

2018-2019 Accomplishments



Lake Pueblo Trails Update

SCTB Continues Advocacy and Maintenance Work at Lake Pueblo State Park

Under a Memorandum of Understanding between the federal Bureau of Reclamation, CPW, and SCTB - signed in 2017 - SCTB has assisted in trail condition assessments and maintenance planning for the trails at Lake Pueblo State Park. Under this agreement, SCTB is able to perform necessary trail maintenance such as trimming and erosion repairs while a formal Trail Management Plan is put together.

As we assist our land manager partners in working towards a formal and recognized trail system at Lake Pueblo, we will continue to position the organization as the caretakers of these trails.



CPW Draft Trail Management Plan

Trails receive massive support from local and statewide community during public comment period as SCTB continues long-term advocacy efforts at Lake Pueblo State Park

Public Comments Overwhelmingly Support Trails at Lake Pueblo

In the Spring of 2019, CPW released a draft Trail Management Plan for public comment. Following on the ground assessments to determine natural and cultural resource interactions, the draft trail management plan proposed season trail closures as well as closures of numerous technical canyon trails including Freeride and Skull Canyon.

SCTB submitted a formal position statement that include a strong objection to seasonal closures (which would have occurred during the most desirable trail use seasons of winter and spring) as well as voicing support for the trail maintenance and infrastructure enhancements that CPW was proposing for the trail system. This position statement was supported by numerous local business and local government entities. Additionally, hundred of public comments representing trail users locally trail and from around Colorado were received that overwhelmingly objected to trail closures generally and seasonal trail closures specifically. SCTB believes that these comments were positively received by CPW and will be reflected in their final Trails Management Plan and BOR's Resource Management Plan expected to be adopted in 2020.



Carhart Trail Completed and Open

A two-year project to plan and build the new Carhart Trail at the Pueblo Mountain Park is completed in 2018



A New Historic Trail is Completed

After a planning process beginning in 2016, SCTB volunteers designed, planned and executed the construction of the new 1.8 mile Carhart Trail at the Pueblo Mountain Park in Beulah. Over two years, the trail was built with over 1,000 hours of 100% volunteer labor, and community donations that funded tools, supplies, and food for work days. This new trail, open to mountain bikers and foot traffic, provides a key connection to the vast Forest Service trail network adjacent to the park. It links the park to the historic Squirrel Creek Trail and Davenport Campground. The trail is named after Arthur Carhart, a landscape architect and conservationist that was employed by the US Forest Service to develop some of the nation's first recreational facilities including numerous in the adjacent San Isabel National Forest in the early 20th Century.

Southern Colorado Trail Builders is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. [Learn more at socotrails.org](http://socotrails.org)



Carhart Trail Celebration

SCTB hosted an event to celebrate the completion of our Carhart Trail project



A Night to Set the Tools Down and Celebrate

SCTB spent much of 2018 organizing educational events, swinging tools, and moving dirt to build the Carhart Trail. The Carhart Trail Celebration gave everyone a night to kick back, enjoy a beer, and celebrate our accomplishments.



Thank you to our friends at Brues Alehouse who supported the event through use of their stage/concert venue as well as by brewing a special “Trail Ale” specifically for the event.

Proceeds from the event and silent auction raised over \$3,000 to fund SCTB initiatives in the future.



SCTB Supports Community Trail Events



In its third and fourth annual occurrence in 2018 and 2019, the Trails Bash brought together the community's trail users to celebrate trail-based recreation.

In 2018 and 2019, SCTB organized and led five "101" style clinics for mountain biking, hiking and trail running that were well attended by new trail users in our community. A Women's Explore Your Trails Event was hosted with a group hike and group MTB ride. SCTB also supported the annual Brew at the Zoo event, running a bike valet for attendees.

In the fall, SCTB supported the Beulah Challenge - a running race that included 5k, 10k, and half marathon distances that circled Beulah and entered the Pueblo Mountain Park. SCTB assisted in planning and coordinating the event and through pre-race trail maintenance.



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