the oldest and longest continuous footpath in Canada.lt runs along the Niagara Escarpment from Niagara to Tobermory, spanning more than 885 km of main trail and 400 km of side trails.



Costa Rica

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(2016)

The Sendero Pacífico in Costa Rica is a freely accessible network of trails and hiking huts between the Monteverde Cloud Forest and mangroves in the Gulf of Nicoya. Located in the Bellbird Biological Corridor, trails pass through a mosaic of natural habitats, land uses and rural communities. Values of the trail include: recreation, education, conservation, and community development.

Republic of Panama



Caminando Panama believes that by getting more Panamanians outdoors we can help create a healthier and environmentally conscious country. Hence, we work to foster and strengthen Panama's trail-based outdoor community through special events, sharing basic trail information, and helping develop new routes that directly benefit local rural communities.

United States

American Trails

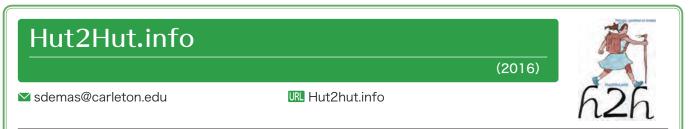
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URL www.americantrails.org

American Trails is a national nonprofit organization in the United States that has been working for 28 years to serve as a forum and a catalyst to improve the quality of life for all Americans by pursuing, preserving, protecting, and providing access to a national infrastructure of trails, greenways, and blueways that benefit all trail users and activities.



Hut2Hut.info conducts research and produces articles and other information concerning trails and the accommodations systems provided for long distance walkers, skiers, bikers, etc. using trails. We study accommodations along trails that cater to walkers, e.g. huts, hostels, B&B's, platform tents, hotels, temples, etc. We also write trip reports about trails around the world for people looking for interesting walks.

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PBR Hawaii & Associates, Inc.

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We are not a NGO, but a private land planning and landscape architecture firm that designs both trails and parks. Projects on our website include Puna Moku Coastal Trail Heritage Signage; Ko Olina Shoreline Park Improvements; Haena State Park Master Plan; Kahanu Garden Master Plan; Kukio Anchaline Pond Management Plan.

State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Na Ala Hele, Trails and Access Program

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"Na Ala Hele" is the State of Hawai'i Trail and Access Program. It was established in 1988 in response to public concern about the loss of public access to certain trails and the threat to historic trails from development pressure. Na Ala Hele has become increasingly engaged in trail management and regulatory issues due to both public and commercial recreational activities and emerging legal issues.

Brazil

WWF Brazil

URL www.wwf.org.br

South America

WWF is setting up an innovative model to support protected areas through building a movement driven by people and enabled by technology - to engage new citizens in this agenda.

This umbrella project will connect four States in Brazil, through a long distance trail of 3,000 km, to align landscape protection with territorial development - a new global movement to sustain parks and improve human health. This event aims to strengthen the project through exchanging experiences between other countries with similar experiences, highlighting innovative approaches in support of trails systems, including new funding models, online

platforms and public use support (specially for long distance trails), to boost society engagement in a long term perspective, and to share practical experiences from other countries.





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Australia

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Bibbulmun Track Foundation

Bibbulmun Track

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The Bibbulmun Track in Western Australia stretches 1,000 km through some of the most beautiful and wild areas of the south west of Australia which is one of the world's biodiversity hotspots.

Passing through nine rural towns and many popular scenic spots, walkers can enjoy day walks and the hospitality of local accommodation or embark on a six to eight week hike from end-to-end.

The Bibbulmun Track Foundation is a community based not-for-profit organization which was established to help the Department of Parks and Wildlife with the management, maintenance and marketing of the Track.

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The Department of Parks and Wildlife manages more than 400 trails in Western Australia, a huge state of 2.6 million km², about the size of Western Europe, with more than 12,500km of coast line. Some of the trails can be found on the Trails WA website. One of the more well-known is the Cape to Cape Track, which traverses 125km of the Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park between the Cape Naturaliste and Leeuwin light houses, overlooking the adjoining Ngari Capes Marine Park from spectacular sweeping cliff-top views and stretches of pristine beach. The other major walking trail is the Bibbulmun Track.



* As of September 9

