

2008 West Virginia State Trails Conference

New River Gorge

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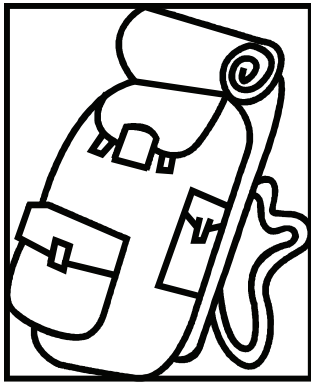
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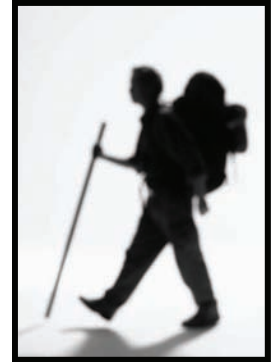
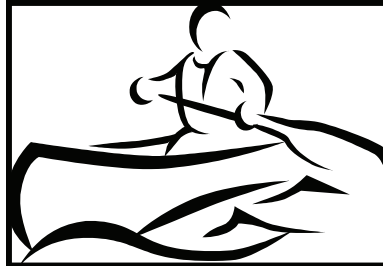
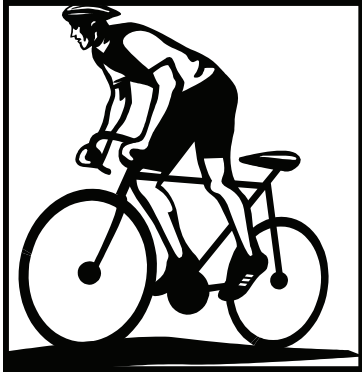
Midland Trail

Coal Heritage Highway



WEST VIRGINIA STATE TRAIL CONFERENCE

March 18-20, 2008
Holiday Inn
Oak Hill, West Virginia



West Virginia
Department of Transportation

Tuesday, March 18, 2008

8:00AM Registration Opens
8:30AM Welcome
8:45AM Citizens Conservation Corps of WV—
Marie Walker
9:30AM Resource Conservation & Development
Councils—Kurt Simon
10:15AM BREAK
10:30AM Rahall Transportation Institute —Jordan
Cox
11:15AM Rivers, Trails and Conservation
Assistance —Peggy Pings
12 N Lunch (Is available in the hotel
restaurant)
1:00PM Breakout Sessions
2:45PM BREAK
3:00PM Breakout Sessions
4:45PM End of Day

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

8:30AM West Virginia Rails to Trails —Kathleen
Panek
8:45AM Rails to Conservancy —Kelly Pack
10:15AM BREAK
10:30AM Rails to Conservancy Continued
12 N Lunch (Is available in the hotel
restaurant)
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Thursday, March 20, 2008

8:30AM Breakout Sessions
10:15AM BREAK
10:30AM Breakout Sessions
12:15PM See you next year!

Special Note The break out sessions will be held at
the Holiday Inn and the Lewis Community Center.
Shuttles

BREAKOUT CHOICES

Lewis Community Center

Geocaching—WVDNR

Sustainable Trail Construction —Charlie
Dundas

Holiday Inn

Developing Water Trails—Coal River Group
& WV State Trails

WVDOT Grant Programs —Harold
Simmons

WV Division of Tourism —Jane Bostic

WEST VIRGINIA STATE TRAIL CONFERENCE

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OAK HILL, WV
MARCH 18, 19, 20, 2008



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Representing _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Work # _____ Fax # _____

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Conference Registration **FREE**—Please fill out a form for each person attending. We need to make sure you have a seat! Thank you. **Please Check one.**

Full Conference March 18, 19, 20 _____ March 18 only _____ March 19 only _____ March 20 only _____

Mail Registrations to

New River CVB
310 Oyler Avenue
Oak Hill, WV 25901

Phone Registrations

Call 800-927-0263 or 304-465-5617

Conference Contacts	Bill Robinson	304-558-9615	wrobinson@dot.state.wv.us
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Lodging

Holiday Inn 304-465-0571 Room Rate \$65 Code: WV Trails

Other Lodging Options

www.newrivercvb.com or 800-927-0263

WEST VIRGINIA 2008 TRAILS CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Jane Bostic

Executive Assistant to Tourism Commissioner

Jane Bostic has a career spanning 17 years with WV state government; the last 7 years have been with the WV Division of Tourism as an Executive Assistant to Tourism Commissioner Betty Carver. She currently serves the division with event logistics and marketing and promotion of events and attractions.

Bill Currey

President Coal River Group

Bill Currey has served as a volunteer and president of the Coal River Group for the past four years. He is one of two original founders. Bill is the president and broker for Currey and Associates, LLC, a consulting and industrial real estate firm. His firm specializes in the re-development of dormant industrial sites and provides economic development consulting for private industry, tourism, and state government.

Rebecca Davidson

Safe Routes to School Coordinator

Rebecca currently serves as the Safe Routes to School Coordinator for the Division of Highways. She holds a BA from MU and a MA from WVU. Ms. Davidson has served in state government in the Treasurer's Office, the Governor's Office, the Division of Motor Vehicles, and the Division of Highways. Ms. Davidson is a Colonel in the WV Army National Guard and is the first and only woman officer to graduate with a Masters of Strategic Studies from the US Army War College.

Charlie Dundas

President Tri-State Construction, LLC.

