



Ozark Trail Association

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'Tis the Season

To all of our OTA friends, supporters, and volunteers, Thank you for an amazing year of giving back to a trail we all love! Your support from boots on the trail to financial assistance is overwhelming and humbling to say the least. Very few trail organizations can say



that they maintain a multi-use, National Recreation Trail and partner with multiple agencies as the OTA does. This past year was one of huge successes, as well as disappointments, but the overall health of the OTA and the future of the Ozark Trail continues to be very promising! From new trail along the Current River in the ONSR to possible future expansion as a water trail, the OT continues to grow. The holiday season is a perfect time for all of us to reflect on our blessings and seek out ways to make life better for those around us. Our sincere thanks for your loyalty and wishes of good will throughout the coming year.

Kathie Brennan, President



VOLUNTEER ON THE OZARK TRAIL

We are always looking for volunteers. Whether you're a master of the McLeod or have never done a day of trail work in your life, we hope you'll join us in building and protecting the OT!

The Ozark Trail Association is an all volunteer-based organization and there are always opportunities for individuals, families, groups, and organizations to participate. Each year, we organize volunteer trail maintenance and construction projects that range in length from one to multiple days. No experience is necessary to join us on these projects - just a willingness to work hard and get dirty.

Our ***Adopt-A-Trail program*** is the perfect opportunity for those looking for a more sustained way to support the OT. Trail adopters "adopt" their own section of trail. Pledging to visit and maintain it at least three times a year.

And if trail maintenance isn't your thing, there are still plenty of ways to get involved! We always need help around the office with things like fundraising, social media, power equipment and tool maintenance. Our outreach and education committee offers opportunities for a range of community outreach work. You can get involved with spreading the news about the OTA and the OT.

If you have a particular skill to offer or just wish to help out, please get in touch with us by contacting volunteer@ozarktrail.com. Some tasks can even be done from your home in the comfort of your armchair!

VOLUNTEER

A special thank you goes out to the **L-A-D Foundation** for their generous grant to the Ozark Trail Association! The OTA recently received a financial gift from the L-A-D grants committee to support technology upgrades to more efficiently capture our volunteer and donation information needed for quarterly reporting with our partners.

MEET THE OTA AT UNION STATION

Join us at the **Mississippi Valley Bike & Outdoor Expo** at Union Station on January 12-13, 2019 from 1pm-3pm on Saturday and 10am-4pm on Sunday. Be sure to stop by our booth for a chance to win some OTA swag as well as meet representatives from the Meramec Valley Trail Association.



LAST MINUTE STOCKING STUFFERS

Check out our **online store!** From the Ozark Trail Guidebook to trail maps to t-shirts, patches, stickers, hats, and souvenirs, we've got you covered when it comes to the Ozark Trail! Get your orders in by December 18 to be received by Christmas. Proceeds benefit the Ozark Trail Association.



Donate Today!

Upcoming Events

31 Dec - Kicking off the New Year Trail Construction at Round Spring



- 1 Jan - First Day Hike at Round Spring on the new Current River Spur Trail
- 5 Jan - Trail Maintenance at Ground Zero
- 8 Jan - Monthly Business Meeting at Alpine Shop 7pm
- 22-31 Jan - AmeriCorps Trail Crew at Round Spring - Volunteers Welcome

For details about these events and to see all scheduled outings, plus sign up, [click here](#).



The Mission of the Ozark Trail Association is to **develop, maintain, preserve, promote & protect** the rugged, natural beauty of the Ozark Trail

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