

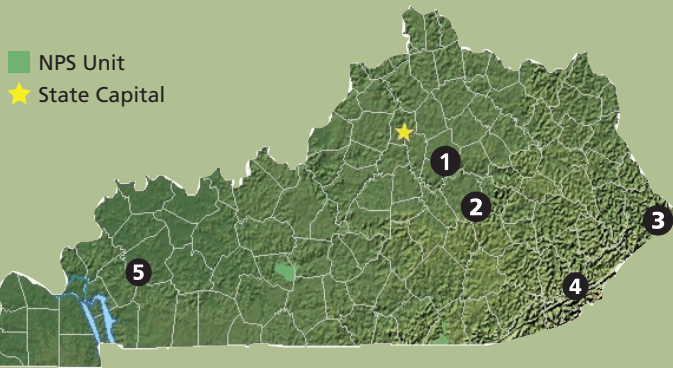


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Rafting on the Kentucky River. Photo: NPS

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2013



CURRENT PROJECTS

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Bluegrass Tomorrow Inc.
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City of Dawson Springs and Dawson Springs Trail Town Committee

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Current Projects

1. Bluegrass Bike Hike Horseback Trails Alliance

Location: Fayette and Scott Counties
Congressional District: KY - 6
Project Partner: Bluegrass Tomorrow Inc.
NPS Contact: Russ Clark, Joshua Moore

Project Goal

The Bluegrass Bike Hike Horseback Trails Alliance consists of local organizations and governmental units with the goal of creating a greenway trail system in the Bluegrass Region. The proposed greenway is intended to become a destination recreation trail for horseback riding, hiking and biking that will link several urban, suburban and rural communities in Fayette and Scott Counties.

NPS Role

RTCA will assist project partners with public outreach, developing a greenway trail master plan, short and long term development strategies, and recommend potential funding sources.

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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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 cont.

2. Kentucky River Water Trail

Project Partner: KY Riverkeeper
NPS Contact: Alison Bullock
Location: From Beattyville in the foothills of eastern KY to Carrollton, on the Ohio River in northwest KY
Congressional District: KY - 6

Project Goal

Establish a water trail along 256 miles of the Kentucky River from Beattyville to the confluence with the Ohio River in Carrollton, KY.

NPS Role

Assist the Kentucky Riverkeeper in developing an assessment of the Kentucky River, developing designs for portaging 14 dams, supporting the establishment of a pilot access project in Estill County, and facilitating meetings with additional project partners in the region.

3. Great Eastern Trail

Project Partner: Great Eastern Trail Association
NPS Contacts: Russ Clark
Location: Pike County
Congressional District: KY - 5

Project Goal

Create a 30-mile link of the Great Eastern Trail in Pike County. This link will be a part of the multi-state, 1,500-mile Great Eastern Trail.

NPS Role

Assist in the development the master plan for the trail, facilitate the public review process, assist with language of trail lane easements and recommend potential funding sources.

4. Mountain Heritage Trail System

Project Partner: Letcher County Tourism and Convention Commission
NPS Contact: Annabeth Purcell
Location: Letcher County
Congressional District: KY - 5

Project Goal

Develop a master plan that will complete inventory and mapping for an extensive network of existing and proposed multi-use trails. The trail system will provide recreational opportunities for health and fitness, and an increase in economic growth.

NPS Role

RTCA's assistance will include coordinating partner efforts to create interpretive materials and build capacity and public awareness on the benefits of coordinated recreation and conservation across the community.

5. Tradewater River Blueway Trail System

Project Partner: City of Dawson Springs and Dawson Springs Trail Town Committee
NPS Contact: Russ Clark, Annabeth Purcell
Location: Hopkins and Caldwell Counties
Congressional District: KY - 1

Project Goal

RTCA will work with the community of Dawson Springs to create a 34 mile blue trail master plan along the Tradewater River in the Pennyriple Region. The Tradewater River Blueway Trail System will be one of the local recreation and natural resource features that will aid Dawson Springs in becoming certified Trail Town by the KY Office for Adventure Tourism.

NPS Role

Assist in the planning process, including partnership building, resource inventory, creation of a Blueway Master Plan, public education, marketing recommendations, and identification of potential sources for funding for the project.