



The  
***Ohio Trails Partnership***



# The *Ohio Trails Partnership* Trail User Groups

Unifying all users of non-motorized land and water trails in Ohio  
for the purpose of improving  
the quality, quantity, safety and sustainability of all of Ohio's trails  
through **education, advocacy** and **volunteerism**





# The Ohio Trails Partnership

## Supporting Partners

***“An effective advisory board, can provide non-binding but informed guidance and serve as a tremendous ally in the quest for superior corporate governance”***

- ***Input assisting OTP to define strategies, approaches and new partners***
- ***Outreach – helping to deliver the OTP message and provide opportunities for activities and growth.***



**Rivers, Trails &  
Conservation  
Assistance**



**Ohio Travel**  
ASSOCIATION



# Hiking Trails

## Desired Trail Condition

Width: 18-24 inches

Sustained Slope: < 10%

Surface: Exposed native  
subsoil



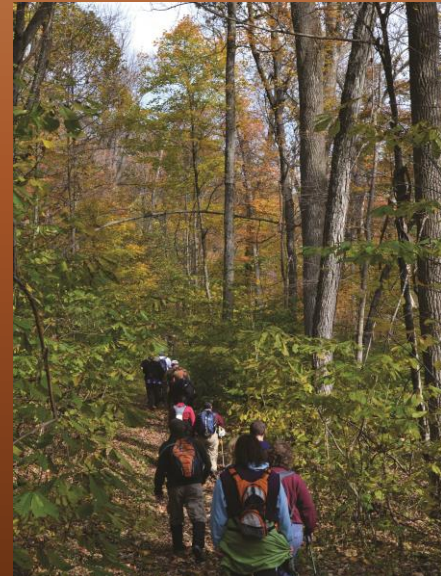
Use and length: Hiking only, day hiking to long distance through hiking, backpacking, trail running, wildlife watching, camping.







# The Hiking Experience





# Equestrian Trails

## Desired Trail Condition

Width: 2-6 feet

Slope: < 12%

Surface: Native, Aggregate

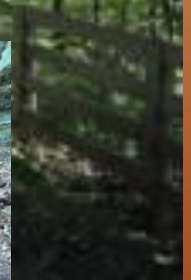
Use and length: Equestrian only, 2-5 hour rides, 5-25 miles for day rides. Other uses include long distance back packing, competitive, endurance, obstacle, and hunting rides.







# The Equestrian Experience





# Mountain Bike Trails

## Desired Trail Condition

Width: 28in - 3 ft

Slope: < 15%

Surface: Exposed native subsoil

Use and length: Mountain bike only, cross country, free ride, gravity, trials, dirt jumping, bike packing, competition, 1 to 20+ miles in length.



Central Ohio Mountain Bike Organization



Without Trails where would you ride?







# The Mountain Bike Experience





# Shared Use Bike Trails

## Desired Trail Condition

Width: 12 feet

Slope: < 5%

Surface: Asphalt, Aggregate

Use and length: A variety of uses by many non-motorized wheeled devices as well as pedestrians and horses. Trails vary in length and use from safe routes to schools to long distance multi week trips.





