

INTERIOR TRAILS QUARTERLY

Dedicated to the preservation and maintenance of trails in interior Alaska

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FAIRBANKS AREA

FAIRBANKS PANEL ASKS FOR FORMAL PROCESS FOR TRAIL WORK

A controversy regarding the Skarland Ski Trail has resulted in recommended changes to the way the Fairbanks North Star Borough deals with trails.

The borough's Trails Advisory Commission has sent a letter to FNSB Mayor Karl Kassel recommending three changes:

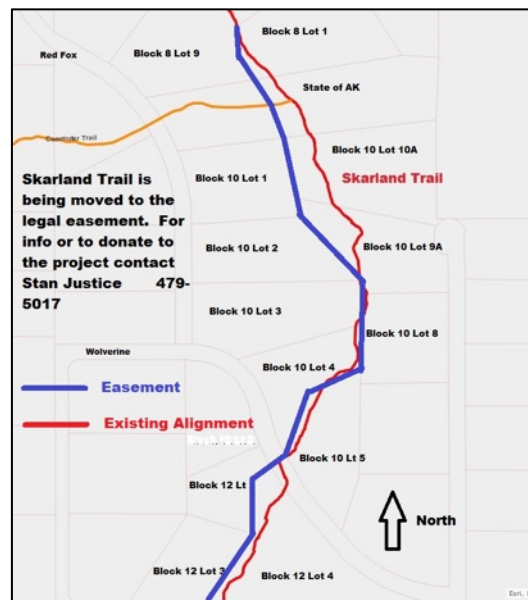
- One change would have the mayor "develop a formal process for authorizing trail work including an appeal process."
- Another change would clarify in the FNSB Comprehensive Recreational Trails Plan that "motorized equipment is allowed on non-motorized trails for trail construction, maintenance, and grooming."
- The final change would amend the description of the Skarland Ski Trail in the trails plan.

Of the three proposals, the first is the most important. It is a direct result of a recent project to realign the Skarland Ski Trail using motorized equipment, which has caused an uproar among some nearby residents.

Trails advocate Stan Justice, who grooms the Skarland Ski Trail with a snowmachine during winter, organized an effort to reroute the trail into its legal easement. Realigning the trail to its easement has been received positively, but the effort included using a motorized trail dozer that flattened and slightly widened the trail.

Justice contacted people regarding the effort, but several have said they didn't understand that the work would include motorized equipment or that the trail would be flattened and widened. People opposing the motorized work have appealed to the trails commission. Justice has stopped the project and has asked the commission to endorse the effort.

The commission has not specifically endorsed the project. And while working through this issue, the trails commission realized the borough has no process for dealing with trail work outside of borough-owned property. State law is fairly liberal in regards to what people can do within public easements, such as the Skarland Ski Trail easement. Therefore, the commission is



asking that the borough mayor devise a process so that such projects can be vetted and appealed.

The other changes recommended by the commission may sound controversial, but are not in substance. The change to the borough trails plan that would allow motorized equipment for work on nonmotorized trails would simply clarify a practice that has been going on for years without controversy. Motorized equipment has been used for maintenance on nonmotorized trails for years, such as at Birch Hill Recreation Area.

The amended description of the trail is also not controversial, as it basically gives a more current description of the Skarland Ski Trail. The current plan describes the past situation in which the trail did not have a legal easement on one parcel of land. The proposed amendment would delete that wording and replace it with wording that describes how the trail strays outside its legal easement and asks that it be “a high priority to resolve these trespass issues.”

The letter to the mayor and a full transcript of the Nov 14 meeting can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/y9bqke5z>

Active Management of Trails Recommended

Another result of the Skarland Trail controversy is that the Trails Advisory Commission has recommended that the borough take “active management” of Category B trails in the borough’s Comprehensive Recreational Trails Plan and “Trails with a Public Recreational Easement.”

Category B trails are described in the plan as part of the “FNSB Recreational Trail System.” In the three-tier system, Category A trails are “Federal and State Recreational Trails” and Category C trails are “Neighborhood recreational trail systems.”

