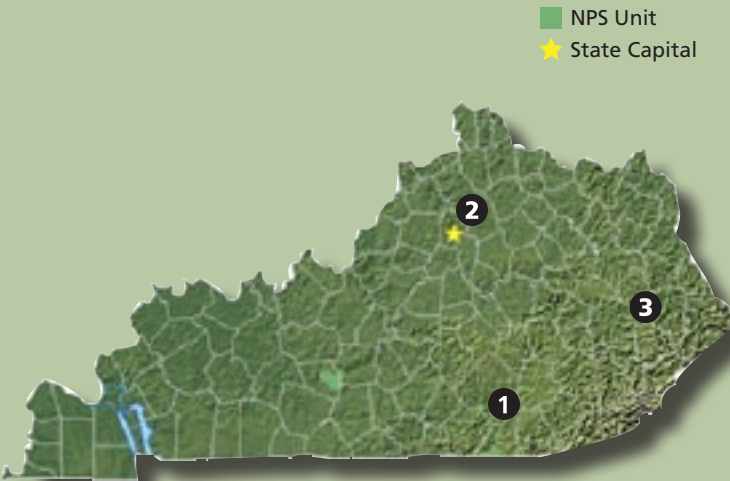




Kentucky News



Kayakers row through the Licking River, Kentucky



Recent Successes

Kentucky River Water Trail opened on Pool 9

On National Trails Day 2011, the Kentucky Riverkeeper, in partnership with state and local partners, launched a new water trail project on the Kentucky River by opening the first section of trail on Pool 9 southeast of Lexington, Kentucky. RTCA assisted the Kentucky Riverkeeper in establishing partnerships with Kentucky Adventure Tourism, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Kentucky River Authority in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. RTCA also guided planning efforts to develop marketing materials and evaluate access for paddling. Approximately 19 miles of water trail are now open between Boonesborough State Park and Valley View Park in Fayette County.

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2012

CURRENT PROJECTS

1. Kentucky River Water Trail
Kentucky Riverkeeper
2. Licking River Greenway
Vision 2015
3. Dawkins Line Rail Trail
Commonwealth of Kentucky

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.



RTCA staff Alison Bullock, at the ribbon cutting for the opening of Pool 9 section of the Kentucky River Water Trail.

We're Here For You.

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

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2011 Nationwide Partnership Success

1,991	Miles of Trail Developed
1,925	Miles of River Conserved
33,230	Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected
94%	Percentage of Community Partners Satisfied

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Current Projects

1. Kentucky River Water Trail

Project Partner: Kentucky Riverkeeper
RTCA Contact: Alison Bullock
Location: Central Kentucky along the Kentucky River southeast of Lexington
Congressional District: KY - 6

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.

RTCA Role

Assisting Kentucky Riverkeeper in trail designs and facilitating and conducting meetings with various project partners along the area.

“The NPS Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program is a phenomenal resource for our Kentucky River trail project. It has helped us articulate our plans, formulate strategies and build incredible partnerships. The support from RTCA has opened doors and even inspired other organizations to take a look at what they have been doing and expand their vision to include trails and waterways.”

Pat Banks
Kentucky Riverkeeper

2. Licking River Greenway

Project Partner: Vision 2015
RTCA Contact: Russ Clark
Location: Covington, Taylor Mill, Wilder and Newport, Kentucky
Congressional District: KY - 4

Project Goal

Develop a water trail plan that will provide recreation and transportation opportunities for citizens and visitors, create new river access points, and enhance habitat along the banks of the Licking River while making connections with parks, schools and other existing facilities in adjoining neighborhoods.

RTCA Role

RTCA will assist in the planning of the trail, coordination of partners, and management issues. In addition, RTCA will help with funding strategies, community outreach, and facilitating local meetings.

3. Dawkins Line Rail Trail

Project Partner: Commonwealth of Kentucky
RTCA Contact: Alison Bullock
Location: Central Kentucky along the Kentucky River southeast of Lexington
Congressional District: KY - 6

Project Goal

Create a 36-mile hiking/multi-use trail that stretches from Johnson County to Breathitt County. When completed the rail trail will provide recreational opportunities for residents and visitors to Eastern Kentucky.

RTCA Role

Assist in the planning of the next phase for the Dawkins Line Rail Trail. RTCA will also facilitate meetings and provide various funding strategies for the partners and communities.