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Trails nominated for NRT designation in 2009

The Secretary of the Interior designated 24 new National Recreation Trails in 2008.

The Ozark Trail on Missouri's Mark Twain National Forest was also designated as a NRT by the US Department of Agriculture.

See more information on [Water Trails](#) designated as National Recreation Trails.

From the National Park Service U.S. Department of the Interior

Each year [nominations for designation](#) of new National Recreation Trails may be submitted. The NRT Program recognizes trails that provide opportunities for all Americans to enjoy the out-of-doors and improve the quality of life of our communities. The trails which are designated will be announced in the first week of June as part of National Trails Day events.

National Recreation Trails are components of the National Trails System and recognize already existing trails that connect people to resources and improve their quality of life. Each of the trails added to the system will receive a certificate of designation and trail markers. They become part of a network of more than 1,000 trails encompassing more than 12,000 miles. The National Park Service and USDA Forest Service jointly administer the NRT program with help from other federal and nonprofit partners, notably American Trails, which hosts the National Recreation Trails website at www.americantrails.org/nationalrecreationtrails. The [Bureau of Land Management](#) and the [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#) have also designated many trails as NRTs.

Following are trails nominated for designation as National Recreation Trails in 2009:

1. Cameron Park Trails, Waco, Texas – 20 Miles
2. Chenango Canal Towpath Trail, North and south of Bouckville, a hamlet in the Town of Madison – 6 Miles
3. Feeder Canal Towpath Trail, Glens Falls Feeder Canal from the Town of Queensbury (and Glens Falls) to the Town of Kingsbury (and Hudson Falls), New York - 9 Miles
4. Hackensack River Greenway, Teaneck, New Jersey – 3.5 Miles
5. Greater Hazleton Rails to Trails, Hazleton City, Hazle Township, Foster Township, Pennsylvania – 4 Miles
6. Historic Champlain Canalway Trail, Town of Halfmoon, New York - 6 Miles
7. Hugh S. Branyon Backcountry Trail, Orange Beach and Gulf Shores State Parks, Alabama – 7.5 Miles
8. Kohl Park Hiking Trail, Milwaukee, Wisconsin – 2 Miles

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The Bureau of Land Management is a supporter and partner in the [National Trails Training Partnership](#); working to make training more available. The BLM [Trail Management Process course](#) is a comprehensive model for trails education.

9. Pittsburgh to Harrisburg Main Line Canal Greenway, Pittsburgh to Harrisburg, PA along the corridor of the historic Pennsylvania Main Line Canal, Pennsylvania – 43.35 Land, 142 Water
10. Pioneer Nature Trail, Council Grove Lake near Council Grove, Kansas – 1.24 Miles
11. Occoquan Water Trail, Bull Run – Occoquan and Potomac Rivers, Virginia – 4 Miles
12. Rivergreenway, Fort Wayne, New Haven, Indiana – 23 Miles
13. San José Trail Network, San Jose, California – 51.47 Miles
14. Susquehanna River Water Trail – North Branch Section, Sunbury to Pennsylvania/New York border – 166 Miles
15. Housatonic River Walk – Great Barrington, MA

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The [on-line database](#) has details on the currently designated National Recreation Trails. The NRT Program online is hosted by American Trails: www.AmericanTrails.org

▶ See [how to update your trail information](#) on the National Recreation Trails [on-line database](#) or send changes by e-mail to prt@americantrails.org.

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