The plan calls for the borough to have “Primary Management Responsibility” of Category B trails and says maintenance responsibility will be by “Maintenance agreement established between FNSB and trail user groups.” However, the borough has generally not overseen management of Category B trails except where they fall within borough park lands. The borough does have an “Adopt-a-Trail” agreements, but they have been limited to ski programs at Birch Hill Recreation Area and Salcha and Two Rivers Elementary Schools.

The commission’s letter recommending “active management” can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/ydhrwgwe> (you’ll need to scroll down 16 or so pages).

(Graphic: Map used by Stan Justice in 2015 to inform landowners of Skarland Ski Trail work.)

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM INCLUDES TRAILS, BIKERS, PEDESTRIANS

The excerpts below are from the Fairbanks Metropolitan Area Transportation System Fall 2017 newsletter (<http://tinyurl.com/yc9ef4wh>). Urban trails are included in the survey and accompanying interactive map. The bike/ped committee will also have input on urban trails.

FMATS is updating their Metropolitan Transportation Plan!

Envision 2045 is a community driven effort by FMATS to improve transportation for our region. This update to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) will plan for growth and lay out a long-range vision for the transportation system in the Fairbanks

metropolitan area through the year 2045.

FMATS is inviting the public to complete a survey about transportation issues important to residents and businesses in the Fairbanks and North Pole area. FMATS will use the results in updating the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, branded as Envision 2045, in order improve transportation for our region and comply with state and federal requirements.

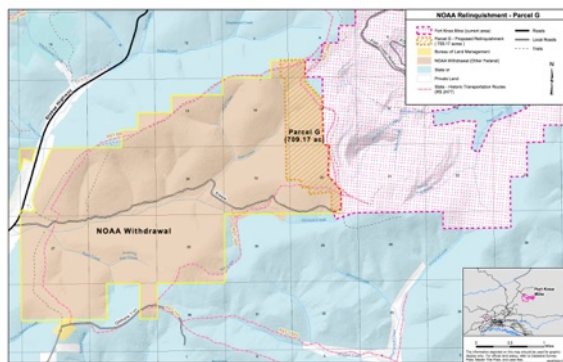
The survey guides participants through indicating transportation priorities, such as public transit and maintenance and includes a budget allocation section where participants may "invest" in safety, roadway, bicycle, pedestrian, and public transit systems.

See the survey at: http://fmats.us/2045_mtp/

FMATS has created a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). The purpose of this group is to bring resources and attention on active transportation modes, including bicycle and pedestrian transportation, health, and recreational use in the FMATS Area. The BPAC is in the process of developing a work plan. To view documents and other information on the committee, visit <http://fmats.us/bicycle-and-pedestrian-advisory-committee/>.

LAND TRANSFER CONTINUES, MAY AFFECT TRAILS NORTH OF FBX

The federal and state governments are continuing a process to transfer about 700 acres on Gilmore Dome from the Bureau of Land Management to the State of Alaska.



The land, northeast of Fairbanks, is crossed by several trails, including those used in the Gold Discovery Run. The trails are used year-round by a variety of trail users, including runners, mountain bikers, snowmachiners, ATVers, and mushers. The major trails have legal protections for public access and trail advocates have spoken up about their continued protection. The main concern is how those trails will be affected if the Fort Knox gold mine, which lies just

to the east of the 700 acres, decides it wants to expand in that direction.

The land had been owned by the federal government for protection of the Gilmore Satellite Tracking Station, run by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), but the federal government determined it was no longer needed for that purpose.

To read more and see maps of the area, see the BLM's page for this project:

<http://tinyurl.com/y9lpkzkm>

FAIRBANKS AREA LINKS

- Packraft kit clinic a popular Folk School boat-building class: <http://tinyurl.com/yddag2rm>

- Alaska state parks to start charging for parking at Chena Pump wayside, add outhouse and snow plowing: <http://tinyurl.com/y7hpwd54>
- Creamer's Field is skiable now, but still a bit tussocky: <http://tinyurl.com/y96tfton>
- Tanana Lake's trails are nice but wait for lake grooming: <http://tinyurl.com/y7bf8de3>

INTERIORWIDE/STATEWIDE

PROPOSED PARK FEE INCREASE PRESENTS DILEMMA FOR TRAILS

A large proposed fee increase for some national parks presents a conundrum for trail advocates.

