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**Alabama Trails**

# Alabama Trails Conference

**April 1 - 3, 2011**  
**Fairhope Civic Center**  
**Fairhope, Alabama**

Alabama's FIRST  
Trail Conference for  
All Trail Types  
All Trail Users  
All of Alabama

## Welcome!

We are excited to present Alabama's first conference that brings all types of trail users, builders and designers in Alabama together in one place. We hope that you enjoy this **experience of discovery** about trails and that we all gain an even greater appreciation of Alabama's tremendous trail assets and opportunities!

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## Host Sponsor:

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## Sponsors:

- Alabama Trails Commission
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## Conference Notes

**Conference attire is casual --  
or trail wear!**

Your name tag ***must*** be worn for admittance to lunch and receptions.

If you have general conference questions or need information, see Rob Grant, ADECA Recreation Programs, or Jody Waites, ADECA, Recreation Trails Coordinator. Expo Hall questions should be directed to Bill Meadows, Conference Exhibit Manager. Most all questions can be answered at the registration desk.

## Concurrent Session Meeting Locations:

Track A: Council Chambers

Track B: Delchamps I

Track C: Delchamps II

## Conference Overview

### Thursday, March 31

9:00am - 3:00pm Pre-Conference Event:  
Maritime Forest Bike Ride  
2:00pm - 5:00pm Conference Registration  
2:00pm - 5:30pm Mobile Workshop: Eastern Shore Trail Bike Ride

### Friday, April 1

7:00am - 9:00am Registration,  
Continental Breakfast  
7:15am - 7:45am Mobile Workshop:  
SmartWalk to School  
9:00am Expo Hall Opens  
9:00am - 4:00pm ATV Safety Video Presentations  
9:00am - 12:00pm Mobile Workshop: Village Pointe Preserve Park Nature Walk  
9:30 am - 11:00am Mobile Workshop: Historic Downtown Fairhope Walking Tour  
10:00am Alabama Trails Commission Meeting  
12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch  
*Lt. Governor Kay Ivey*  
1:00pm - 1:50pm Concurrent Sessions  
2:00pm - 2:50pm Concurrent Sessions  
2:50pm - 3:20pm Break  
3:20pm - 4:10pm Concurrent Sessions  
4:20pm - 5:10pm Concurrent Sessions  
5:00pm Expo Hall closes to general public  
5:30pm - 7:00pm Keynote Reception - Expo Hall  
*Dr. Doug Phillips,*  
*"Discovering Alabama"*

### Saturday, April 2

8:00am - 9:00am Continental Breakfast  
8:00am Expo Hall opens  
9:00am - 4:00pm ATV Safety Video Presentations  
9:00am - 9:50am Concurrent Sessions  
10:00am - 10:50am Concurrent Sessions  
11:00am - 11:50am Concurrent Sessions  
12:00pm - 2:00pm Lunch- Expo Hall  
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6:00pm - 7:30pm Keynote Reception - Expo Hall  
*Ed McBrayer, Executive Director*  
*Georgia's PATH Foundation*

### Sunday, April 3

7:00am - 1:00pm Mobile Workshop: Fort Morgan Birding Walk  
9:00am - 12:00pm Mobile Workshop: Historic Blakeley State Park Walking Tour  
8:00am - 1:00pm Mobile Workshop: Kayak the Bartram Canoe Trail

# ALABAMA TRAILS CONFERENCE 2011 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Thursday, March 31

### 9:00am – 3:00pm (PRE-CONFERENCE EVENT) Maritime Forest Bike Ride

Transportation to Orange Beach Maritime Forest and bikes are available. Limited seating in shuttle van (24 max); Others can follow in their own cars. Driving time is one hour each way. Please bring your own refreshments. *Difficulty: Easy*

### 2:00pm – 5:00pm Conference Registration

### 2:00pm – 5:30pm Mobile Workshop Eastern Shore Trail Bike Ride

Ride along the Eastern Shore Trail from the Fairhope Civic Center to Marriott's Grand Hotel, arriving in time for the 4:00 pm refreshments, Civil War re-enactment, and cannon shoot! *Difficulty: Easy*

the Gulf Coast, the threat of invasive plants, and maybe see a few gators in Mobile Bay. Starting location is Bayfront Park. Will return to Civic Center by noon. *Difficulty: Easy*

