It’s the journey

SEArails
Southeast Alaska Trail System
www.SEArails.org
Who we are

- 501(c)3 non-profit corporation
- Board of volunteers
- 19 member communities
Member communities

1. Angoon
2. Coffman Cove
3. Craig
4. Gustavus
5. Haines
6. Hoonah
7. Hydaburg
8. Juneau
9. Kake
10. Ketchikan
11. Naukati
12. Pelican
13. Petersburg
14. Sitka
15. Skagway
16. Thorne Bay
17. Whale Pass
18. Wrangell
19. Yakatat
Our mission

- Facilitate planning, promotion, maintenance and construction of a region-wide Southeast Alaska trail system that will:
  - stimulate economic development
  - enhance quality of life
  - improve transportation
What we’re doing

• Promoting a network of public trails that are easily identified through signage, maps, user guides and common services
• Building community support and participation
• Developing consistent regional maps and information
• Strengthening our coalition of partners
What this means to you

• A more diverse, stable and locally-based economy that promotes multi-use opportunities (hiking, biking, paddling, SCUBA) without compromising local use (subsistence, logging, fishing, hunting)
How SEAtrails fits in locally

• Each SEAtrails community participates and actively decides which trails are designated SEAtrails

• SEAtrails provides additional trail funding opportunities to local trail groups (Sitka Trail Works, Juneau Trail Mix, Ketchikan Outdoor Recreation and Trails Coalition)
How SEATrails fits in regionally

• SEATrails systematically works to make independent adventure travel to SEATrails destinations in Southeast viable

• SEATrails collaborates with Alaska's Marine Highway System and the Inter-Island Ferry Authority (IFA) to provide easy, dependable travel connections and travel information to our 19 member communities in Southeast Alaska

• SEATrails partners with a plethora of organizations, groups and agencies to promote and market the region
Strong and growing coalition of partners

- Alaska’s Marine Highway System
- Inter-Island Ferry Authority (IFA)
- Federal Highway Administration
- U.S. Forest Service
- Department of Transportation
- Alaska Department of Natural Resources
- Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- National Park Service (RTCA Program)
- Southeast Conference
- And more
Most recent accomplishments

- Secured a VISTA volunteer to help with capacity building and organizational development
- Secured additional funds for trail improvement, planning and design, maps and signs
- Awarded $119,417 in grants to 10 SEAtrails communities for trail improvement, planning and design, maps, and signs
## Community grant projects completed

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<th>Community</th>
<th>What was done</th>
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<td>Skagway</td>
<td>Trail improvements to the switchbacks on Lower Dewey Lake. This included adding steps, decreasing angles and rebuilding of two retaining walls.</td>
<td>$15,595</td>
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<td>Craig</td>
<td>Trail improvements to the upper level of the Sunnahae Mountain trail. This included building bridges and stairs and improving trail tread.</td>
<td>$14,500</td>
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<td>Haines</td>
<td>Trail improvements to stop erosion and slide hills on the Battery Point trail. This included adding gravel to the first mile of the trail along with stairs/log steps to steeper sections and culverts/waterbars to wet areas.</td>
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<td>Juneau/Auke Bay</td>
<td>Trail improvements to the Ski-to-Sea Corridor. This included constructing a hardened, .7-km-long trail on top of the existing Nordic lower-loop trail and trail access.</td>
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<td>Petersburg</td>
<td>Sign improvements in and around Petersburg. This included adding signage at various locations and erecting interpretive signs.</td>
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<td>Wrangell</td>
<td>Trail improvements and sign improvements to Volunteer Park trail. This included adding 4&quot; of crushed rock and compact on the .5-mile Volunteer Park trail and replacing 10 interpretive signs that were vandalized or stolen.</td>
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<td>Sitka</td>
<td>Trail improvements to the Sea Lion Point trail. This included replacing part of the trail boardwalk with single-plank, treated lumber and rebuilding steps.</td>
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<td>Coffman Cove</td>
<td>Planning and design of the Grassy Flats trail. This included building an 8-mile trail bordering the grass flats south of town with several side access points. Grant funds paid for consultant work to identify land ownership and mapping.</td>
<td>$8,000</td>
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<td>Thorne Bay</td>
<td>Trail construction and improvement to the Davidson's Landing trail and picnic area. This included constructing a trail and several picnic areas along an old roadbed that was previously a log transfer facility.</td>
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<td>Trail improvements to the Auke Rec Artificial Reef and Dive Park. This included adding an underwater navigation course and signage.</td>
<td>$3,822</td>
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What’s next

- Working on administering a second round of community grants
- Updating the Trails and Transportation Master Plan
- Completing a business and marketing plan
- Updating the SEAtrails index map and web site
- Developing community maps of each community’s SEAtrails
- Increasing promotional efforts with our partners and businesses
- Building capacity and support by networking with communities, businesses, individuals and other agencies

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Get involved, stay involved

• Help us promote the SEAtrails mission inside and outside of your local community, business or organization

• Participate in our online image library drive by submitting your photo and activity description to vista@seatrails.org

• Help us develop and promote itineraries of SEAtrails adventures by submitting ideas to vista@seatrails.org
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