The National Park Service is considering fee increases for 17 national parks, including a Denali National Park and Preserve. The entrance fee for Denali is currently \$10 per person and would rise to \$30 under the proposal. For 16 other national parks entrance fees would rise by \$25 to \$70.

For trail advocates, the proposal isn't a slam-dunk. If passed, it could help raise money for the maintenance backlog in the parks, including for trails. However, such a fee increase would also restrict access to those trails.



The National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) is one of several opponents of the fee increase. According to the group: "The administration claims this fee hike will help address the \$11.3 billion maintenance backlog in national parks, but Interior Secretary Zinke estimates that the new fees could raise around \$70 million annually. That's just a tiny fraction of the maintenance backlog!"

The Anchorage Daily News (formerly the Alaska Dispatch News) has done a story about the proposed Denali National Park fee increase: <http://tinyurl.com/ybg2m5nw>

To see a fact sheet about the current and proposed fee rates and to comment on the proposal see: <http://tinyurl.com/y6wx5bl4>

To see more on the NPCA position see: <http://tinyurl.com/yaqz7ybu>

(Photo: Montana Troyer on the Savage Alpine Trail in Denali National Park; by Corrine Leistikow.)

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2018 STATEWIDE TRAILS CONFERENCE

Please mark your calendars now for the Alaska Trails annual Statewide Trails Conference, which will be held April 26-28 in Anchorage.

The group is looking forward to a robust and exciting conference. Alaska Trails would also like your input on topics and speakers that you would like to see at the conference. Please e-mail Alaska Trails at office@alaska-trails.org to share your ideas for the 2018 conference.

See more at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/358363531293740/>

NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL PHOTO CONTEST DEADLINE COMING

American Trails sponsors an annual contest for photographs of designated National Recreation Trails (NRT) across the country. The contest provides awards in several categories and shows off entries (and previous winners) on the NRT website. The deadline for entries is December 15. In 2016, two photos of the Resurrection Pass Trail on the Kenai Peninsula won in two different categories: <http://tinyurl.com/kkxalm2>



The goal is to highlight the diversity of the NRTs and to make more Americans familiar with these great trails. Contest judges look for good photos of trail users as well as special facilities, art on the trails, management issues, construction, and volunteers. They also want to see entries that cover the many types and uses of National Recreation Trails throughout America.

For more on the contest see:

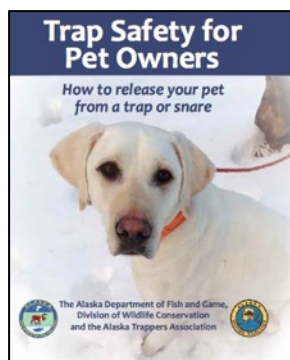
www.americantrails.org/nationalrecreationtrails/photocon.html

For a list of NRTs in Alaska, see: <http://tinyurl.com/h5bwnf4>

(Photo: Fatbikes on the snowy trail along Resurrection Creek, Chugach National Forest by Irene Lindquist)

RESOURCES HELP REDUCE PET/TRAPPING CONFLICTS

Trapping season is here, so trail users who let their dogs run loose should make sure they know some basic information about traps and trap lines. A pamphlet and videos are available.



PAMPHLET: A pocket-sized pamphlet titled "Trap Safety for Pet Owners" describes the types of traps and snares that may be encountered and provides illustrated instructions on how to free pets swiftly and safely. It is produced by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and the Alaska Trappers Association (ATA). Copies are available free of charge at department offices, or may be viewed on the website at: <http://tinyurl.com/m6oulhk>. More information, including video footage featuring trap removal instructions, is found on the

department's website at www.adfg.alaska.gov (see "Sharing the Trails" under the "Hunting > Trapping" dropdown menu), and on the ATA website (www.alaskatrappers.org).

