

WELCOME TO THE NAVAJO TRAILS TASK FORCE



The Navajo Trails Task Force is a grassroots group of passionate trail advocates on the Navajo Nation and neighboring communities, committed to developing, restoring and promoting trails. The Task Force provides support for communities, chapters and parks in several areas:

- We have a variety of **trail materials** that we have developed for your use. These materials may be helpful in meeting with chapter officials, residents, CLUP-C or other entities involved with your trail project. Titles include “Benefits of Trails”, “Trail FAQs”, “Tools & PPE”, “Trail Template”, “Navajo Nation Trail Listing”, “Resources” and “Land Withdrawl for Trails”.
- The Task Force maintains **a large cache of trail tools** that are available through Navajo Parks & Recreation. We have macleods, saws, picks, shovels, rock bars and more that are ready for you.
- We can make some of our **trail consultants** available for your use. Klara Kelley can help you through the process of planning your trail, meeting clearances, dealing with land issues, while Garin Greyeyes can help lay out your trail. We can attend CLUP-C, planning or chapter meetings in support of your efforts if you would like that assistance.
- The trail team has partnerships with an amazing array of **professional trail partners** that we may connect you with for your project. Some will do pro bono work, while others have fees. These include International Mountain Bike Association, American Conservation Experience (ACE) of Flagstaff, Southwest Conservation Corps and Engineers Without Borders.
- We also have a good relationship with various **tribal partners**. We have worked a lot with Navajo Parks & Rec, Navajo Fish & Wildlife, Historic Preservation, NTUA, Navajo Dept of Transportation, among others, and we can help connect you with these folks. A comprehensive listing of “Resources” is available on the NavajoYES website.
- The **Navajo Trail Guide** that will be useful in sharing the trails with our communities, the Navajo Nation at-large and, in you choose, the world beyond.

Creating an interactive trails resource is a goal of the Trails Task Force, and the publishing of a “Navajo Trail Guide” is in the works.



On the LCR Trail; in the Carrizo Mountains; and Rainbow Bridge

- The Trails Task Force hosts an annual **Navajo Outdoor Rec & Trails Conference** in February.
- We have periodic **Trail Team meetings**, which are open to the public. The meetings are held in communities around the Nation, generally in conjunction with a developing trail project and often as a means of getting community/chapter awareness of the project and trail issues.

Community Trails

Local community trails are established under the auspices of the local community/ chapter, with some technical support from various trail entities. The trails are developed under the guidelines of the Navajo Nation Trails Template, which provide a basic “how-to manual” for trails on the Nation. The community trails are the core of the Trails Initiative. These may include singletrack routes (expanding on old horse routes in some cases), NTUA utility right-of-ways, “exercise corridors” on existing dirt roads, etc. Examples: Beclabito Community Trail System, Naatsisaan Nature Trail, Cove Community Trail, Cameron Chapter Trail, Dine’ College Trail, Tshabiikiin Trail and Twin Falls Trail (T’iis Nazbas).

Trails in the Parks

The Navajo Tribal Parks, as well as National Park Service sites within Dine’ Bikeyah, contain some stunning trails. Youth trail crews organized by NavajoYES work in the tribal parks throughout the summer to restore and establish amazing miles of trails. Examples: Dancing Horse Trail and Stateline Trail (Four Corners Monument), Museum Trail (Window Rock Tribal Park), Little Colorado River Trail (LCR Tribal Park), Wildcat Trail (Monument Valley), Rainbow Bridge Trail and Camp Asaayi Trail.

Long-Distance Routes

Long-distance routes through some of the remote, scenic areas of the Navajo Nation will be used by Navajo Nation residents and non-residents, bikers, runners and hikers alike, in the pursuit of lifelong fitness and the enjoyment of beautiful landscapes of Dine’ Bikeyah. Some of these routes may be existing forest roads, old roadbeds, mining roads, etc. Routes will be designated through signage, maps and guides, as well as at established trailheads. Examples: Chuska Rim Route and the proposed Peabody-NGS rail-trail route.



Navajo Parks trail advocates; NavajoYES work crew; Twin Falls Trail in T'iis Nazbas

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