



2020-2021 Accomplishments



Lake Pueblo Trails Formally Recognized!

SCTB achieves long-term goal of formal recognition of trail system at Lake Pueblo State Park!



Formalizing the Future of the Trails

After a multi-year effort of relationship building, organizational restructuring, trail assessments, and trail expertise sharing beginning in 2014, Colorado Parks and Wildlife's (CPW) final Trail Management Plan was adopted into the federal Bureau of Reclamation's (BOR) final Resource Management Plan for the park.

After hundreds of public comments were received including SCTB's position statement (supported by numerous local government and The finalization of both of these plans ensures the future of the trail system

Moving forward, SCTB will be actively working in partnership with CPW to maintain and improve the trails. The final Trail Management Plan outlined a list of priorities to improve the sustainability and quality of the trails into the future.



Above: the Resource Management Plan and Trail Management Plan for Lake Pueblo and a mountain bike tire near a BOR survey marker from reservoir construction in the 1970s.

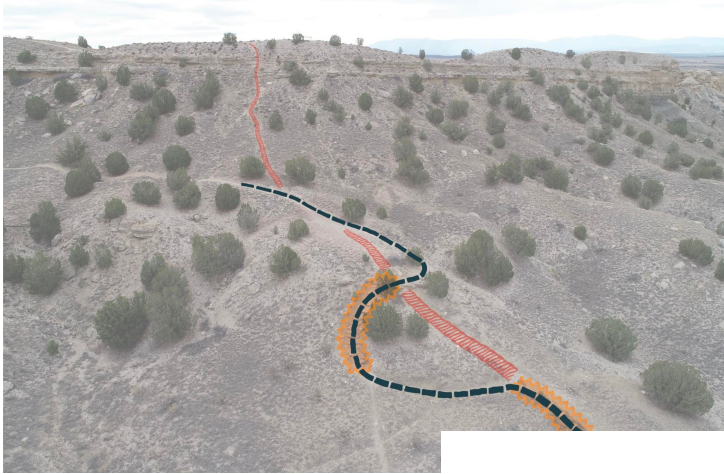
Southern Colorado Trails Bash

For the fifth and sixth consecutive years, SCTB hosted our annual Trails Bash event in the spring to bring the community together and get people out on the trails.



With social distancing recommendations in place, SCTB got creative - 2021's Trail's Bash took the form of a scavenger hunt. Families and small groups hiked, ran, and biked their way around the trail system collecting pictures of various areas to complete the hunt. Winners received gift cards to two local trail supporting businesses - Bingo Burger and Solar Roast

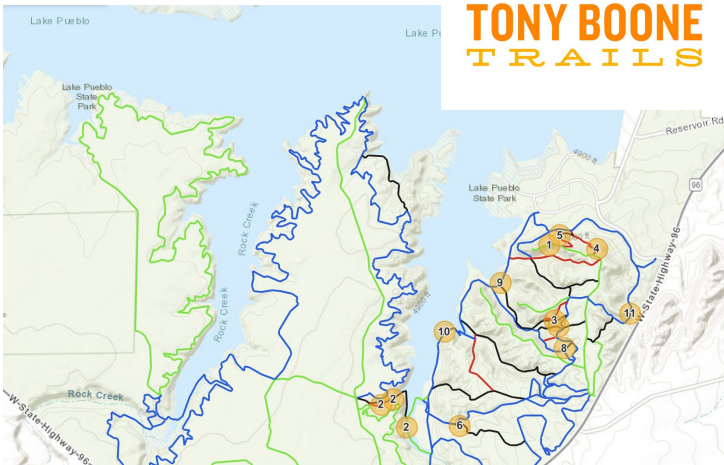
Lake Pueblo Trail Improvement Assessment Completed



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Prominent Trails Firm Completes Assessment and Recommended Trail Improvements at Lake Pueblo

Contracted with CPW, Chinook Landscape Architecture and Tony Boone Trails, nationally renowned for their trail design and construction work for decades, completed an assessment of the trails at Lake Pueblo in 2020. This assessment, guided by the priorities identified in CPW's Trail Management Plan looked at each trail individually as well as the system as a whole. High resolution drone imagery was used to document the recommendations throughout the trail network. Necessary trail maintenance and improvements such as trail signage, deteriorated wood feature replacement, and sustainability reroutes will be completed in the coming years.

Trails Offer Safe Recreation During Pandemic

A Safe Place to Play and Exercise

During the global COVID-19 pandemic throughout 2020 and 2021, trails in the region offered safe and socially distanced recreation for thousands of locals and visitors to the area. Throughout 2020 and 2021, many new trail users discovered the trails and the physical and mental health benefits of trail use came to the forefront.

In these unprecedented times, SCTB found a renewed focus on the importance of our mission to improve and maintain our regions trails and educate our community on trail-based recreation. While trail work was limited during this time, SCTB assisted our land manager partners to keep up on necessary trail maintenance at Lake Pueblo and the Pueblo Mountain Park. We also made it a priority to spend time with our loved ones and friends - often out on the trails.



Funding Trails into the Future

Donations and grants bring in our largest amount of revenue ever for SCTB



SCTB Awarded CPW Non-Motorized Trail Grant

In an annually competitive application process, SCTB applied for and received a non-motorized grant from CPW to complete additional maintenance on the new Carhart Trail at the Pueblo Mountain Park. This work will be completed in 2022.

Community Donations Fund New Trimmers

Through community donations, SCTB was able to acquire three new gas powered trimmers and PPE (glasses, gloves and hearing protection) which greatly improved the amount and quality of trimming that could be accomplished at Lake Pueblo State Park and the Carhart Trail in 2021. Thank you to our friends at 4Rivers Equipment and Big R of Pueblo for your support!



Thank You to Our Members, Donors, Supporters, and Land Manger Partners!



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A Community of Partners, Big and Small

SCTB continues to develop partnerships to further our mission of developing and maintaining our region's trails and educating users on the benefits of trail-based recreation. Thank you to our land manager partners, our local business partners, and our growing list of donors, members, and volunteers. Together, WE MAKE THE TRAILS WORK!