VIDEO: The ATA also sells a 30-minute video, "Sharing Alaska's Trails," that includes information such as how to know if you are on a trap line, trap line safety, the physics of handling and opening traps and snares, and tips for first-aid for pets accidentally caught in traps. The video doesn't promote trapping, but deals with the practicalities of sharing the trails. A three-minute excerpt of the DVD can be found on YouTube



(www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jk242jZwEAQ). To order a copy of the DVD check the

ATA store (www.alaskatrappers.org).

Most trapping seasons run from November 1 to the end of February, but the season for a few species lasts longer. Wolf traps could be active well into April.

RIVER FORECAST SITE KEEPS TRACK OF SNOW DEPTH



The National Weather Service's River Forecast Center has a website that tracks snow depths at many locations across the state. In the spring, summer, and fall, the site also tracks several things regarding rivers, including how breakup is going and what river conditions are like. See the snow depth page for the website at:

http://www.weather.gov/aprfc/Snow_Depth

GROUPS THAT JOIN HIKING SOCIETY CAN APPLY FOR MICRO-GRANTS

Do you have a trail maintenance backlog? Do you need help funding small trail projects? If so, Join American Hiking Society's Alliance Organization today

(<http://tinyurl.com/ybn8p6s2>). Once you join as a new member or renew your Alliance membership, you will qualify to apply for a micro-grant up to \$3,000

from the National Trail Fund. The application process opens in January. More information can be found about the program here: <https://americanhiking.org/national-trails-fund/>



SUPPORT PARKS AS PART OF YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

The holiday shopping season is here. You can use it to encourage people to get outside AND support some of our greatest recreational assets. By a pass for yourself or someone else.

- Alaska State Parks annual pass: Support state parks during a time of tight state budgets. Permits are \$50 and, of course, your parking is then paid for when you park at a state parks trailhead that requires a fee. Passes are good for the calendar year. Annual boat launch passes are also available for \$100: <https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/passes>
- National Park Service annual passes: The park service offers general passes for \$80. It also has a variety of other discounted or free passes for seniors, fourth-graders, people with disabilities, some volunteers, and members of the military: <https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm>

INTERIORWIDE LINKS

- The Interior Alaska Land Trust seeks volunteers to monitor lands and to help with trail building and maintenance: <http://tinyurl.com/yanhrrt2>
- White Mountains NRA trail conditions updates on BLM Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BLMWhiteMountains/>
- Interior Alaska finally has enough snow to play in: <http://tinyurl.com/ycfvgs8p>

DELTA JUNCTION

- Liewer Community Trail with Lights Open House (Delta Junction), Dec 9: <http://tinyurl.com/yauvgd2y>

STATEWIDE TRAILS AND PUBLIC LANDS RELATED NEWSLETTERS

- Eagle Watch, State Parks (several recent issues have had trail-related stories): <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/eaglewatch/eaglewatcharchive>
- BLM Frontiers (Fall 2017): <http://tinyurl.com/y8qbhn99>
 - Good Friends, Good Food, 800 miles and 20 Years (Ned Rozell's pipeline hike)
 - Trail finished in Coldfoot
 - Nome Creek Valley Hiking Trail from Mt. Prindle Campground

STATEWIDE LINKS

- Two Alaska First Day Hikes planned so far; for more see: <https://americanhiking.org/first-day-hikes/>
 - Gladfelder cabin Trail at Quartz Lake State Recreation Area: <http://tinyurl.com/ycakz8gj>
 - Mosquito Cove Trail at Old Sitka State Historical Park: <http://tinyurl.com/y9p3r9ux>
- Studs, spikes, snowshoes, skis: Which tools for winter's slippery slopes: <http://tinyurl.com/y7wt3psb>

NORTHERN LINK

- North Slope Boro Winter Trails Permit (comment deadline: Dec 4): <http://notice.alaska.gov/187887>

