

KANSAS TRAIL RELATED RESOURCES

Kansas Trails Council (KTC) - www.kansastrailscouncil.org

Since 1974, the all-volunteer nonprofit of KTC has worked with nonprofits, state and federal agencies and cities and counties of all sizes to expand access to trails, especially natural surface trails. KTC's primary purposes include:

- develop and maintain multi-use, natural surface, public trails
- provide resources to trail developers and trail stewards
- provide information about ALL types of trails
- teach trail building methods – check out KTC's www.kansastrailscouncil.org/about/trail-building-101/
- educate trail stewards and trail users.

Trail In A Box is a single-axle, enclosed trailer which can be towed by a small pickup or SUV with a GVWR of 3000 lbs. The equipment inside includes hand tools for 25 to 30 volunteers as well as an arsenal of power equipment. There is a simple application process to use the TIAB to build or maintain public-access trails. A KTC volunteer/trail expert will provide hands-on training, including the safe operation of all equipment, as well as guide your team on best practices for building sustainable natural surface trails. KTC/TIAB provides the equipment and expertise... you provide the volunteers. There are now seven TIABs roaming the state; learn more at www.kansastrailscouncil.org/about/trail-in-a-box/

Get Outdoor Kansas - www.getoutdoorskansas.org/

[getoutdoorskansas](http://www.getoutdoorskansas.org/) is a website/app created by KTC, Sunflower Foundation and Every Green Team. Its most notable feature is an incredibly comprehensive trail mapping tool that has mapped more than 4300 miles of trails in Kansas thus far, combining the reliability of GPS with volunteers who walk every step of the trail. Make sure to check out the website and sign up to be a trail partner if your trail is not yet mapped – and also check out all the amazing trails to visit and explore. The app is available for download on Google Play or the Apple App Store – it's free and best of all, ad-free!

Every Green Team - www.evergy.com/smart-energy/environmental-impact/green-team

The Green Team is a group of employees and retiree volunteers that take on environmental projects across Kansas and Missouri. Completing 50 to 70 projects per year, mostly on weekends and evenings, the Green Team collaborates with conservation groups, agencies and schools in enhancing and fostering an understanding of the environment as well as improving natural habitats and increasing appropriate access to important environmental areas. If your trail project is eligible, the Green Team might be able to help build trails and trail features such as bridges and look-outs.

Kansas Department of Commerce (KDC) <https://www.kansascommerce.gov/>

Kansas Department of Commerce understands that healthy communities with outdoor amenities such as trails, parks and green space are communities where businesses want to locate and people want to live. Programs to explore for potential trail and active transportation funding:

- Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).
 - CDBG funding now includes trails and sidewalks - www.kansascommerce.gov/cdbg/sidewalks-trails/
 - List of grant professionals w/CDBG experience - www.kansascommerce.gov/cdbg/find-assistance-in-your-area/
- Community Service Tax Credits www.kansascommerce.gov/program/community-programs/csp/

Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks - ksoutdoors.com/KDWP-Info/Grants#

- Land & Water Conservation Fund Grants (LWCF) & Recreational Trails Grant (RTP)

Community Vitality at Kansas State Research & Extension (KSRE)

- Grantwriting courses www.ksre.k-state.edu/community/civic-engagement/grantwriting.html
- Kansas Community Empowerment (formerly PRIDE) kce.k-state.edu/resources/Funding.html
- What other resources and assistance are available? Reach out to KSRECV@ksu.edu

Organizations with Helpful Websites, Webinars & Research Libraries

- American Trails www.americantrails.org/
- Outdoor Industry Organization outdoorindustry.org/
- Rails to Trails www.railstotrails.org/
- Headwaters Economics headwaterseconomics.org/