



2021 SESSION PROPOSALS

Given the uncertainty created by the on-going pandemic, we are working on a variety of alternatives to the traditional in-person California Trails and Greenways event should we be unable to gather in person in 2021. Therefore, we are gathering workshop and session proposals and trail award nominations for presentation in whatever format – in person or virtually - that is determined to be safe to use. Currently, California Trails and Greenways 2021 is scheduled to take place in Modesto from April 14th-16th.

If you submitted a session proposal for 2020 that was not presented as a webinar and you'd like that proposal to be considered for 2021, simply re-submit last year's proposal as is.



California Trails & Greenways 2021

SESSION PROPOSAL FORM

Proposals must be received by
December 7, 2020

Educational break-out sessions are one hour and cover the full range of trail and greenway topics. Please note that the sessions are highly competitive and only well-developed and highly relevant proposals presented by qualified experts will be accepted. Past sessions can be reviewed at www.parks.ca.gov/trailsandgreenways.

Session Title: Limit title to 8 words – please choose a title that summarizes the content of the session – titles that are “catchy” but don’t describe the session will be changed.

Session Description: Limit session description to 200 words. Concisely describe the topic and presentation format.

Educational Objectives: Set clear learning objectives for your presentation. List 2-3 specific points that attendees will learn that will assist them in their trails work. Describe what efficiencies, performances, or other improvements will result from your presentation. Also, consider your audience. Describe the teachable skills you'll be providing and who will benefit the most by receiving these skills. Also consider interactive discussions or activities to engage the group in problem solving. Proposals that focus on projects without providing concrete, teachable skills will be rejected.

Audience Level: Describe if your session be geared toward individuals with specific skills or levels of expertise.

Session Structure: Describe how the session be presented, e.g., panel discussion, demonstration, audience interaction, etc. Opportunities for audience participation are preferred. Also, be sure to leave 10 minutes at the end for questions.

Session Chair: For the individual responsible for coordinating the session, provide name, title, affiliation, address, phone, email, and a short 3-4 sentence biography that establishes the individual’s credentials. Please note that the name of the session chair and their email address will be provided in program materials and on the website.

Additional Session Presenters: We strongly urge you to include up to 2 additional presenters for a total of no more than 3 presenters. For each additional presenter, provide their name, title, affiliation, address, phone, email, and a short 3-4 sentence biography establishing the individual’s credentials.

Return proposals to:
trails@parks.ca.gov



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Topic Suggestions for Sessions and Workshops in the Modesto Area

Topic suggestions came from a recent meeting of local trail planners and managers. In addition to those topics listed below, more general session proposals will be accepted that address:

- (1) trail planning, development, and design;
- (2) building and maximizing partnerships;
- (3) engaging communities;
- (4) employing technology and innovations;
- (5) managing trails;
- (6) interpretation and educating the public; and
- (7) ensuring inclusion and equity.

Issues specific to the Central Valley:

- Maximizing the use of river corridors for trails, greenways, and associated recreation.
- Problems related to urban interface including:
 - Homelessness
 - Drug use
 - Inappropriate zoning along trail corridors and greenways
 - Connectivity to/from/and between trails and greenways
- Using trails and greenways as economic drivers including to enhance the quality of life for residence, attract businesses and professionals, and drive tourism.
- Building community support for existing and potential trails, greenways, and associated recreation including among municipal officials, decision makers, and law enforcement.
- Educating youth and non-traditional users and getting them into the outdoors.
- Using special events to build interest and support for trails, greenways, and associated recreation.
- Balancing trail use by different types of user types.
- Rebuilding trail systems and greenways after natural disasters.
- Innovative techniques in trail management and community engagement.