SOUTHCENTRAL LINKS

- When it comes to winter running, better to embrace it than endure it: <http://tinyurl.com/ydbxvbar>
- Outdoor Explorer: Revisiting history of Anchorage's trails and greenbelts: <http://tinyurl.com/ybubyabt>
- Before homework, take your kids hiking through history here in Anchorage: <http://tinyurl.com/ydd7jbgo>
- Campbell Creek Trail construction on hold; trail open again: <http://tinyurl.com/y7fq3ju3>
- Anchorage Nordic ski trails grooming status website: <http://tinyurl.com/y6ucsh82>
- Escape to Eklutna's newest cabin this winter: <http://tinyurl.com/y9zw7fsq>
- Group receives \$500,000 grant for Hatcher Pass downhill ski area: <http://tinyurl.com/y9woj2kt>

SLIGHTLY OFF-TRAIL

- Alli Harvey: Feeling unhinged? Go outside and play: <http://tinyurl.com/y7jltvry>
- Sleeping with bears? More tales and tips from outdoorsy readers: <http://tinyurl.com/yas7hcja>
- Best Hiking Trail in Every State (Alaska: Caribou Tracks in Gates of the Arctic): <http://tinyurl.com/ybtsnour>
- Readers share stories of cabin Thanksgivings: <http://tinyurl.com/ybufp4yh>

- Deadly temptation (traveling over frozen lakes, rivers): <http://tinyurl.com/ycee9g9t>
- From parking passes to down quilts, some gift ideas for people who play outside: <http://tinyurl.com/y7d74xua>

NATIONWIDE/WORLDWIDE

AHS OFFERS 2018 VOLUNTEER VACATIONS SCHEDULE



The American Hiking Society's 2018 Volunteer Vacations registration is now live. The group is offering many diverse trail maintenance projects across the country. The schedule provides both backpacking and day hiking options, a variety of difficulty levels, and indoor and outdoor accommodations to suit all experience levels and backgrounds. No prior trail maintenance experience is required, just the willingness to get

a little dirty and give back to the hiking trails you love.

Find projects and register here: volunteervacations.americanhiking.org/em-volunteer-vacations/

NATIONWIDE / INTERNATIONAL LINKS

WEBINARS, MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING, ETC.

- For a listing of upcoming trail webinars workshops, conferences, and other meetings, see the American Trails calendar at: www.americantrails.org/Calendar.html

TRAIL GUIDES

- MAP: The best loops and trails for running in Central Park, N.Y.: <http://tinyurl.com/y8bbm2e3>
- The 10 Best Hikes In Asheville, N.C.: <http://tinyurl.com/y7tuwdx0>
- Best Walking Trails in New Orleans: <http://tinyurl.com/yc9lzlyl>
- The 11 Best National Park Hikes for Winter: <http://tinyurl.com/y7gglfj9>
- New app helps NJ hikers track trails and find key attractions: <http://tinyurl.com/ycz4766z>
- The Best Hiking Trails Near Sacramento, CA: <http://tinyurl.com/y7lb63pu>

TRAILS-RELATED NEWSLETTERS

- For the latest American Trails news publications: <http://www.americantrails.org/trailtracks/index.html>
- National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (Nov 2017): <http://tinyurl.com/y8mojrgj>

GRANTS

- Doppelt Family Trail Development Fund (applications open Dec 1): <http://tinyurl.com/yaq7szxe>
- National Forest Foundation Matching Awards Program (deadline Jan 23): <http://tinyurl.com/px7y6ke>
- People for Bikes grant application process opens Dec 11: www.peopleforbikes.org/pages/apply-now

ADVOCACY/VOLUNTEER

- Conservation Volunteers International (several trail-related trips): conservationvip.org/destinations/

STUDIES/REPORTS

- More TV, less exercise can lead to walking disabilities: <http://tinyurl.com/y7g5eboq>
- Regular Walking, Even if Minimal, Tied to Lower Death Risk: <http://tinyurl.com/ycjxsk3l>
- The Path Ahead: Inside, do you want to be outside?: <https://www.rei.com/blog/the-path-ahead>
- Nantahala, Pisgah Nat. Forests: Economic Powerhouse For Western N.C.: <http://tinyurl.com/ya836462>