Charlie was instrumental in the establishment and operation of the forty five year old Kanawha Trace Hiking Trail. He also helped the WV Scenic Trail Association to construct the Allegheny Trail. In 1987 Charlie and John Gibson started building trails professionally. Their first contract was constructing the Manns Creek Gorge Trail from Camp Washington Carver to Babcock State Park. Their company, Tri-State Construction has constructed and maintained hundreds of miles of trails, along with bridges, heavy timber structures, stone works and other recreational infrastructure.

Justin Gaul

Marketing Representative WV Division of Tourism

Justin joined the WV Division of Tourism as a Marketing Representative in November of 2006. He works to promote outdoor recreation and heritage tourism. Prior to joining the Division, Justin worked at the Greenbrier and as vice-president of a health/wellness company in Charleston. Justin earned a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science at the University of Charleston is a volunteer for the Davis Creek Watershed Association.

Jim Hudson

Community Development Specialist

Jim Hudson is the grants manager for the Recreational Trail Program within the Division of Highways. Jim has hiked, biked and paddled in such diverse places as Alaska, Hawaii, California, Maryland, Ohio, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Florida, Mexico, Haiti, Jamaica, the Cayman Islands and, of course, West Virginia.

Carl Knoch

Manager Trail Development
Northeast Regional Office – Camp Hill, PA

After nearly 30 years in marketing and marketing research in such diverse industries as advertising, financial services and computer games, Carl found his passion when he joined the York County Rail Trail Authority as a volunteer director in 1998. The authority is a ten-member volunteer board charged with development of the county's trail system. Carl has served as chairman of the Authority since 2000. Carl has conducted numerous trail user surveys and economic impact analysis and presented those findings at national, state and local conferences. In April of 2006 he joined the staff of the Northeast Regional office of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy as Manger of Trail Development. His responsibilities include handling all the "we-have-an-abandoned-rail-line-in-our-town-we-want-to-turn-into-a-trail" questions from Pennsylvania to Maine. He also works on establishing contacts and relationships with trail organizations and state agencies throughout the northeast region's ten state territory.

Eric Oberg

Manager of Trail Development
Rails-To-Trails Conservancy
Midwest Regional Office – Canal Winchester, OH

Eric has been involved in the trail community for about 8 years. Born and raised in Alaska he recently moved to Ohio after 7 years of running trail construction crews in Denali National Park in interior Alaska. While in the Denali area he also served as co-president of the Denali Citizens Council, a local citizen's advisory board. The experiences gained planning and building the Denali trail system, as well as being intimately involved with the local and state political scene through his DCC roles made joining the RTC staff a no-brainer. Having just made the move to the "lower 48" he is happy to have settled in the hills between Bremen and Logan, and enjoying his first taste of summer past the first of August! He has conducted numerous trail design and building seminars including at RTC's TrailLink conference in Portland in the summer of 2007.

Kelly Pack

Coordinator of Trail Development and Outreach
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
National Office – Washington, DC

Through technical assistance, Kelly supports trail development in several states across the country by providing local community leaders, trail managers, and citizen trail advocates with information and resources pertinent to trail building. She also supplements RTC's trail development project work through GIS mapping, research, and community outreach. Much of her experience in community organizing includes work with local watershed organizations, trail and greenway planning initiatives, pedestrian and bicycle advocacy groups, and a regional brownfield redevelopment program in her native state of West Virginia. She received her BA in English and MS in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Resources from West Virginia University.

Kathleen Panek

Executive Director, West Virginia Rails-to-Trails Council

Kathleen grew up in Brooke County West Virginia and later moved to Harrison County. When she and her husband looked at their home in Shinnston, they noticed an obvious rail bed and immediately thought rail-trail! The rail trail idea was already in progress and Kathleen got involved at that point and has continued to be involved with WVRTC.

Peggy Pings

Outdoor Recreation Planner with RTCA

Peggy is an Outdoor Recreation Planner with the National Park Service's Rivers & Trails Program (RTCA). Since 1995, she has staffed the one-person Field Office, located in the Division of Forestry & Natural Resources at West Virginia University in Morgantown. The RTCA is the community assistance arm of the NPS, and helps communities develop close-to-home conservation and recreation projects, outside of the National Parks. Peggy's expertise is regional trail planning, water trails, rail-trails, organizational development and community involvement.

William (Bill) Robinson

West Virginia State Trail Coordinator

Mr. Robinson's career in State government spans twenty-five years and includes experience in emergency management, technical writing and grant management. In addition to the position of State Trail Coordinator, Mr. Robinson is also the program manager for the Recreational Trails Program, Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator for the WV Division of Highways, Chairman of the WV Recreational Trails advisory Board and program manager for the Transportation, Community and System Preservation Program.

Kurt Simon

Coordinator for Little Kanawha RC&D Council

Kurt is the Coordinator for Little Kanawha Resource Conservation & Development Council. Kurt has extensive trails background in construction, grants writing & administration of trail projects and is a graduate of Hocking College and Ohio State University. He enjoys backpacking and has completed the entire Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine in 157 days. Kurt also enjoys all types of sports and coaches soccer.

Harold Simmons

Grant Coordinator WV Division of Highways

Harold currently serves as the Grant Coordinator for the WV Division of Highways. He earned his BS from West Virginia State College/University and has worked for the Division of Highways since 1974.