



Adopt-a-Trail Program Guidelines

Overview

The trails of Ogden City (overseen by the Ogden Trails Network) and Weber County (overseen by Weber Pathways) provide a wondrous and beautiful experience for all who explore them. However, to ensure the future of the trails it requires the efforts of many to protect and preserve their unique ecosystem.

Adopt-a-Trail

Taking on the stewardship of a trail is a privilege, and it is important that the adopter take the responsibilities of maintaining the trail seriously. That is why we have prepared the following requirements so that you understand the value you can bring and responsibility you are taking on. You are not alone since we are here for guidance and assistance when faced with key or larger issues. But understand adopting a trail puts you as the first line of protection of a very special and natural resource.

Adopt-a-Trail Responsibilities

- Complete and sign the Adopt-a-Trail application, including waiver and release of liability.
 - For trails primarily within Ogden City, the Ogden Trails Network (OTN) will assign a trail section and a Trails Coordinator for trail communications and special needs. They will also inform you of special projects needing your help. Trails that lie within the County or on Forest Service land will be managed by Weber Pathways (WP) or the Forest Service in a similar manner.
- Commit to a minimum of **50 hours** of trail work for the year.
- Complete the Adopt-a-Trail Training presentation (approximately 20 minutes) and confirm.
- Keep a record of volunteer hours to be returned to the Trail Coordinator.
- **Spring Startup** – Initial trip in spring before heavy traffic (Usually in April) or on Make-A-Difference Day in May
 - Clear any fallen trees, low branches or overgrown brush off the trail before the heavy traffic season. Use the 3' by 6' rule (at least a 3-foot-wide trail and 6-foot-wide brush cut back across the trail). NOTE: If fallen trees require the use of a chain saw or larger equipment, please contact your Trail Coordinator.
 - Pickup and dispose of any trash
 - Use brush to block off ghost trails or work with your Trail Coordinator

- Clean all drainage
- Identify any major concerns (washouts, signage, slides, fallen trees)
- **Inspect your trail segment at least twice a month**
 - Clear brush, repair trail issues and remove trash
 - Remove noxious weeds
 - To report graffiti, call the **Graffiti Task Force at 801-629-8752.**
 - Illegal activity- Camping, Horses (with the exception of the Beus Trail), fires, fireworks, drug, alcohol, and tobacco use is illegal along the Ogden trails network. Please report this or other illegal activity to the **Ogden Community Police at 801-629-8034.**
 - For needs beyond your capabilities contact your Trail Coordinator
- Work with your Trail Coordinator on special needs for your trail segment
- Provide Monthly Update during high use months (April – Sept) to your Trail Coordinator
- **Fall Inspection** – A final inspection, usually in October-November
 - Assess trail conditions and identify improvements

Upon Partner approval the following elements of appreciation will be provided

- Trail partner name to appear on signage at each segment or at the trailhead as the “Adopt-a-Trail” partner.
- Partner to be included on posters at the annual Trails Day event.
- Partner name and contact info to be linked on the OTN and WP web and Facebook pages.
- A certificate showing, they are an “Adopt-a-Trail” partner.
- Trail partner list to be included in an annual article in the Ogden City Utility Newsletter.
- Include the names of volunteers in the bi-annual Weber Pathways Newsletter.
- Such other opportunities to show our appreciation as may arise.