OTHER NATIONAL LINKS:

- The Top 52 Hiker Mistakes and How to Avoid Them: <http://tinyurl.com/ybh6hwkx>
- 82-Year-Old Man Breaks Appalachian Trail Age Record: <http://tinyurl.com/yaeynun2>
- 10 Tips To Stay Safe In The Wild: <http://tinyurl.com/ya9bwtue>
- At Cuyuna, MTB Trails Revitalize ‘Forgotten Region’: <http://tinyurl.com/yaz4ov2e>
- Greater Yellowstone cycle trail rolls toward completion: <http://tinyurl.com/ybt2rhrm>
- Interior Secretary To Create Public Lands Advisory Committee, One That Might Suggest New User Fees: <http://tinyurl.com/yeh5wm3c>

SLIGHTLY OFF-TRAIL

- X-Stream Skiing (video): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W0dKa8ZzGyw>
- The 10 Best Beer and Backpacking Food Pairings: <http://tinyurl.com/ybxknm7k>
- Outdoor Recreation Industry Praises Interior’s Creation of New Recreation Advisory Committee, Appointment of “Recreation Czar”: <http://www.funoutdoors.com/node/view/3874>

INTERNATIONAL LINKS:

- Discover these 5 epic bike trails in Rotorua (New Zealand): <http://tinyurl.com/ybo69sbe>

LINKS TO INTERIOR TRAIL INFORMATION

Interiorwide / Statewide

- TrailMapper (local and statewide trails): www.trailmapper.org
- Alaska State Parks trails (includes Chena River SRA):
<http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/aktrails/index>
- Fairbanks North Star Borough Parks and Recreation Department (Birch Hill, Tanana Lakes, and Chena Lake recreation areas; also the Trails Office):
<http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/pr/pages/default.aspx>
- Skijoring trails page: www.alaskaskijoring.org/trails/
- SnowTRAC trails (groomed for snowmachines; includes Yukon Quest, Chena River SRA, Denali Highway): <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/groompl.htm>
- Fairbanks Cycle Club ride maps: www.fairbankscycleclub.org/Rides/
- National Park Service units: www.nps.gov/state/ak/index.htm?program=all
- Fairbanks Snow Travelers Trails database (snowmachine group; requires account):
www.snowtravelers.org
- Alaska Public Lands Information Center (Fairbanks):
<http://www.alaskacenters.gov/fairbanks.cfm>
- Fairbanks Area Trail Conditions (Facebook): www.facebook.com/fairbankstrails
- Happy Trails, Inc. (video and pics of some local trails): www.happytrailsak.com

Paper-based (in local stores; on Amazon)

- Books
 - Outside in the Interior (book): <http://tinyurl.com/ycg5aal5>
 - Denali National Park: Guide to Hiking, Photography and Camping (Ike Waits):
<https://www.denaliguidebook.com>
 - Best Easy Day Hikes Fairbanks (Falcon Guide): <http://tinyurl.com/yabajvvv>
- Map
 - Fairbanks Area Hiking and Birding Guide: <http://ak.audubon.org/alaska-birding-maps>

Fairbanks area

- Alaska Dog Musher Association Trails:
 - www.sleddog.org/maps/
 - <http://sleddog.org/trail-maps>
- Creamer's Field: www.creamersfield.org
- Equinox Marathon Trail: www.equinoxmarathon.org
- Ester Dome/Happy Valley Singletrack: www.fairbankscycleclub.org/Rides/EDS.pdf
- Ester Dome Single Track (Facebook): www.facebook.com/groups/255880317931110/
- Goldstream winter trails: www.acsalaska.net/~brucecmc/trail_maps/mapsof.html

- Goldstream Sports classic ski trail:
<http://www.goldstreamsports.com/merchant/4172/files/Ski-trail-sign-map-20122.compressed.pdf>
- Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks trails page: www.nscfairbanks.org/index.php/trails
- Pearl Creek Nordic Park: <https://pearlcreeknordicpark.wordpress.com>
- University of Alaska Fairbanks (trail maps, conditions) www.uaf.edu/fs/northcampus/