### 9:30 am – 11:00am Mobile Workshop: Historic Downtown Fairhope Tour

Fairhope Museum of History Director Donnie Barrett will lead a guided tour of historic downtown Fairhope. Meet at the City of Fairhope Museum of History, 24 N. Section Street. *Difficulty: Easy*

### 10:00am Alabama Trails Commission Meeting (Delchamps 1)

### 12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch featuring Alabama Lieutenant Governor Kay Ivey in Expo Hall

### 1:00pm – 1:50pm Concurrent Sessions

## Friday, April 1

### 7:00am – 9:00am Registration Continental Breakfast

### 7:15am – 7:45am SmartWalk to School

Take a SmartWalk to School through Fairhope with the youngest members of our community. Start at the Fairhope Civic Center and walk to the historic Kindergarten Center and back.... about 4/10 of a mile each way. SmartCoast will be leading the way. You'll get back in time to go on the Village Pointe Preserve Walk. *Difficulty: Easy*

### 9:00am Expo Hall Opens

### 9:00am – 4:30pm ATV Safety Video Presentations

Catch the presentation every half hour in the Cheaha Trail Riders Education Trailer located outside the Expo Hall in the parking lot. At the top of each hour: "A Trip Unplanned," a 20 minute video about two young boys who do not adhere to OHV safety standards for the operation of an ATV. On the half-hour: "Introduction to Mechanized Trail Equipment," a 20 minute video produced by the US Forest Service and Trails Unlimited, which covers mechanized equipment use in building trails, planning, training, and much more.

### 9:00am – 12:00pm Mobile Workshop: Village Pointe Preserve Park Nature Walk

Renowned author and botanist Fred Nation will lead a two-mile loop walk in Daphne's Village Point Preserve Park where we'll learn about the amazing range of plants along

### A. ADA Guidelines for Powered Mobility Devices Graham Sisson, Director Governor's Office on Disability

ALERT! On March 15, 2011, new Department of Justice rules will allow certain "power-driven mobility devices" to be used on trails by "individuals with mobility disabilities." What should trail and land managers do to make sure they are in compliance with these new federal regulations?

### B. Leave No Trace – Principles of Stewardship Skip Essman, Leave No Trace

Between 1965 and 1980, backcountry visits jumped from 4 million visitor days per year to 10 million per year. (A visitor day is a 12 hour stay by one person.) In 1984 the number grew to 15 million visitor days, up 275 percent in less than 20 years. The numbers of backcountry (and frontcountry) visitors continue to grow at a fast pace. As cities grow and populations encroach upon wildlands and recreation areas, we must do more than just pick up litter and extinguish campfires; we must learn how to maintain the integrity and character of the outdoors for all living things. However, Leave No Trace is not simply a program for visiting the backcountry, it is a way of life, and learning Leave No Trace concepts begins at home. This session will detail the Leave No Trace principles for the responsible enjoyment and active stewardship of the outdoors by all people, worldwide.

### C. Risk Management for Off-Highway Vehicle Parks Randy Harden, President and Founder The NOHVIS Group, Inc.

What you need to know about insuring your off-highway vehicle park. Participants will learn what's different about motorsports coverage, what type of risk management criteria is required and how the facility can help minimize their

exposures using common sense management practices. This presentation will also address coverage for special events along with the most common pitfalls that often cause unnecessary claims. Learn to utilize trail patrol programs to help your park achieve the best management plans!

## 2:00pm – 2:50pm Concurrent Sessions

### A. Pathways for Play: Designing Children and Family Friendly Systems to Encourage Healthy Lifestyles

**David Hill, Regional Sales Manager, GameTime**

Discover how infusing play can create innovative greenway and trails that encourage family engagement, promote learning, and add play value to attract intergenerational users. Explore best practice guidelines for designing playful pathways that infuse play throughout the trail experience to encourage active lifestyles in communities.

### B. Red Mountain Park – A Model for Urban Park Development

**David Dionne, Executive Director, Red Mountain Greenway and Recreational Area Commission**

Red Mountain Park will soon become one of the nation's newest and most innovative urban parks. The park's design encourages visitors to honor the city's mining and cultural history while imagining its future, all while engaging in healthy recreational activities. Join Executive Director David Dionne to learn how Red Mountain Park is becoming one of America's model urban parks.

### C. The Alabama Trail

**Joe Cuhaj, President, Alabama Hiking Trail Society**

The vision is a wilderness walking trail that stretches from the white sands of Fort Morgan north to the mountains of north Alabama. After a 550-mile traverse of the state, the hiker would be rewarded with amazing views at the Walls of Jericho, a strikingly beautiful bowl canyon and waterfall at the Alabama-Tennessee state line. In between, foot travelers would witness the state's distinctive range of habitats, home to unmatched numbers of wildlife and plant species.

