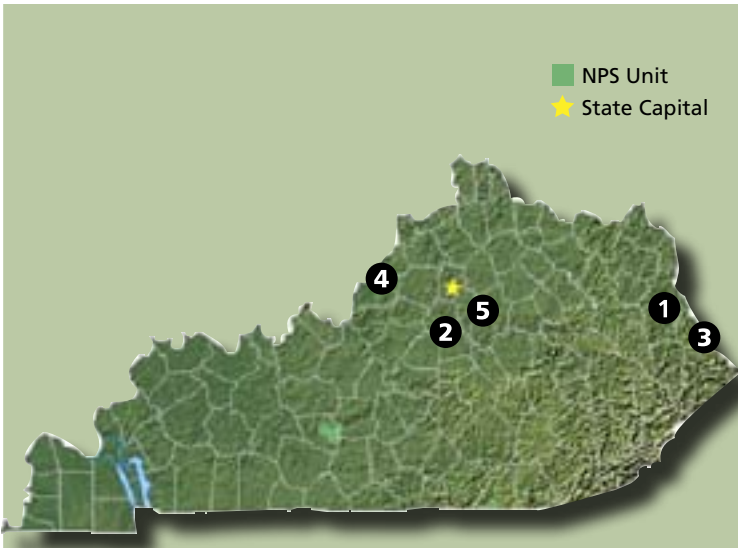




# Kentucky News



Canoers paddle down the Big Sandy River, KY



## PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2010

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Big Sandy Area Development District
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- 4. Louisville Loop Trail**  
City of Louisville and Jefferson County Metropolitan Government
- 5. Jessamine County Historic Bluegrass Trail**  
Jessamine County Trail Association

## Current Projects

### 1. Big Sandy Water Trail

**Location:** Along the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River between Paintsville and Prestonsburg, KY  
**Congressional District(s):** 5  
**Project Partner:** Big Sandy Area Development District  
**NPS Contact:** Alison Bullock

#### Project Goal

Develop a water trail plan that will assist the local project partner with implementing a 20+ mile water trail.

#### RTCA Role

RTCA will assist in the development of promotion material, public outreach and be involved in organizing meetings.

### 2. Eagles Nest Equestrian Trails Preservation

**Location:** 1,000 acre parcel near Ft. Harrodsburg, KY, that has been privately owned and operated by a family who is now interested in conserving the property in perpetuity for public use.

**Congressional District(s):** 6

**Project Partner:** Ft. Harrod Backcountry Horsemen, Inc.  
**NPS Contacts:** Alison Bullock, Mary Hanson

### ABOUT US

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. RTCA staff provides technical assistance to community groups and local, state, and federal government agencies working to protect natural areas and water resources and enhance close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities. We help communities plan, organize partnerships, and achieve on-the-ground success on projects they initiate.

## We're Here For You.

Could your project benefit from RTCA Staff Assistance? Contact us to find out.

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## 2009 Nationwide Partnership Success

- 3,411 Miles of Trail Developed
- 2,664 Miles of River Conserved
- 87,385 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected
- 97% Percentage of Community Partners Satisfied

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# Current Projects cont.

## Project Goal

Permanently protect for public use 1000 acres of property, with over 30 miles of existing equestrian trails, currently owned by a single family who are interested in making this property in to a public park for equestrian use.

## RTCA Role

RTCA will assist in the planning process of the project coordinators and public outreach to promote trail use.

## 3. Great Eastern Trail - KY/VA/WV link

Location: Southern WV, eastern KY, southwestern VA. We are trying to locate a trail route to fill over 300 miles gap in the 1800 mile trail. Congressional District(s): KY -5; VA-9; WV-3  
Project Partner: Great Eastern Trail Association  
NPS Contact: Peggy Pings

## Project Goal

Create a 350+ mile hiking/multi-use trail link between the Breaks Interstate Park in Virginia and Kentucky to the Allegheny Trail on the West Virginia-Virginia border.

## 4. Louisville Loop Trail

Location: Metropolitan Louisville/ Jefferson County, Kentucky. Congressional District(s): 3  
Project Partner: Louisville/Jefferson County Metropolitan Government  
NPS Contact: Charlotte Gillis

## Project Goal

Develop a strategy for how to effectively manage, maintain and promote the 105 mile Louisville Loop (of which about 25 miles is existing).

## 5. Jessamine County Historic Bluegrass Trail

Location: Jessamine County, KY in the metropolitan Lexington area. Nicholasville is the primary municipality in this county. Congressional District(s): 6  
Project Partner: Jessamine County Trail Association  
NPS Contact: Alison Bullock

## Project Goal

Develop a cross-county plan to connect Jessamine and Fayette Counties and provide mechanisms to protect future trail connections. Long-term outcome would hopefully result in a cross-county trail with connections to adjacent county trail projects.

## RTCA Role

Assisting Jessamine County to design an overall trail strategy; and master plan. Craft a resource assessment strategy and assess sections on the trail for further development.



Equestrian ride through one of Kentucky's many horse trails