



2026 Oregon Recreational Trails Plan

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What is the Oregon Trails Plan?



Updated every 10 years



Supplements the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)



Identifies needs for recreational trails:

Non-motorized (hiking, biking, equestrian, nordic)

Motorized (ATV/OHV, snowmobile)

Water (non-motorized boating/paddling)



Recommends statewide actions & investments for ALL land managers and trail partners



Updates Recreational Trails Program (RTP) & ATV grant program scoring criteria

What's in the Plan?



**Oregon Recreational Trails
Plan: Sustaining Trails for All**



Chapter 1: Plan development process

Chapter 2: Oregon's trail network

Chapter 3: Trail use & trends

Chapter 4-5: Economic & health impacts

Chapter 6: Barriers to trail use

Chapter 7: Trail funding priorities

Chapter 8-9: Statewide & user-specific needs
& recommended actions

Chapter 10-11: Updated RTP and ATV grant criteria

Case Studies & Resource Toolkit

Draft Trails Toolkit available at: <https://bit.ly/RecreationToolkit>


Plan Development

- SCORP data
 - Representative pop. sample
- Trail partners survey
 - 192 responses
- Trail user survey
 - 4,295 responses
- Trail user focus groups
- Workshops



“Trails Plan Outreach Summary Report” available at: <https://tinyurl.com/ORTrails>

Trail Use & Trends

	Trail Use		Economic Impact		Health Impact	Fun Facts!
	% Residents Participating	Annual Activities	Annual Spending	Economic Value		
Non-Motorized Trails	80%	258 million 1-2 times/week	\$501 million (backpacking, skiing, biking only)	\$13.1 Billion	\$872 million	Walking/hiking = #1 outdoor activity for all demographics & #1 new activity during COVID
Motorized Trails	11%	9.7 million 29 times/year	\$276 million	\$581 million	\$51 million	ATV permit sales peaked in 2021, Snowmobile registrations peaked in 2006
Water Trails	21%	7.8 million 17 times/year	\$115 million	\$785 million	\$22 million	Top 3 new activity during COVID

“Oregon Trails: 2025-29 SCORP Summary Report” available at: <https://tinyurl.com/ORTrails>

Trail Use & Trends



TRIP
CHARACTERISTICS



PREFERRED
EXPERIENCES



ELECTRIC MOBILITY

Barriers to Trail Use



Transportation to recreation areas is difficult

Lack of accessible features for people with disabilities

Lack of information about accessible features

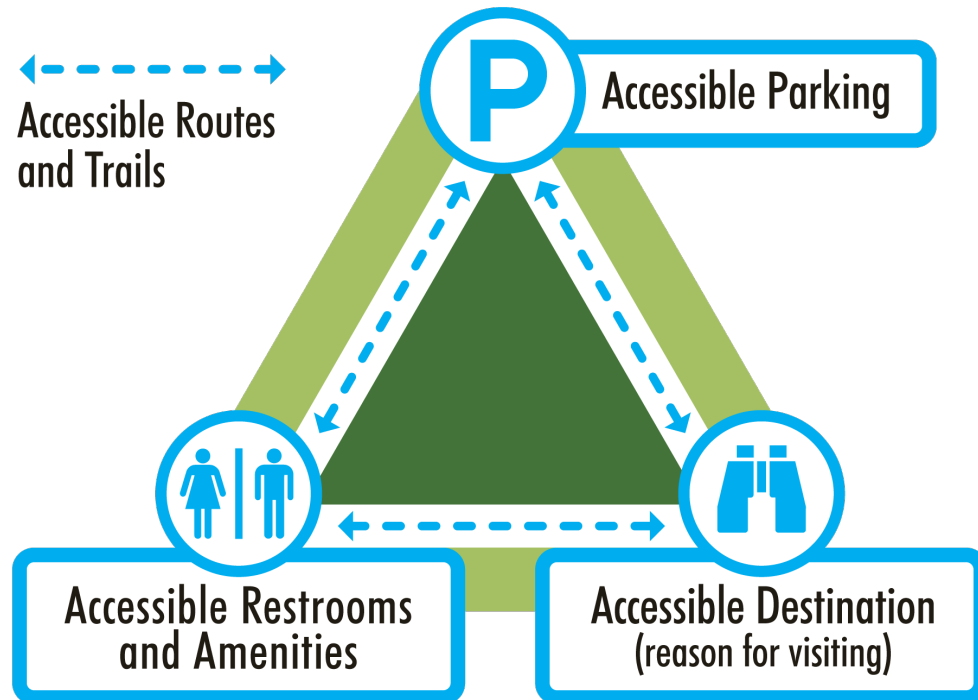
Lack of social support or people to recreate with

Cost of trips to visit natural areas

Lack of appropriate gear or clothing

Personal health

Accessible Trail Experiences



- Accessible experiences vs ADA/ABA facilities
- Provide trail accessibility information online and at trailheads
 - length
 - surface
 - typical and min. width
 - typical and max. grade
 - typical and max. cross slope
- Transitions are key
- Engage people with lived experience

Statewide Trail Needs

Funding &
Capacity

Maintenance,
Rehabilitation
& Stewardship

Connectivity &
Access

Information &
Signage

Safety & User
Conflicts

Reduce
Barriers to the
Outdoors

Balance
Conservation &
Outdoor
Recreation

Statewide Need Actions - Examples

Funding & Capacity

- Prioritize Trails Plan needs in funding decisions.
- Expand opportunities to receive standardized trail skills training.