## 2:50pm – 3:20pm Break

## 3:20pm – 4:10pm Concurrent Sessions

### A. The Key Ingredients of a Sustainable and Successful Trail System

**Cam Lockwood, Trails Unlimited**

The US Forest Service – Trails Unlimited Enterprise Unit (Cam Lockwood, proprietor) provides a complete suite of services covering the life of a trail from initial concept through maturity. Not only do they provide consulting, construction, and maintenance services, but they also offer training, as well. Whether taught as a formal lecture/hands-on lab course or on-the-job during a planned project, Trails Unlimited can pass their knowledge and experience on to your agency's employees and volunteers - the Next Generation of trailblazers.

### B. The NRT Program: National Recognition for Your Local Trail

**Deirdre Hewitt, National Park Service**

The National Recreation Trail (NRT) Program recognizes

the diversity of trails across America that connects people to local resources and improves their quality of life. This session will provide a brief history and overview of the NRT program, as well as highlight the growing benefits available to trail managers. Program benefits include promotion, technical assistance, networking, and access to funding opportunities. More than 1,000 trails have been designated on Federal, State, local, and privately owned land throughout the country.

### C. Forever Wild

**Chris Smith, Recreation Activity Coordinator  
Forever Wild Program**

The Forever Wild Program was established in 1992 by constitutional amendment to provide for the purchase of public recreational lands. Since its inception, the program has purchased lands for general recreation, nature preserves, and additions to Wildlife Management Areas and state parks. Eighty-five (85) tracts totaling 222,611 acres located throughout the state have been acquired.

## 4:20pm – 5:10pm Concurrent Sessions

### A. Hybrid Trail Contracting

**Ryan Spates, S&S Trail Services, LLC, Austin, TX**

Learn to leverage professionals and volunteers to accomplish trail projects with a smaller budget. Hybrid Contracting can enable land managers to achieve their trail goals, whether it is construction or maintenance. This session will explore when it is appropriate to use volunteers in conjunction with professional trail builders, how to best utilize these partnerships, and what some of the benefits and pitfalls can be.

### B. Get Social!

**Kim Waites and Kim Knowles  
Fresh Air Family, Inc.**

How to win friends on Facebook, and tweet like a bird on a trail. This social media session will teach you the art of social media. Kim Waites and Kim Knowles will share how they market Fresh Air Family events to thousands of families through these outlets. On her debut hike, Kim Knowles hosted 37 hikers, just using Twitter alone. Through social media, they have added hundreds of new hikers and members to their organization.

### C. Be Part of the Process: Planning the Next 5 Years

**Tracy Delaney, AICP**

**South Central Alabama Development Commission**

Alabama's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) and State Trail Plan provide a framework for the planning, development, management and protection of Alabama's outdoor recreation resources and facilities; and it establishes priorities for outdoor recreation funding. You are invited to attend this session to discover how you and your organization can be part of the 2013-2018 SCORP/Trail Plan and to give your insight and ideas for its development.

5:00pm

**Expo Hall Closes  
to General Public**



**5:30pm - 7:00pm      Keynote Reception featuring  
Dr. Doug Phillips,  
“Discovering Alabama” in  
Expo Hall**

The Discovering Alabama series began in 1985 as an outgrowth of the life-long Alabama travels of series creator and producer Dr. Doug Phillips. As series host, Dr. Phillips combines extensive knowledge of Alabama's natural features with a personal commitment to conservation and education.

A foremost need is for improved education that includes an emphasis on conservation and the natural environment. Here, Discovering Alabama is a ready resource for environmental education. Likewise, as most Alabamians understand, the state must seek a proper balance between economic development and environmental protection. Discovering Alabama promotes such a balance while celebrating the state, an additional opportunity for a future in harmony with a prior, fundamental balance - the balance of nature. Meeting this opportunity requires leadership that actively appreciates our wildlands, wetlands, forestlands, farmlands, and undeveloped countryside. Toward this end, Discovering Alabama provides a perspective that underscores the values of these natural assets.

