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Outdoor Club Partners with National Organizations:



**American
Hiking
Society**

As the national voice for America's Hikers, **American Hiking Society (AHS)** promotes and protects foot trails and the hiking experience. AHS is a national recreation-based conservation organization representing thousands of individual members as well as the volunteers and members of its 150 Alliance member organizations, now including ACU's Outdoor Club. AHS' programs advance hiking conservation issues, build partnerships between public and private stakeholders, and provide critical resources to enable trail advocates to plan, fund, and develop trails in their own communities. To ensure a healthy future for trails, open space, and the people who enjoy them, AHS employs three approaches: conservation alliances and resources, public awareness (such as National Trails Day), and advocacy. For more information, visit: www.americanhiking.org

treadlightly!
LEAVING A GOOD IMPRESSION



Tread Lightly! is a nonprofit organization whose mission is "To empower generations to enjoy the outdoors responsibly through education and restoration." While its mission

incorporates all forms of outdoor recreation, Tread Lightly!'s core focus is the ethical use of motorized and mechanical vehicles on both land and water. For more information, visit: www.treadlightly.org



The **National Trails Training Partnership (NTTP)** is an alliance of Federal agencies, training providers, nationwide supporters, professional contractors, and providers of products and services. Goals of NTTP include: Identifying existing trail training programs available around the country through organizations, agencies, universities, and businesses, exploring ways to enhance cooperation on training efforts, developing a

clearinghouse of training and resources at www.NTTP.net, studying target audiences, delivery methods, and special needs, identifying needs and gaps in existing trail training, publicizing model statewide programs for trails training cooperation, and creating individual state pages in the Web site to highlight training providers and resources in all 50 States. For more information, visit: www.nttp.net

Calendar:

- 📅 **January 7, 2006:**
Winter Trails Day
www.wintertrails.org
- 📅 **February 4, 2006:**
Service Saturday
(with S.A.L.T.)
- 📅 **March, 4, 2006:**
Service Saturday
(with S.A.L.T.)
- 📅 **April 22, 2006:**
Earth Day
ACU for Abilene
(with S.A.L.T.)
- 📅 **April 28, 2006:**
Arbor Day
- 📅 **June 3, 2006:**
National Trails Day
American Hiking Society
www.nationaltrailsday.org

In the works...

**Monthly Mountain
Bike Rides**

Monthly Meetings

**Monthly Service
Projects**

Monthly Outings

and much more!

Winter Trails Day: January 7, 2006



Winter Trails Day 2006 will occur at more than 100 locations in the U.S. and Canada. Winter Trails Day, now entering its 11th year, offers children and adults NEW to snow sports the chance to try snowshoeing and cross country skiing for FREE, and to discover the great fitness and social benefits with these easy-to-learn winter sports.

Volunteer hiking trail clubs and event leaders from partnering community parks, nature centers and public recreation lands team up with Nordic centers and snowshoe and outdoor gear suppliers to introduce recreational enthusiasts to the sport of snowshoeing, cross country skiing and winter hiking.

This one-day event is geared toward families, hikers and fitness walkers, recreational enthusiasts, school groups and youth organizations who are interested in learning more about the sport of snowshoeing and cross country skiing. Programs and activities vary in size and scope, as each venue chooses a program that will introduce these sports to their communities.

The program is presented by SnowSports Industries America (SIA), American Hiking Society (AHS) and the Cross Country Ski Areas Association (CCSAA).

For more information, visit: www.wintertrails.org

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