North of Fairbanks

- BLM-White Mountains Rec Area Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BLMWhiteMountains

East of Fairbanks

- North Pole Parks, Trails, and Recreation:
http://www.northpolealaska.com/parksites?field_microsite_tid=24
- Chena River State Recreation Area trails: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/units/chena/trails.htm>
- Pinnel Mountain Trail guide: www.bottomdollar.us/Pinnell%20home.html

South of Fairbanks

- Denali National Park and Preserve: www.nps.gov/dena/planyourvisit/dayhiking.htm
- Eastern Denali Highway hikes: <http://fairbankshiking.org/trails/eastern-denali-highway/>

Bureau of Land Management (north, south and east of Fairbanks)

- Includes White Mountains National Recreation Area, Denali Highway, Gulkana and Delta rivers, Birch Creek, and the Pinnell Mountain and Quartz Creek trails.
- To find information on land and water trails managed by BLM, you can either go to the overall BLM “Visit” page (<https://www.blm.gov/visit>) and do a search or go to the BLM Alaska page (<https://www.blm.gov/alaska>) and see if what you are looking for is in “Popular Links” or “Featured Places.”

(If you know of more please send me an email: fbxtrails@gmail.com)

LINKS TO INTERIOR TRAIL USER GROUPS

Dog mushing groups

- Alaska Dog Musers Association: www.sleddog.org/
- Alaska Skijoring and Pulk Association: www.alaskaskijoring.org/
- Two Rivers Dog Musers Association: www.trdma.org/

Facebook pages

- Alaska Snowshoe: <https://www.facebook.com/AlaskaSnowshoe/?fref=nf>
- Fairbanks Fatbike Forum: www.facebook.com/groups/453831528146223/

- Fairbanks Paddlers: <https://www.facebook.com/fairbankspaddlers/>
- Get Outdoors Fairbanks: www.facebook.com/GetOutdoorsFairbanks
- Fairbanks North Star Borough Parks & Rec: <https://www.facebook.com/Fairbanks-North-Star-Borough-Parks-Rec-285026928325274/>
- Friends of Chena-Ester Ditch: https://www.facebook.com/ChenaEsterDitch1930?hc_location=ufi
- Skarland & Pearl Creek Park Trail Users (Facebook): www.facebook.com/groups/1553793074862242/

Misc.

- Alaska Outdoor Council: www.alaskaoutdoorcouncil.org/
- Alaska Trailblazers (Tok): <http://aktrailblazers.com>
- Alaska Trappers Association: www.alaskatrappers.org/
- Arctic Audubon Society: www.arcticaudubon.org/
- Delta Junction Trails Association: www.deltajunctiontrails.com
- Fairbanks Area Hiking Club: <http://fairbankshiking.org>
- Fairbanks Cycle Club: www.fairbankscycleclub.org/
- Friends of Creamers Field: www.creamersfield.org/
- Fairbanks Paddlers: www.fairbankspaddlers.org/
- Interior Alaska Land Trust: <https://interioraklandtrust.org>
- Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks: www.nscfairbanks.org/
- Running Club North: www.runningclubnorth.org/

Mountain climbing groups

- Alaska Alpine Club: <https://sites.google.com/a/alaska.edu/alaska-alpine-club/>
- Alaskan Alpine Club: <http://alaskanalpineclub.org>

Off-road groups

- Arctic Offroad: www.arcticoffroad.com/
- Fairbanks Offroad Lions Club: www.fairbanksoffroadlions.com/

Snowmachine groups

- The Fairbanks Snow Travelers: www.snowtravelers.org/

University of Alaska Fairbanks-related

- UAF Trails Club: <https://sites.google.com/a/alaska.edu/trails/>
- UAF Dept of Recreation, Adventure and Wellness: www.uaf.edu/draw/
- UAF North Campus Recreation: <http://www.uaf.edu/fs/northcampus/>
- West Ridge Runners: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/west-ridge-runners>

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