



# National Water Trails System

ONLINE APPLICATION



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## National Water Trails System Application Form

**Please note:** You have **one hour** to complete this webpage before you are automatically logged out by the server. Once you submit this page, you may return and edit it later by logging back into your account. It is recommended that you prepare your trail description ahead of time and paste it into the appropriate field(s).

### Section 1 of 7: Trail Information

#### BASIC TRAIL INFORMATION

**Trail Name**

**Agency**  **2nd:**

**Trail Location**

examples: "In Granden State Park near Springfield, IA." or "Railtrail that connects Millerville with Fort Clarendon along the south shore of the Blue River northwest of Clark City."

#### Mapping Information

Please provide the information below. Provide a latitude and longitude coordinate that is representative of your water trail. This could be at the center of your trail or at any other location along the trail. This information will be used to create a map "pin" of your trail to be included on the NWTS website, if the trail is designated.

**Latitude**

**Longitude**

**Directions to Trail**

example: "From Springfield, take SR 897 west c. 6 miles to Park entrance." or "Many access points between Tampa and Fort Myers off of US 36."

**City(ies) / Township(s) crossed by the trail:**   
Separate multiple cities/townships with commas: Chicago, Oak Park, Forest Park

**County(ies)**   
Separate multiple Counties with commas: Klamath, Lane

**State(s)**   
Abbreviations only  
Separate multiple States with commas: CA, OR, WA

**Congressional District(s)**   
Separate multiple Districts with commas: 1, 3. Specify State abbreviations for trails that span multiple States: OR-1, WA-3

**Short Description of Trail**

A quick "snapshot" for news releases, 75 words is the recommended maximum.

**Long Description of Trail**

For use on the NRT website. 500-800 words recommended. State how your trail is nationally significant, what sets your trail apart from others. Highlight the trail's main features, emphasizing such factors as connection with other trails, health and fitness benefits, youth involvement, service to diverse communities and urban populations, innovation, quality of design and construction, maintenance plan, cost-effective management strategies, partnerships and support, outstanding resources, and even relevant art installations and interpretive facilities and services. As appropriate, describe the trail's history and evaluation including concept, layout, partnerships, historic uses, political issues, and special events. Also describe current management direction: protection, safety program, maintenance, rules and regulations, signs, and associated recreation features.

#### TRAIL DETAILS

**Length of Trail Open to Public Use:**  Miles  Loop?

**Other Designations**  Additional National Designations  
 Additional State Designations

**Allowed Uses**  Boating, Motorized  
Check all that apply  Boating, non-motorized: Canoeing  
 Boating, non-motorized: Kayaking  
 Boating, non-motorized: Rafting  
 Boating, non-motorized: Sailing  
 Boating, non-motorized: Tubing  
 Camping  
 Fishing  
 Heritage and History  
 Hunting  
 Ice Skating  
 Swimming  
 Swimming: Diving/Snorkeling  
 Swimming: Wading  
 Wildlife Observation

**Other Uses / Notes**

#### WATER TRAIL AND SURROUNDING SURFACES

Check all that apply  Water, rapids  
 Water, moderate moving  
 Water, slow moving  
 Water, still  
 Grass or vegetation  
 Rock, boulders  
 Rock, smooth  
 Snow or ice

#### VISITING AND FEES

**Open Dates** Enter mm/dd to mm/dd Open From  /  to  /   Open All Year

**Times of Operation**  Open 24 Hours  
Open From  to   Open Sunrise to Sunset

**Seasonal Closures**

**Fees** \$  Admission Fee  
\$  Parking Fee  
\$  Permit Fee

**Accessibility Information Available?**  Trailhead signage  Brochure  Website Other:

**Visiting and Fee Notes**

or



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#### Best Practice 1 of 8: Mission Statement

Please provide a mission statement for your water trail that focuses on the seven BMP categories in this section. The mission statement will be used in press releases and on the NWTS website as a way to showcase the outstanding qualities of the water trail, if designated.

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#### Best Practice 2 of 8: Recreation Opportunities

The water trail route has established public access points that accommodate a diversity of trip lengths and levels of difficulty and provide access to a variety of opportunities for recreation and education. Please give details of how your trail addresses recreation: how many access points does the trail have, are there planned trips or events, and are different partners involved? Attach photos of access point.

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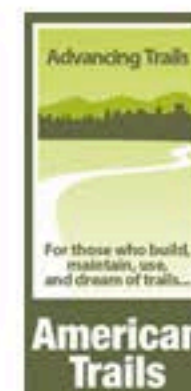
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#### Existing recreation documents:

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#### Add documents, one at a time:

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#### Best Practice 3 of 8: Education

The water trail users are provided with opportunities to learn about the value of water resources, cultural heritage and boating skills and outdoor ethics. Describe your educational opportunities. Attach schedules, curricula, events, etc.

