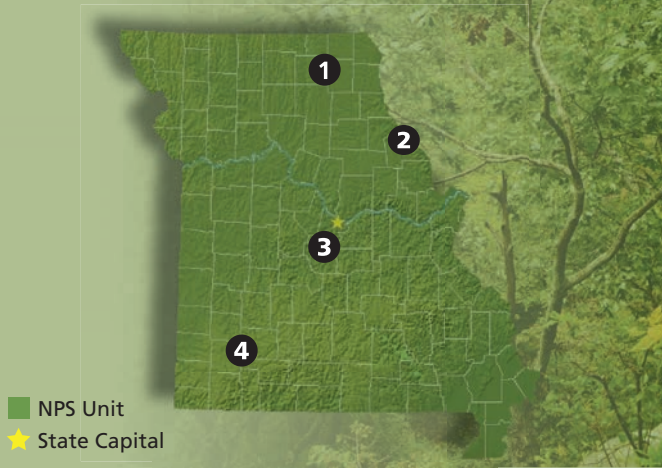




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Discovering Missouri's Trails. Photo: Missouri State Parks

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2013

CURRENT PROJECTS

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Mississippi River Trail, Inc.
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City of Eldon
4. Greene County Historic Trails
Ozark Greenways, City of Springfield

STATEWIDE INITIATIVE

Comprehensive Statewide Trail Information
System and Missouri Trail Website
Missouri Trail Alliance

Find out more about each project on page 2.

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.

Statewide Initiative

Missouri Trail Alliance: Collaboration for the Future of Missouri Trails

A statewide effort to coordinate trail data is being led by the Missouri Trail Alliance (MTA), a group of park and trail managers and enthusiasts from across the state. The group's primary objective is to establish a comprehensive trail information sharing system via the proposed Missouri Trail Website.

Chaired by the Missouri Park and Recreation Association (MPRA), the group includes representatives from Missouri State Parks, Missouri Division of Tourism, and federal, regional, local trail agencies.

The MTA has been working to create a database of trail maps that will be combined with information from the Division of Tourism to further enhance the Missouri trail mapping website and provide Missourians and tourists from around the country with additional trip planning tools for Missouri's diverse trail resources.

"MPRA is delighted to have identified an opportunity to collaborate with RTCA...the important partners in the Missouri Trail Alliance work creates a synergy to benefit citizens throughout Missouri. Perhaps this project will be a model for equally exciting cooperative initiatives around the country."

- Jan Neitzert, Executive Director, MPRA

We're Here For You.

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



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2012 Nationwide Partnership Success

2,154 Miles of Trail Developed

1,074 Miles of River Conserved

70,385 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected

94% Percentage of Community Partners Satisfied

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Current Projects

1. Forest Lake Area Trail System

Project Partner: City of Kirksville, FLATS
NPS Contact: Kim Shafer
Location: Kirksville, MO
Congressional District: MO - 6

Project Goal

Create a four-mile paved, multi-use trail system connecting Thousand Hills State Park to the City of Kirksville.

NPS Role

Assist with concept planning, community engagement, and funding research for the trail system.



National Civialian Community Corps (NCCC) youth trail crew and City of Eldon Public Works employees clear the way for the Rock Island Line Trail. Photo: NPS

2. Mississippi River Trail & Collaborative Support

Project Partner: Mississippi River Trail, Inc.
NPS Contact: Rory Robinson
Location: Mississippi River, Ten States
Congressional Districts: AR - 1, 4; IA - 2, 4; IL - 4, 12, 16, 17, 19; KY - 1; LA - 1, 2, 3, 5, 6; MN - 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8; MO - 1, 2, 3, 6, 8; MS - 1, 2, 3; TN - 7, 8, 9; WI - 3

Project Goal

Outreach to local communities to encourage improved recreation, tourism, and community development along the Mississippi River Trail; develop a strategic plan to support the Memorandum of Understanding objectives and increase long-term organizational viability.

NPS Role

Assist with organizational development, outreach to other organizations and agencies, and development of strategic and operations plans.

3. Rock Island Line Trail

Project Partner: City of Eldon
NPS Contact: Kim Shafer
Location: Eldon, MO
Congressional District: MO - 3

Project Goal

Develop a three-mile section of trail along the Rock Island Line Rail corridor within the city limits of Eldon to improve quality of life, encourage active lifestyles, and promote economic development in the area.

NPS Role

Assist with building partner relationships, trail development, and identification of potential funding resources for the project.

4. Greene County Historic Trails

Project Partner: Ozark Greenways
NPS Contact: Kim Shafer
Location: Springfield, MO
Congressional District: MO - 7

Project Goal

Fully develop a historic section of the Trail of Tears corridor into an urban community walking and bicycling trail that connects into the South Creek Greenway system.

NPS Role

RTCA will work with stakeholder groups on development of historic trail resources in Greene County.



Trail of Tears phase one dedication. Photo: Ozark Greenways