Maintenance, Rehabilitation, & Stewardship

- Prioritize maintaining the existing trail system.
- Expand public-private partnerships to promote a culture of stewardship and stretch limited funding.

Information & Signage

- Provide trail accessibility information (length, surface, width, grade, cross slope, obstacles/barriers) at trailheads and online.

Reducing Barriers to the Outdoors

- Use universal design principles for trails & amenities.
- Engage trail users with lived experience of barriers in planning, design, implementation, & maintenance.

User Needs & Funding Priorities



Non-motorized

1. Maintenance & restoration
2. Expand & connect system
3. Improve safety
4. Protect natural resources



OHV/ATV

1. Operations & maintenance
2. New riding opportunities
3. Online trail info
4. Law enforcement



Snowmobile

1. Grooming & maintenance
2. Avalanche & safety education
3. Trail info & signage
4. Grooming equipment



Water

1. Digital/GPS maps
2. Improved water access
3. Accessible facilities
4. Land acquisition or easements

User-Specific Need Actions - Examples

Non-motorized trails:
Expand & connect
system

- Create trail systems with mix of difficulties
- Increase accessible opportunities for people with disabilities (e.g. adaptive MTB trails)

ATV/OHV trails: New
riding opportunities

- Create new riding opportunities, especially for Class 3 (dirt bikes) and Class 4 (side-by-sides)

Snowmobile trails:
Avalanche and safety
education

- Develop safety and etiquette materials
- Develop programs to reduce user conflicts and wildlife impacts

Water Trails: Improve
water and paddling
access

- Provide restrooms at access points
- Provide aquatic invasive species infrastructure following "Drain, Clean. Dry." practices

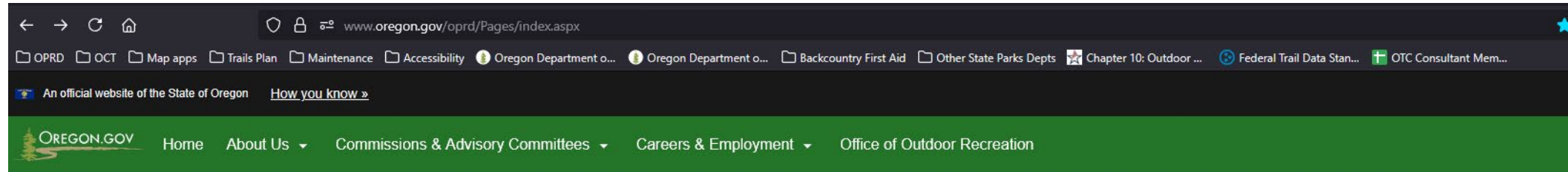
Recreational Trails & ATV Grant Criteria*

Criteria Type	Possible Points
OPRD Technical Review	
Technical Review & Compliance	n/a
RTP Committee Member Rating Criteria	
Project Scope, Plan, and Readiness	20
Statewide, User, and Local Needs	20
Maintenance & Stewardship	10
Youth and Conservation Service Corps	5
Reducing Barriers to the Outdoors	5
Balancing Recreation and Conservation	5
Public Support	5
Project Urgency	5
Fiscal Considerations	5
Discretionary	20
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE	100

Criteria Type	Possible Points
OPRD Technical Review	
Technical Review & Compliance	n/a
ATV Committee Member Rating Criteria	
Project Scope, Plan, and Readiness	10
Funding and Capacity	5
Maintaining Riding Areas	15
Information & Signage	10
Reducing Barriers to the Outdoors	10
Other Statewide and Local Needs	20
Public Engagement	5
Letters of Support	5
Discretionary	20
Project Scope, Plan, and Readiness	10
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE	100

*RTP & ATV grant program manuals will be updated for their next grant solicitations in fall 2026

NEW Technical Resources / Toolkit



Apply for Grants

[County Opportunity Grants](#)

[Land and Water Conservation Fund](#)

[Local Government Grants](#)

[Recreational Trails Grants](#)

[Oregon Heritage Grants](#)

[All-Terrain Vehicle Grants](#)



Plans, Rules, Permits

[Comment on Proposed Rulemaking](#)

[Rules and Laws](#)

[Park Master Plans](#)

[Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan](#)

