



TRAIL OF THE YEAR

Applications will open on **August 25, 2026**, and close on **October 18, 2026**. Winners will be notified the week of **December 15, 2026**.

There is no application fee for active PLA Members, Corporate Partners, and Government Agencies. There is a **\$65 fee** per application for non-members.

Award Description

The Trail of the Year Award recognizes a public lands trail that has been created or improved in 2025 or 2026 in partnership by a nonprofit organization and a land management agency with the intention of enhancing the visitor experience.

Application Questions

- Submission Name
- Nonprofit Organization Partner(s)
- Nonprofit Key Official(s) and Title(s)
- Nonprofit Email Address
- Nonprofit Website
- Nonprofit Gross Annual Revenue (checkbox)
 - Less than \$1.5 million
 - \$1.5 million or higher
- Land Management Agency Partner(s)
- Key Agency Official(s) and Title(s)
- Agency Email Address
- Agency Website
- Additional Partner (s)
- Trail Name and Location
- Describe the project, including relevant history, project goals, and challenges.



- Describe the partnership between the nonprofit organization and the land management agency that made this project possible.
- How has this project improved the visitor experience?
- Please include any supporting documentation to emphasize this project's impact.