Town of Oro Valley Adopt A Trail Program

The Adopt A Trail Program is designed to help maintain and improve trails in the Town of Oro Valley, by providing an outlet for community and interest groups to assist in trail maintenance. The Town of Oro Valley Parks and Recreation's Adopt A Trail Program (AAT) was established in January 2004. It was modeled after the Town's Adopt A Roadway program as well as successful Adopt A Trail programs throughout the United States.

The program provides land stewardship, physical fitness, and instills a sense of pride and ownership for volunteers, fostering a closer connection to the community and to the environment. Trails provide a recreation outlet in Oro Valley, which is a requirement for maintaining a healthy lifestyle. They preserve open space and animal habitat, which assist in maintaining the health of the environment.

The Town of Oro Valley's program is designed to help beautify Oro Valley by facilitating trash removal and performing maintenance activities on the trails within the Town. By adopting a trail, civic and other nonprofit organizations help to generate civic pride in their community, thus creating economic benefits to all the citizens of the Town of Oro Valley.

By helping to maintain a trail, the trails can remain accessible and enjoyable to all users. This basic maintenance includes removing downed logs, brush and rocks, correcting drainage problems, and repairing trail tread. Strenuous cleanup activities are reported to the AAT Coordinator for re-assignment to Parks and Recreation employees.
How to Participate

Interested organizations should contact the Adopt A Trail Coordinator. Interested groups may include scout groups, youth groups, special interest clubs, families, schools, and private industry groups.

The Coordinator will explain and discuss the AAT Program with a responsible representative of the interested organization, emphasizing that the program requires significant physical work that must be done on a reasonably frequent basis for at least two years.

Organization’s Responsibility

- Complete at least three cleanups and maintenance checks of the adopted trail per year. Schedule each cleanup two weeks prior to cleanup date.
- Obtain signatures of each participant on the Special Event Waiver Form prior to each cleanup and return the completed form to the AAT Coordinator.
  - Obtain safety vests, trash cans, and other equipment at the Town of Oro Valley Parks and Recreation at 680 W. Calle Concordia.
  - Return safety vests, unused trash bags, and other equipment to the Town of Oro Valley Parks and Recreation within two working days after cleanup completion.
- Adhere to all Town of Oro Valley Safety Rules and Regulations stated in this brochure.
- Volunteer groups may send photos and write-ups of their trail maintenance projects for publication on the Town of Oro Valley’s Adopt A Trail Web page.

Oro Valley’s Responsibility

- Approve trail selection based on trail use and maintenance issues.
- Provide safety training and safety rules and regulations to organization’s group supervisor for distribution to program participants.
- Supply safety vests, trash bags, and other necessary equipment for use by volunteer organizations.
- Remove filled trash bags from trail side and dispose of properly.
- Erect a sign identifying the name of the volunteer organization.

Safety Rules and Regulations

The safety of the volunteers is the number one priority of the Adopt A Trail Program. All volunteers must receive proper safety training on the equipment prior to arriving at the job site to perform any clean up activities. Training for basic trail maintenance will be provided to group leaders by AAT staff prior to the commencement of trail activities. No power tools such as chainsaws are permitted to be used by the adopting group.

Choosing A Trail

The Town of Oro Valley’s trail system consists of trails of varying lengths, as well as different types of access (hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian). A trail will be assigned by the AAT Coordinator based on availability and maintenance needs. If your group has a trail preference, please notify the AAT Coordinator.