[Ocean Shore Alteration Permits](#)

[Scenic Waterways Activity Notifications](#)

[Scientific and Collection/Research Permits](#)



Recreation Planning, Waterways, Trails

[Technical Resources for Recreation Planning](#)

[Scenic Bikeways](#)

[Potential Scenic Waterways](#)

[Scenic and Regional Trails](#)

[Lower Deschutes River Management System](#)

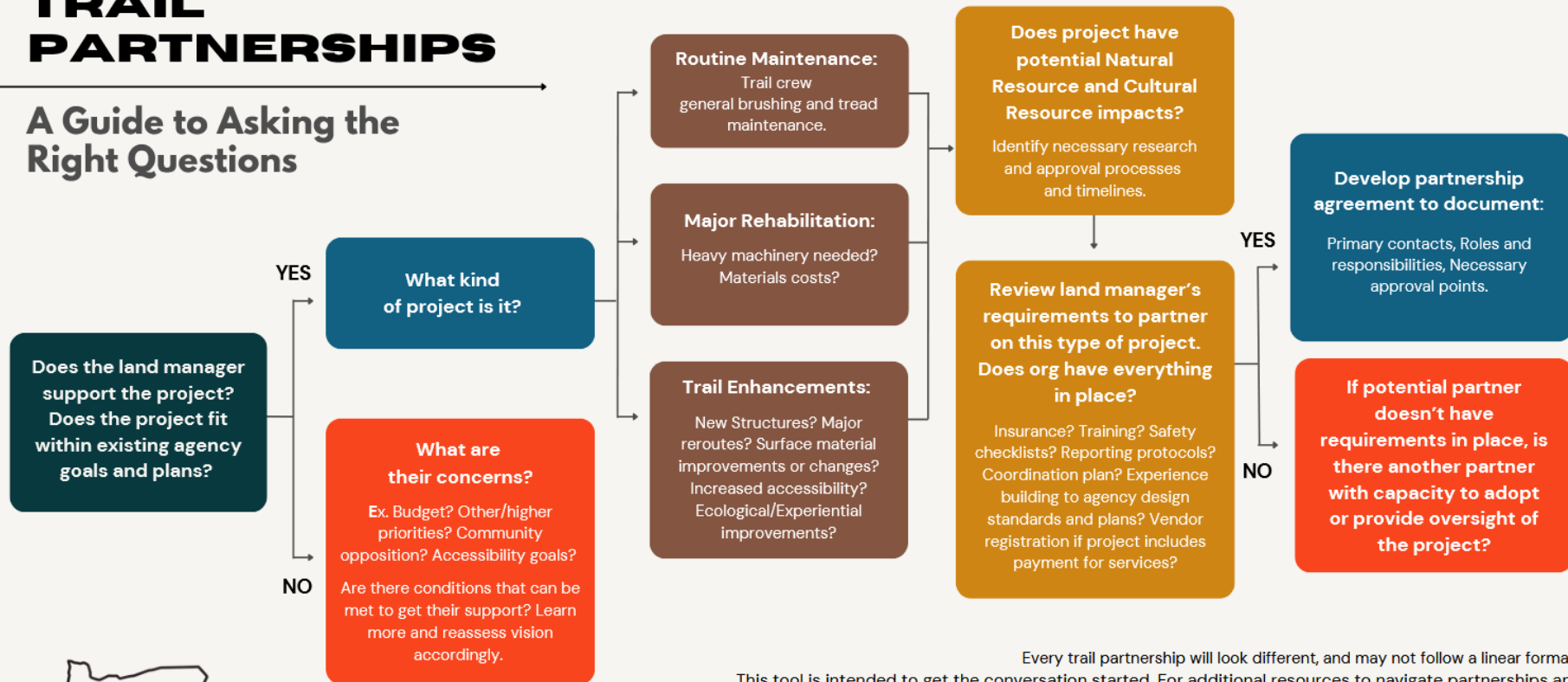
[All Designated Scenic Waterways](#)

www.Oregon.gov/OPRD or <https://bit.ly/RecreationToolkit>

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TRAIL PARTNERSHIPS

A Guide to Asking the Right Questions



Every trail partnership will look different, and may not follow a linear format. This tool is intended to get the conversation started. For additional resources to navigate partnerships and trail planning processes, please reference the **Ready, Set, Plan!?** guide developed by the Oregon Trails Coalition in partnership with Bureau of Land Management, Oregon Parks & Recreation, and other partners.

oregontrailscoalition.org/trail-planning

How to Share Comments on Trails Plan



Public comment period is October 30 – November 28



Visit
[http://tinyurl.com/ORTrails:](http://tinyurl.com/ORTrails)

Watch the webinar
Download the draft plan
Submit comments



Oregon Parks and Recreation
Commission will:

Info brief at November 2025 meeting
Adopt plan at February 2026 meeting