

Matanuska Susitna Borough TRAIL CARE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The goal of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Trail Care Program is to promote and support volunteer trail stewardship, teach trail maintenance and trail building techniques, promote health through safe and enjoyable trails. The program unites trail users with meaningful volunteer work and provides an opportunity for individuals and groups to be actively involved in our community. Volunteers assist the Matanuska-Susitna Borough by adopting a trail and helping with the vital task of improving and maintaining trails throughout the borough.

Volunteers who choose to become a Matanuska-Susitna Borough Trail Care Crew or crew member will adopt-a-trail to maintain and improve for a year or more. They will receive training and guidelines on trail monitoring, trail maintenance and trail building techniques. Tools, equipment and training will be provided by the MSB whenever possible.

Trail user groups, civic organizations, youth groups, church organizations, community groups, schools and private industries and businesses are encouraged to adopt-a-trail and become a trail care crew. All that is needed is the ability and desire to build, improve, and maintain trails.

Volunteer participants in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Trail Care Program must be at least 12 years old. For every 6 minors (age 12-17) who participate, at least one adult (age 21 or older) must be continuously present and act in a supervisory capacity for the minors. Minors under 18 years old may not operate motorized or power equipment.

Matanuska-Susitna Borough Trail Care Crews and crew members agree to:

- Complete a Volunteer Trail Care Application
- Attend a one day Matanuska-Susitna Borough Trail Care Training session
- Perform trail care as outlined in the Trail Care Agreement
- Provide adequate supervision to participants seventeen years of age or younger
- Advise the Matanuska-Susitna Borough of trail problems or concerns that are beyond the Trail Care Crew's resources and/or capabilities
- Encourage all trail users to utilize the "Trail Etiquette Standard for Trail Users"
- Adopt-a-trail for a minimum of one year

Matanuska-Susitna Borough will:

- Provide hand tools, and other trail maintenance equipment when available
- Provide Trail Care training on an annual basis
- Provide signs, trailhead kiosks and markers (if available)
- Publicly recognize the volunteer group for their work

If your organizations would like to adopt-a-trail and become a Trail Care Crew please call the MSB Community Development Department. (907) 745-9867