

# The Alabama State Parks Dirt Pass Trails Team Program

We are proud to introduce a new voluntary 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 such as BUMP (Birmingham Urban Mountain Pedalers) and CAMP (Central Alabama Mountain Pedalers) 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 Trails Team program provides a means for people to voluntarily financially support this new program and 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 Team program will be 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 of the Dirt Pass Trails Team.

What does it mean to those that support and become a member of the Dirt Pass Trails Team?

- \$35 annual fee (voluntary). **Discounted to \$25 for remainder of 2016!**
- 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. It is strictly used to support the new Trails Coordinator position, a full-time trail crew and helps provide professional support to existing volunteer groups. It will also allow us to survey the needs of our users, plan with those users and bring new trail equipment to project sites to ensure efficiency.

What does it mean to those that choose to not support the Dirt Pass Trails Team?

- Nothing. This is strictly a voluntary 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. We would love to see the vast majority of our trails users sharing in this program.

Where are the Dirt Pass memberships sold?

- The Dirt Pass is being introduced at 10 state parks, but the membership is system wide. Most normal point of sale places within the park will be able to sell the passes. Some of those include park offices, campground stores and or park entrances. This can be different from park to park.

Things to remember:

- The Dirt Pass Trails Team membership is voluntary.
- Visit [Alapark.com/Dirt-Pass](http://Alapark.com/Dirt-Pass) to find out more on this pioneer program and to locate the 10 introductory parks.



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