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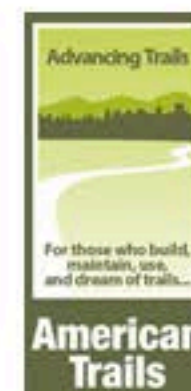
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#### Best Practice 4 of 8: Restoration

The water trail provides opportunities for communities to develop and implement strategies that enhance and restore the health of the local waterways and surrounding lands. Show activities that demonstrate stewardship and conservation along the trail. Attach pictures of work, press releases, plans, etc.

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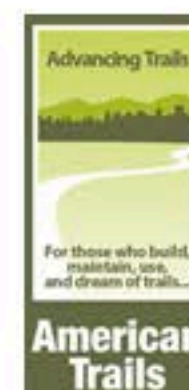
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#### Best Practice 5 of 8: Community Support

Local communities provide support and advocacy for the maintenance and stewardship of the water trail. Attach agreements for collaboration, strategies for community engagement, measurements or methods of measuring community engagement.

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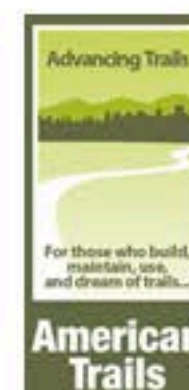
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#### Best Practice 6 of 8: Public Information

The public is provided with accessible and understandable water trail information, including details for identifying access and trail routes; cultural, historic, and natural features; hazards; and water quality and quantity. The water trail is promoted to the community and broad national audience. Attach copies of brochures, guides, maps, safety messages, pictures of signs, etc. Explain how the public finds out about your trail and how they get all the information they need.

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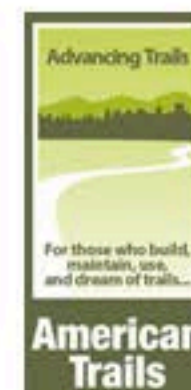
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#### Best Practice 7 of 8: Trail Maintenance

The water trail managers demonstrate ability to support routine and long-term maintenance investments on the water trail. Facilities are designed, constructed, and maintained by incorporating sustainability principles. Are there partnerships or collaborative for maintenance? Attach maintenance agreements. Is there a maintenance schedule? Please describe or attach.

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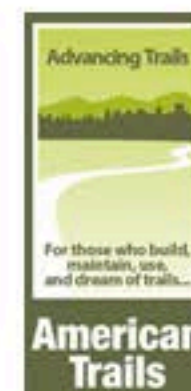
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#### Best Practice 8 of 8: Planning

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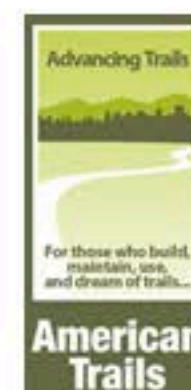
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## The National Recreation Trails Database Application for: Waters Edge Test Trail

### Section 3 of 7: Contact Information

If the trail is designated as an National Water Trail, the Trail Managing Agency or Organization will appear on the NWTS certificate, along with the trail's name. You will be given the opportunity to add additional contacts on the next page.

#### Applicant Contact Information

Trail Managing Agency or Organization	<input type="text"/>	e.g. Smith County Parks and Recreation
Agency Unit	<input type="text"/>	e.g. Jones Lake Park
Trail Manager's Name	First: <input type="text"/> Middle Initial: <input type="text"/> Last: <input type="text"/>	
Title	<input type="text" value="Mr."/>	
Position	<input type="text"/>	
Mailing Address	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	
City, State, Zip	<input type="text"/> Alabama <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>	
Street Address for deliveries (if different from Mailing Address)	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	
City, State, Zip	<input type="text"/> Alabama <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>	
Phone	<input type="text"/> Use format: (xxx) xxx-xxxx	
Fax	<input type="text"/> Use format: (xxx) xxx-xxxx	
Email	<input type="text"/>	
Website	<input type="text"/>	

#### Designation Letter

If the trail is designated as an NRT, a letter of designation will be delivered along with the NRT Certificate to the street address of the managing agency/organization. The **Trail Manager's** name will be on the letter. However, if you would like a different name (e.g. department head, mayor, president of the organization, etc.) and/or address to appear on the letter, please enter the information below.

Designation Letter Name	First: <input type="text"/> Middle Initial: <input type="text"/> Last: <input type="text"/>	
Title	<input type="text" value="Mr."/>	
Position	<input type="text"/>	
Street Address for Deliveries	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	
City, State, Zip	<input type="text"/> Alabama <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>	
Phone	<input type="text"/> Use format: (xxx) xxx-xxxx	

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### Section 3 of 7: Contact Information

**Are there multiple Managing Agencies or Organizations for this trail?**

Yes, enter another agency/organization

No, continue to the next page.