**Saturday, April 2**

**8:00am – 9:00am      Continental Breakfast**

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**8:00am – 4:30 pm      ATV Safety Video  
Presentations**

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**9:00am – 3:00pm      Spouse and Children Field  
Trip**

Weeks Bay Reserve Family Fun Day. Interpretive Center, Boat Tours, Pitcher Plant Bog Tours, Native Plant Sale. Please use your own transportation (map and brochure in registration bag).

**9:00am – 9:50am      Concurrent Sessions**

**A. Model Trail and Trail Community: IMBA, SORBA,  
and the Coldwater Mountain Biking Project  
Tom Sauret, Executive Director, SORBA**

Learn about the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) model trail program and how IMBA works with its regional partner SORBA (The Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association) and local organizations (The Northeast Alabama Bicycle Association) to create sustainable

trail communities and trail systems. These bicycling organizations are partnering with ADECA and Forever Wild to build the premier mountain biking destination in the southeast on Coldwater Mountain in Anniston, Alabama. Over fifty miles of state-of-the art Flow Trail and two gravity trails are planned. The session will present a brief history of the project, a project over-view, the vision of this project and the projected outcomes.

**B. An Introduction to Blueways in Alabama: the  
Alabama Scenic River Trail  
Fred Couch, President and Founder of the  
Alabama Scenic River Trail**

The Alabama Scenic River Trail is the only blueway that has it all—from mountain streams to river delta to the salty waves of the Gulf of Mexico. Paddling and powerboat experiences and exploration abound along over 1,000 miles of accessible waterways with amenities and campsites to support everything from long-distance touring to organized paddles to races, overnight trips or any kind of day trip you might imagine. It's all waiting for the whitewater enthusiast, the naturalist and the family who just wants to play. This session discusses what the trail consists of, how it was formed, its mission and successes.

**C. Hiking through Europe  
Bill Matthews, Killen (Florence), Alabama**

As you near the end of an 18-mile day and the forest trail begins to drop into the valley, a medieval castle looms through a break in the trees. In the quaint village at the base of the castle, a hot shower, pizza and some legendary Belgian beer await you. Hiking for wimps? Maybe. Maybe not. This session describes some of the incredible hiking experiences available in Western Europe, focusing on three special places for hikers and the kind of trails, hiker infrastructure, language challenges and cultural experiences an American hiker will encounter. The GR5/E2 is called the “mother” of all long distance footpaths in Europe, beginning at the North Sea and crossing the Alps on its way to the Mediterranean. Hadrian's Wall Path in England follows alongside a Roman wall, from North Sea to the Irish Sea. And lastly, the incomparable Camino de Santiago, a collection of 1,000 yr old pilgrimage trails mainly in southwestern Europe. Speaker has hoofed it for 1,500 miles solo in 8 countries on portions of all three trails (but not over the Alps!) all since the youthful age of 65. Plenty of photos, samples of hiking maps and guidebooks.

**10:00am – 10:50am      Concurrent Sessions**

**A. Our One Mile: A Legacy for the 21st Century  
Wendy Jackson, Director, Freshwater Land Trust;  
Jane Ross, Landscape Architect and Project  
Manager, Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood**

Throughout summer and fall of 2010, the Freshwater Land Trust hosted over 25 public meetings to identify a network of over 100 miles of trails, sidewalks, and greenways to connect desirable places throughout the Birmingham area and Jefferson County. These ideas and connections gathered during these meetings will be transformed into a

workable greenways plan for every community. Think about it: where is your one mile?

Wendy Jackson, Director of the Freshwater Land Trust will share with session participants the vision for a regional trail network in Jefferson County. Jane Ross, Landscape Architect and Project manager with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood will present work to date on planning the trail network. The session will highlight the challenges and opportunities presented by geography, politics and funding.

#### **B. Outdoor Access as an Essential Service**

***Jim Felder, Executive Director***

***Alabama Scenic River Trail***

The phrase "recreational trail" has only come into popular use in the last few decades. Before that, for much of the nation, getting outdoors meant leaving the house. But growth and development have left many people without a portal to the environment. This presentation considers how citizens can go to counties and municipalities for outdoor access much as they have come to expect other essential services that were once considered frivolous.

#### **C. Hiking the Appalachian Trail, the Pacific Crest Trail, and the Continental Divide Trail: Experience and Lessons Learned**

***Wayne Bailey***

This will be a presentation by triple-crown through hiker Wayne Bailey (AT '07, PCT '09, CDT '10) that will describe the physical and cultural similarities and differences of the trails. Wayne will discuss the lessons learned during these hikes and describe his adaptation to the unique characteristics of each trail. Open discussion and questions from the audience will be encouraged.

