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## **Recreational Trails Program Grant Applications Available for 2023**

The New Hampshire Division of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Trails Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant applications for **2023** are now available.

RTP is a competitive grant program that offers funding for quality public trail projects throughout New Hampshire.

Grants are available for motorized, non-motorized, and diversified trails. Eligible projects include maintenance and restoration of existing trails, purchase and lease of trail construction and maintenance equipment, construction of new trails, development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities, and educational materials for trail related activities and safety. Applicants may be non-profit organizations, private groups or government entities.

Applications are due **June 17, 2022**. For an application and more information, visit the Recreational Trails Program page at <a href="https://www.nhstateparks.org/about-us/trails-bureau/grants/recreational-trails-program">www.nhstateparks.org/about-us/trails-bureau/grants/recreational-trails-program</a>

The Bureau will be holding three informational workshops about the program. Attendance to at least one of these workshops is mandatory to

apply for RTP funds. The workshops will be held on/at the following dates, times, and locations:

- May 18, 2022, at 1:00 pm, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, 172 Pembroke Road, Concord, NH 03301.
- May 18, 2022, at 6:00 pm, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, 172 Pembroke Road, Concord, NH 03301.
- May 25, 2022, at 6:00 pm, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, 629 B Main St., Lancaster, NH 03584.

The RTP Information Presentation (shown at the workshops) is available on the webpage along with current RTP guidelines. Please read them carefully and email <u>Alexis.M.Rudko@dncr.nh.gov</u> for any questions you may have.

Funding for the Recreational Trail Program is generated from federal gas tax dollars paid on fuel purchases for off-highway recreational vehicles and snowmobiles. These funds are appropriated to the states by the Federal Highway Administration as authorized through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021. The program in New Hampshire is administered by the Division of Parks & Recreation's Bureau of Trails.

## **About the Division of Parks and Recreation**

The Division of Parks and Recreation is comprised of the Bureau of Park Operations, Bureau of Historic Sites, Bureau of Trails, and Cannon Mountain. The Division manages 93 properties, including state parks, beaches, campgrounds, historic sites, trails, waysides, and natural areas. The Division of Parks and Recreation is one of five divisions of the NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. To learn more, visit www.nhstateparks.org,

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