

# The Alabama State Parks Dirt Pass Trail Crew Program

We are proud to introduce a new annual donation trail program that provides new opportunities to our trail users. Over the last decade the trails community has seen steady growth in an area that serves as a gateway activity to the outdoors. It provides for our visitors and allows us to fulfill our mission as a public service. Volunteer clubs have been crucial to the growth of our trails. These clubs provide labor, expertise and skills, but not every park has support clubs and not everyone can give in time and labor. The new Dirt Pass Trail Crew program provides a means for people to financially support this new program by making a \$35 annual donation. This will allow us to share some of the workload with those that have already blazed the trail.



New trails equipment and trails crew will help us become faster and better at improving and maintaining new trails.

One of the challenges of the new Dirt Pass Trail Crew program is funding. How do we plan for this?

- We are meeting those challenges with a combination of a robust grant writing program and this opportunity for people to become a member by making a \$35 annual donation.

What does it mean to those that support, donate and become a member of the Dirt Pass Trail Crew?

- You are part of a pioneer group. We want to create the best trail system in the Southeast. Your money goes directly to fund this new program that includes: organized trail work days, a full-time trail crew, professional trail support to volunteer groups, surveying the needs of trail users, new trail building equipment and overall trail improvement.
- You will receive a membership wristband and trails gift.
- Wear your wristband and you will be allowed free admittance into any gated park on the second Saturday of each month as part of "Dirt Pass Day".

What does it mean to those that choose to not support the Dirt Pass Trail Crew?

- Nothing. This is strictly a donation program, so trail users can enjoy the trails regardless, but we hope that each of our trails users strongly considers this as a great opportunity to be a part of something meaningful.

Where are the Dirt Pass Trail Crew annual donations made?

- The \$35 Dirt Pass Trail Crew donations can be made at 10 state parks, but the membership is system wide. Most park offices at these 10 parks will be able to accept donations.
- Donations can also be made online by visiting [alapark.com/Dirt-Pass](http://alapark.com/Dirt-Pass). A membership wristband and trail gift will be mailed to you. Please make your online donation before the first of each month to allow for shipment in time for "Dirt Pass Day", the second Saturday of each month.

Things to remember:

- The Dirt Pass Trails Team membership is a donation program and they can be made at the 10 select parks and online.
- Visit [Alapark.com/Dirt-Pass](http://Alapark.com/Dirt-Pass) to find out more on this pioneer program and to locate the 10 participating parks.



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