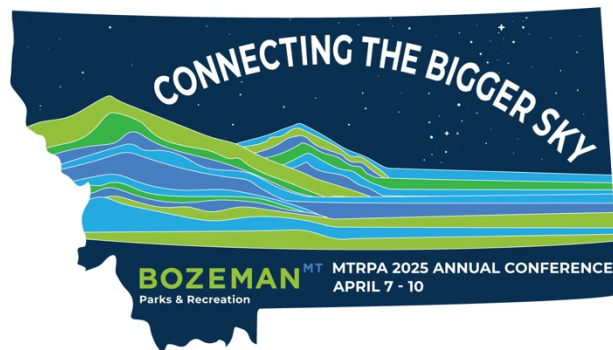


Call for Presenters

2025 Montana Trails, Recreation & Park Conference April 7-10 in Bozeman, MT



The **Montana Trails Recreation & Park Association** Annual Conference will be held April 7 – 10, 2025 in Bozeman, MT with the theme “Connecting Under the Bigger Sky”.

What is the Montana Trail Recreation and Park Association?

The Montana Trail Recreation and Park Association (MTRPA) is a non-profit, public interest professional organization representing professionals involved in providing recreation opportunities, natural resource management and leisure facilities to all Montanans as well as the countless tourist who visit our state each year.

Reasons to Present at MTRPA

- Facilitate an exciting conference schedule.
- Network with Parks and Recreation professionals across the state.
- Inform a broad audience on the latest industry standards and trends.
- Share compelling success stories from your profession.
- Introduce regional, national, and global trends to Montana professionals.

Your presentation will reach:

- Directors, Administrators and Recreation Supervisors
- Natural Resource Land and Wildlife Managers
- Park Operations and Maintenance Personnel
- Trails Management and Maintenance
- Therapeutic Recreation Professionals
- Educators and Students
- Commercial Recreation Professionals
- Aquatics Professionals
- Students Pursuing a Career in Recreation and Land Management
- Park & Recreation Commissioners & Board Members
- Citizen Members

The conference committee is working hard on a session framework to address current topics and opportunities. The conference theme is “Connecting the Bigger Sky”, and sessions can expand on the changes and adaptability in the state of Montana related to that theme. We are seeking thought provoking speakers with professional, cutting edge, interactive education sessions, and presentations that can provide information and proven methods to successfully manage and maintain parks, trails, recreation programs, aquatics, and urban forests in the following tracks:

1. Access and Equity

- Examples include: pickleball issues and solutions, certification opportunities, homelessness in parks, technology in the workplace.

2. Programs and Partnerships

- Examples include: access to public art and art programming, parks and recreation partnerships, building active communities through public/private partnerships, wellness in the Parks and Recreation workplace.

3. Active Transportation

- Examples include: bridging active transportation between streets and parks, trail planning and maintenance, wayfinding, greenways.

4. Natural Resources

- Examples include: conservation through urban forestry management, water conservation and park maintenance standards, sustainability, riparian areas, green infrastructure.

Sessions Length Options:

- 1-hour full session
 - o The 1-hour full session will be offered in rooms set up with round tables or theatre style seating.
- 30-minute session
 - o The 30-minute sessions will be offered in rooms set up with theatre style seating. These sessions are especially good for demonstrations.

If you have specific questions about program concepts/formats, please feel free to contact the following conference committee members:

Alex Nordquest, Conference Committee Lead – anordquest@bozeman.net

Cassie Lasson, Resource Development Coordinator – contact@mtrpa.info

Please submit proposals (template below) in electronic format via email to: anordquest@bozeman.net by February 15, 2025 for conference committee review.

Conference Agenda

(Draft Schedule)

Monday, April 7th

12:00pm-5:00pm	Registration and Check-in
1:00pm-4:00pm	Exhibit Hall Set-Up
2:30pm-3:30pm	MTRPA Board Meeting
4:00pm-5:00pm	Education Sessions: Roundtables
5:00pm-7:00pm	Welcome Social
	Dinner on your own

Tuesday, April 8th

7:00am-12:00pm	Registration and Check-in
7:00am-8:30am	Full Breakfast
8:30am-9:00am	Welcome
9:00am-10:00am	Keynote Speaker Kristine Stratton, President and CEO of the National Parks and Recreation Association
10:00am-10:15am	Announcements
10:30am-12:00pm	Exhibit Hall Opens (Time with Exhibitors)
11:00am-11:30am	Speed Session 1
11:45am-12:15pm	Speed Session 2
12:15pm-1:30pm	Lunch on your own
1:45pm-2:45pm	Breakout Session 1
3:00pm-4:00pm	Breakout Session 2
4:15pm-6:15pm	Exhibitor Happy Hour Dinner on your own

Wednesday, April 9th

7:00am-12:00pm	Registration and Check-in
7:00am-8:30am	Breakfast
8:30am-8:45am	Announcements
9:00am-11:00am	Exhibit Hall Tear-Down
9:30am-10:30am	Breakout Session 3
11:00am-12:00pm	Breakout Session 4
12:15pm-1:30pm	Member Meeting and Awards Lunch
2:00pm-4:00pm	Site Visits
5:00pm-8:00pm	Social & Dinner – TBD

Thursday, April 10th

8:00am-9:00am	New Professional Roundtable
8:30am-9:30am	Breakfast
9:30am-10:30am	General Session
10:30am-10:45am	Closing Remarks and Announce Raffle Winners

**Educational Session Proposal
MTRPA Conference
April 7-10, 2025
Bozeman Event Space/AC Hotel
Bozeman, MT**

Speaker Information:

Full Name:

Organization:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Short Bio:

Second Speaker (optional):

Full Name:

Organization:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Short Bio:

Third Speaker (optional):

Full Name:

Organization:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Short Bio:

Session Details

Session Title:

Preferred Date/Time (We will try to accommodate your request):

On a separate page please include a session description, including learning outcomes (maximum 50 words for the program guide) and a session proposal (maximum one page).

Speaker Requirements: (check all that apply)

Speakers who are members of MTRPA or employed in the field of Parks and Recreation or commercial companies are not eligible for honorarium, expense reimbursement, or waiver of registration fees.

Fee/Honorarium \$ _____
Mileage \$ _____
Lodging (Dates: _____) \$ _____

Audio Visual:

Computer
 Internet Connection
 No A/V needed
 Other: _____

Room Setup:

Theatre Style Seating
 Round tables
 No preference

Session Length:

1 hour
 30 minutes

Thank you for your interest in the 2025 MTRPA Conference in Bozeman, Montana!

