

Ozark Trail Association

April 30, 2020



Checking in...

When we last came together doing trail maintenance on the Ozark Trail, we had no idea how drastically life would be a few weeks later. It's mind-boggling. While there's been so much change throughout our lives, it's also allowed us to refocus on the most important things, including how we care and communicate with one another. We need each other and the OT as well. Know each of you are a valuable partner for helping make the OT available and accessible to all users across our state. We are blessed with great volunteers, amazing partners and a mutual priority of connecting people with the outdoors. Having to cancel our spring maintenance and construction events will impact trail conditions until we can return to address those issues. I truly believe and have no doubt that our OTA Volunteers will tackle it successfully, as we always do, as a unified group. Stay safe and healthy. Hope to be on the OT soon!

Kathie Brennan
President

It's a go...

Once we turn the corner on the Covid-19 fight, we will be able to gather with new policies and procedures. Not only have most of our C&M events been canceled, our fundraising events have been

postponed to later dates. You, our OTA volunteers, have been with us to ensure that the OT is in the best condition that can be done. Save the dates on the following events:

- August 22, 3-Legged Race at Bass' Resort
- September 12, OT Challenge Hike at Bass' Resort
- September 19, OTA/OHTA Trail Construction at Lake Norfolk
- September 26, One-Eyed Dog MTB Race at Council Bluff
- October 3, Devil's Toll Race at Johnson's Shut-Ins
- October 10, MEGA Event at Bass' Resort

VOLUNTEER

WE RUN THE OT!



Jake and Ryan at the Devil's Toll Race at Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park, June 2019.

Have you ever wondered why people do what they do? Especially with those who run for miles and miles on a trail? Meet OTA volunteers and Devil's Toll Race co-directors, Jake Grossbauer and Ryan Maher. These two share a passion of taking on some of the most rugged sections of trail because they love it! Their enthusiasm for trail running and the Ozark Trail became a perfect fit last year with the Devil's Toll Race. The race brings together hikers and trail runners in a one-day, 13-mile event on some of the most rugged trail to be found. When not on the trail, you'll find these family guys sharing the love of the outdoors with their wives and daughters.

Ozark Trail Challenges

We are all feeling the impact from these past weeks. There are many needs and now is the time to support the organizations you want to survive and the people of your community. We hope that the OTA is on the list of organizations YOU love. With the economic stimulus checks that have been provided to millions of Americans, we have been approached by individuals on how to continue our mission. To make a donation, click [here](#).



Business NOT As Usual



The OTA Board of Directors met recently while social distancing by utilizing Zoom for the quarterly board meeting. Quite different, but very effective in completing tasks at hand. Welcome new board members: Roger Allison, Jeff Goetter, and Garrett Doak.



Upcoming Events

- May 12:** OTA Staff Zoom Meeting
- May 16:** Buffin' the Bluff (tentative)
- June 6:** Celebrating National Trails Day
- August 21:** Trail Maintenance
- August 22:** 3-Legged Monster Race
- August 29:** OT Council Meeting
- September 5:** Trail of Four Winds 24K
- September 11:** Trail Maintenance
- September 12:** OT Challenge Hike

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

I'd like to make a tax-deductible donation to help the OTA fulfill their mission!

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I'd like to become a member or renew my membership with the Ozark Trail Association!

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*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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