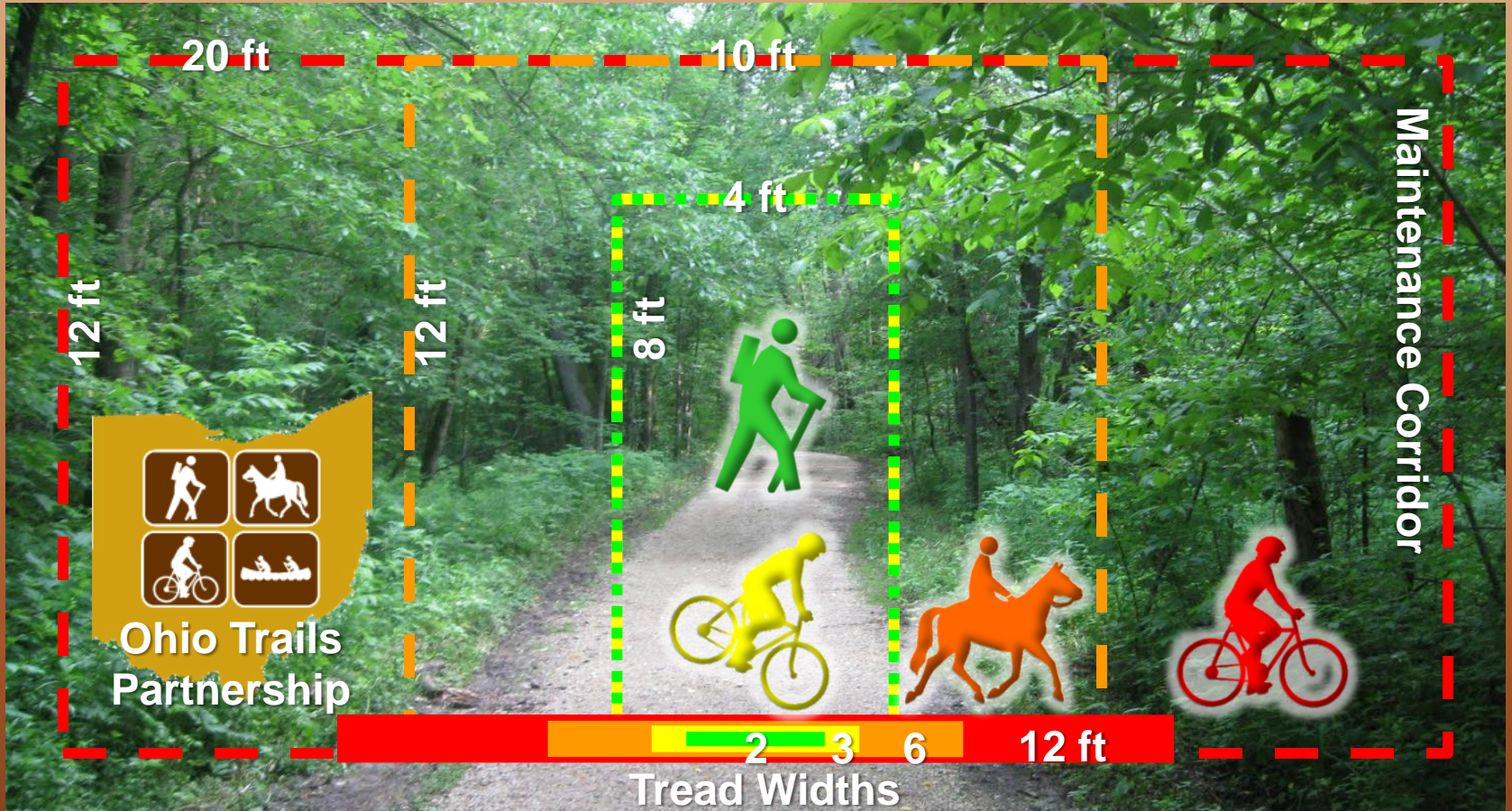


# The Shared Use Bike Trail Experience





# “Typical” Minimum Trail Tread and Maintenance Corridors





# Water Trails

## Desired Trail Condition

Width: Room to paddle

Flow Rate: Variable

Surface: Water

Use and length:

Rivers/streams are dynamic,  
5-30 mile paddles, canoeing,  
kayaking, fishing, birding, stand up paddle  
boarding, tubing, access every 2.5 – 5 miles.





# The Water Trail Experience





# Shared Use Trail Etiquette



# Shared Use Trail Design Considerations

User Experience Expectations

Land Management Objectives

Width

Grade

Surface

Line of Sight

Speed

Direction of use

Signage

Facilities



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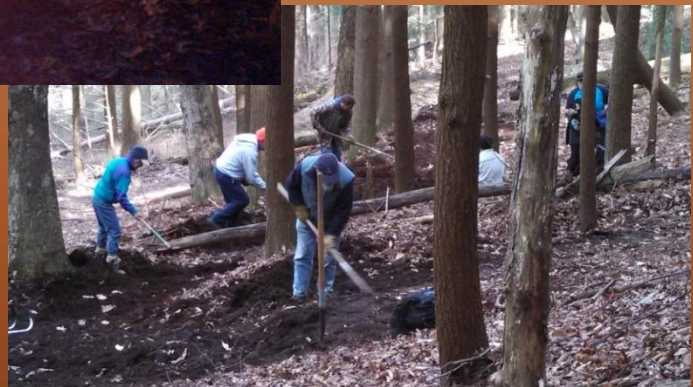
**Purpose – Ohio Trails Partnership operates by consensus to:**

- Facilitate **communication**
- Encourage **proactive planning and partnership between groups**
- **Work together to resolve trail user conflicts.**
- Promote **separate but equal trails** wherever possible
  - Explore shared use opportunities as necessary
- Define and promote **best design and management practices**
- Encourage and facilitate **user group education**
- **Advocate for strong support of trails** from the public and private sector across Ohio.





# Ohio Trail Partnership Volunteers



# How You can Get Involved in OTP

## Join

- One of the OTP organizations
- Find OTP on Facebook to stay informed and post your experiences:



[www.facebook.com/OhioTrailsPartnership](https://www.facebook.com/OhioTrailsPartnership)

## Support

- Volunteer with one or all of the partner organizations

## Share Info

- With local user groups and land managers





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conservancy



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