### **11:00am – 11:50am Concurrent Sessions**

#### **A. NIMBY-itis – Is There a Cure?**

***Ed McBrayer, Executive Director, PATH Foundation***

Every proposal from a puppy store to a nuclear waste dump has them... the people who are opposed to whatever is happening. Learn how to recognize a true NIMBY and what to do with them to keep your project on track.

#### **B. Providing Access and Improvements for Paddlers: How Water Makes Your Trail Dollar Stretch Further**

***Jim Felder, Executive Director***

***Alabama Scenic River Trail***

River trails are inherently different from land trails in several ways, two of which is that the rivers and streams already exist and they don't grow over from lack of use. This makes a trail on the water easier to plan and deploy, and stretches recreational trail dollars to the maximum. And since most people do not already own and travel with a boat, local rentals make for positive economic impact.

#### **C. "Backpacking 101"**

***Johnny Brewer***

What to put in, what to leave out, what gear to use!

### **12:00pm – 2:00pm Lunch Visit Expo Hall**

### **2:00pm – 2:50pm Concurrent Sessions**

#### **A. How to Fund Trail Projects**

***Ed McBrayer, Executive Director, PATH Foundation***

Review the many ways trail projects are funded elsewhere! Hear how a public-private partnership can be the answer to funding your trail project!

#### **B. Producing Maps for Blueways: Getting Extraordinary Results from Ordinary Means**

***Jim Felder, Executive Director***

***Alabama Scenic River Trail***

Making a good map is the most creative of endeavors because of the number of factors that must be taken into account for the final compromise to work for the greatest number of users. This session will show you how consider all those factors and then use GPS, paper, a digital camera and a computer to create high quality maps out of ordinary computer applications. This workshop is for anyone who needs to add meaningful and accurate information to a map and make it available to the public in an eye-catching way.

#### **C. Alabama's Hiking Trail Master Plan**

***J. Erik Douglas, Vice-President - Trails***

***Alabama Hiking Trail Society***

The Alabama Hiking Trail Society, along with local, state, federal, and environmental partners, continually review and update plans for new trail development in the state that will allow the public to visit Alabama's beautiful landscapes, many of which can only be experienced on foot. In addition, the Alabama Trail, Eastern Continental, and Great Eastern Trails will be major long paths that travel through the state and as such require planning by dedicated individuals to identify property owners, plan routes, and obtain required permissions and access.

### **3:00pm – 3:50pm Concurrent Sessions**

#### **A. The Economics of Sustainable OHV Parks and Trail Systems**

***Jack Terrell, National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC)***

This session will present essential principles for the planning, design, development, construction, maintenance and management of successful, sustainable OHV parks and trail systems. Topics include what type of recreation experiences OHV enthusiasts are seeking, and how park developers and land managers can provide a quality recreation experience that is environmentally and financially sustainable. Examples of positive economic impact, and the leverage of partnership opportunities, will demonstrate how OHV parks can be sustainable in a challenging economic environment.

#### **B. Getting the Press to Work for You**

***Verna Gates, Reuters International***

Got wonderful programs, but can't get anybody to notice? Sending releases that go nowhere? Time to see the media from a reporter's point of view. A news veteran of CNN, TIME Magazine and Reuters International, Verna Gates tells the dos and don'ts of navigating the media. This session will teach you how to write winning releases, lure TV cameras

to your event, and how to establish a relationship with your local media.

**C. Dog River Scenic Blueway Partnership**  
***Bruce Coldsmith, Dog River Scenic Blueway***

The Dog River Scenic Blueway promotes stewardship of the Dog River Watershed, encourages cultural and historical awareness, and provides recreational opportunities for paddling enthusiasts and recreational boaters in Mobile's urban river and its tributaries. Liz Smith-Incer with the National Park Service Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance team began working with the Dog River Clearwater Revival to develop a partnership. The Partnership has met monthly since March of 2010 going over the river inch by inch looking for launch sites, park sites, and marker sites. Now they will pull all this together into a 5 year plan to develop the Scenic Blueway.