Note: You will be able given an opportunity to edit, add, or remove contacts before submitting the final application.

## The National Recreation Trails Database

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#### Section 3 of 7: Contact Information

##### Public Information Contact

Each trail must designate a public information contact. You may either select one of the managing agencies or organizations listed below or enter a new contact.

Select an existing contact:

Jack Mitchell, Water's Edge, llc.



Set as Public Information Contact

[Click here to enter a new contact.](#)



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### Section 4 of 7: Owner Consent and State Support

**Directions:** In this section, please upload the appropriate documents to address the following requirements if they apply to your trail:

1. All public and private property owners of trail lands or waters must give written consent to this application. (\*Not required if the applicant is the sole owner of the property).
2. Trails on State, local government, or private land (anything other than Federal) must have a statement of support from the State Trails Administrator/Coordinator.

#### Existing documents:

Type	Description/Note	Filename	Remove
None Available			

#### Add documents, one at a time:

##### Add a New Document for Waters Edge Test Trail

#### Select Document to Upload

Choose File no file selected *(.pdf, .doc, .docx Only)*

#### Type

Owner Written Consent

#### Description or Note

Upload This File

**Note:** Once all items have been uploaded (if required by your trail) continue by selecting a button below:

or



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### Section 5 of 7: Photo, Map, and Logo

**Directions:** In this section upload a photograph, trail map, and the trail's logo to be presented to the public. Additional photographs and maps may be uploaded in section 6.

**Step 1:** [Upload a photo](#)

**Step 2:** [Upload a map](#)

**Step 3:** [Upload a logo](#)

**Step 4:** [Continue to Section 6](#)



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Current Photo:

### Section 5 of 7: Primary Photo

**Directions:** In this section upload a photo that best represents your trail. The image should be **horizontal/landscape** in layout and in **jpg** format. The image will be compressed and resized after uploading. The image you select will be displayed to the end user online as a preview of your trail during searches.

### Step 1: Upload a photo:

Select Document to Upload

Choose File no file selected

(.jpg files only)

Photographer Name

Photo Caption

Upload Photo

Note: Photo upload may take up to five minutes, depending on file size and network speed. You will see a confirmation screen when upload is successful.

### Step 2:

Save and Continue

Save Draft and Exit

**Please Note:** When you upload a photo you affirm that you have secured the rights for the photo to be used for publicity and promotion of National Recreation Trails and are giving us permission to do so. This includes use on the websites of the NRT Program, American Trails, and cooperating agencies and organizations, as well as their noncommercial publications. This also includes use by Trails.com and ViewRanger in promotion of National Recreation Trails through agreements with American Trails. You retain all other rights to your photos.



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Current Map File:

### Section 5 of 7: Trail Map

**Directions:** In this section upload the map for your trail. PDF documents are preferred.

### Step 2: Upload a Map:

Select Document to Upload

Choose File no file selected

(.pdf or .jpg files only)

Upload Map

Note: Map upload may take up to five minutes, depending on file size and network speed. You will see a confirmation screen when upload is successful.

### Step 2: Return to previous page:

Save and Continue

Save Draft and Exit



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Current Logo File:

### Section 5 of 7: Trail Logo

**Directions:** In this section upload the logo for your trail. PDF documents are preferred.

#### Step 1: Upload a Logo:

Select Document to Upload

Choose File no file selected

(.pdf or .jpg files only)

Upload Logo

Note: Logo upload may take up to five minutes, depending on file size and network speed. You will see a confirmation screen when upload is successful.

#### Step 2:

Save and Continue

Save Draft and Exit





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### Section 6 of 7: Additional Supporting Materials (optional)

**Directions:** In this section you may upload more photos and maps, brochures, letters or resolutions of support, and additional websites.

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#### Existing Items:

Resource Type	Resource Desc	Resource URL/Filename	Remove
None Available			

### Add Resources, one at a time, with either form below:

#### Add a New Document for Waters Edge Test Trail

Select Document to Upload

Choose File no file selected

(.pdf, .doc, .docx, .jpg, .kml, .kmz document)

Type

Brochure

Description or Note

Add This Resource

#### Add a New Webpage for Waters Edge Test Trail

Website Address

Website Title

Add This Resource

**Note:** Once all items have been uploaded continue by selecting a button below:

Save and Continue to Final Step

or

Save Draft and Exit



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### Section 7 of 7: Print, Sign, and Upload the Signature Page

**Step 1.** [Download the signature page here.](#)

**Step 2.** Print, Sign and Scan the Signature page.

**Step 3.** Upload the signature page using the form below:


#### Upload Signature Page for Waters Edge Test Trail

Select Document to Upload

Choose File no file selected

(.pdf, .doc, .docx document)

Type

Signature Page 

Note

Upload Signature Page

Attaching the signature page will trigger submission of your application.