**3:50pm – 4:10pm Break**

**4:10pm – 5:00pm Concurrent Sessions**

**A. Coosa River Annex Project**  
***Danny Hubbard, Public Relations Director***  
***Cheaha Trail Riders (via conference call)***

This breakout session will be an overview of the upcoming development of the 2,832 acres of property located in Talladega County, known as the Coosa River Storage Annex. This will be one of the most unique parks in the world. The National Park Service's Federal Lands to Parks Program awarded the Public Park Authority of the Cities of Lincoln and Talladega this property in late 2010 and the property will be developed as a multiuse recreational facility containing Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV), equestrian, walking, mountain biking, and hiking trails along with a variety of other unique recreational venues. Development began in March 2011 and the total development cost is estimated to be over \$50 million within the next 10-15 years, with a revenue impact to the state of Alabama estimated to be over \$20 million annually when completed.

**B. Be Part of the Process: Planning the Next 5 Years**  
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**C. OPEN**

**5:00pm**

**Expo Hall Closes  
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**6:00pm – 7:30pm**

**Keynote Reception featuring  
Ed McBrayer, Executive  
Director, Georgia's PATH  
Foundation (developer of the  
Silver Comet Trail) on the  
Benefit of Trails in Expo Hall**

**Sunday, April 3**

**7:00am – 1:00pm**

**Mobile Workshop:  
Fort Morgan Birding Walk**

The nets will be up in the woods and Bob Sargent, of the HummerBird Study Group, and his staff will be weighing and measuring migrating birds. This is a unique opportunity to actually see the birds up close... and possibly hold one in your hand! Perfect opportunity for some GREAT pictures! Roger Clay with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources will be leading this workshop. Please bring your own refreshments. Driving time is one hour each way. You must provide your own transportation. *Difficulty: Easy*

**9:00am – 12:00pm**

**Mobile Workshop:  
Blakeley State Park Walking  
Tour**

Join Historian Steve Thomas for this trip back in time to explore the site of the last major battle of the Civil War. Steve will weave a fascinating story of not only the battle but also the town of Blakeley which once rivaled Mobile as a thriving port city. (\$3.00 per person park admission fee). Van will hold 15 people; others can follow in their own vehicles. Meet in front of Civic Center at 8:00am. Will return to Civic Center at 12 noon. Length is two miles. *Difficulty: Easy to Moderate (a few hills).*

**8:00am – 1:00pm**

**Mobile Workshop:  
Kayak the Bartram Canoe  
Trail in the Alabama Delta**

*You must register with the Alabama Scenic River Trail for this event.* Led by the Alabama Scenic River Trail, the kayak trip will be departing from Hubbards Landing (near Stockton). Rental boats and gear are available. Bring your own lunch/snacks/drinks. Transportation available if needed (van will hold 10 people, others can follow in their own vehicle). \$35 event fee. For more information and to register, visit the ASRT website: [www.alabamascenicrivertrail.com](http://www.alabamascenicrivertrail.com). *Difficulty: Moderate*

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**Thanks for  
being here!**



# ALABAMA TRAILS CONFERENCE 2011

## CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

### Great Speakers!

With 29 trail sessions plus three feature speakers, this conference offers something for everyone. From trail building to trail safety to plans for future trails -- there are a wide variety of trail topics covering every type of trail. And, you won't want to miss the feature speakers! Lt. Governor Kay Ivey will speak at lunch on Friday; Dr. Doug Phillips, of *Discovering Alabama* will speak at the Keynote Reception on Friday evening; and Ed McBrayer, Executive Director of Georgia's PATH Foundation, will speak at the Keynote Reception on Saturday evening.



**Kay Ivey**  
Alabama  
Lieutenant  
Governor



**Ed McBrayer**  
Ex. Director  
PATH  
Foundation



**Dr. Doug Phillips**  
"Discovering  
Alabama"

### Fun Mobile Workshops!

The Alabama Trails Conference isn't about just listening and learning -- it's about doing. The Conference offers two pre-conference events, five mobile workshops, a SmartWalk and even a spouse and family field trip. Be sure to take advantage of as many of the mobile workshops as you can to enjoy a variety of trail experiences.

- Pre-Conference - Maritime Forest Bike Ride in Orange Beach



- Village Pointe Preserve Park Nature Walk in Daphne



- Fort Morgan Birding Walk Bon Secour Wildlife Sanctuary



- Pre-Conference - Eastern Shore Trail Bike Ride



- Weeks Bay Reserve Family Fun Day Interpretive Center, Boat Tours, Pitcher Plant Bog Tours, Native Plant Sale



- Historic Downtown Fairhope Tour



- Historic Blakeley State Park Walking Tour in Spanish Fort



- Kayak the Bartram Canoe Trail in the Mobile Delta

