

# Adopt-a-Trail Program Guidelines



## Overview

The trails of Ogden City (overseen by the Ogden Trails Network) and Weber County (overseen by Weber Pathways) provide a wondrous and beautiful experience for all who explore them. However, to ensure the future of the trails it requires the efforts of many to protect and preserve their unique ecosystem.

## Adopt-a-Trail

Taking on the stewardship of a trail is a privilege, and it is important that the adopter take the responsibilities of maintaining the trail seriously. That is why we have prepared the following requirements so that you understand the value you can bring and responsibility you are taking on. You are not alone since we are here for guidance and assistance when faced with key or larger issues. But understand adopting a trail puts you as the first line of protection of a very special and natural resource.

## Adopt-a-Trail Responsibilities

- Complete and sign the Adopt-a-Trail application, including waiver and release of liability.
- Commit to visiting your trail a minimum of **6 times per year**. (Ideally twice per month)
- Complete the Adopt-a-Trail Training presentation (approximately 20 minutes) and confirm.
- Report your volunteer hours at [ivolunteer@ogdencity.com](mailto:ivolunteer@ogdencity.com) or [www.ogdencity.com/trails](http://www.ogdencity.com/trails).
- **Spring Startup** – Initial trip in spring before heavy traffic (Usually in April) or on Make-A-Difference Day in May
  - Clear any fallen trees, low branches or overgrown brush off the trail before the heavy traffic season. Use the 3' by 6' rule (at least a 3-foot-wide trail and 6-foot-wide brush cut back across the trail). NOTE: If fallen trees require the use of a chain saw or larger equipment, please contact Ogden City.
  - Pickup and dispose of any trash
  - Use brush to block off ghost trails
  - Report any major concerns (washouts, signage, slides, fallen trees)
- **Inspect your trail segment at least twice a month**

- Clear brush and remove trash.
- Remove noxious weeds
- To report graffiti, call the **Graffiti Task Force at 801-629-8752**.
- Illegal activity- Camping, Horses (with the exception of the Beus Trail), fires, fireworks, drug, alcohol, and tobacco use is illegal along the Ogden trails network including trailhead parking areas. Please report this or other illegal activity to the **Ogden Community Police at 801-629-8034**.
- For needs beyond your capabilities contact Ogden City at 801-629-8214 or [ivolunteer@ogdencity.com](mailto:ivolunteer@ogdencity.com)
- Work with Ogden City on special needs for your trail segment
- **Fall Inspection** – A final inspection, usually in October-November
  - Assess trail conditions and identify improvements

### **Resources**

- Ogden Trails Network can offer one on one training to new adopters.
- We also have tools you can borrow.
- Join the Ogden City local challenge and download the “Litterati App”. For more information about this great program contact us at the number below.

### **Upon Partner approval the following elements of appreciation will be provided**

- Trail partner name to appear on signage at each segment or at the trailhead as the “Adopt-a-Trail” partner.
- Partner to be invited to the “Shindig”. Ogden Trails Network fundraising event.
- Partner name and contact info to be linked on the Ogden City web page.
- Such other opportunities to show our appreciation as may arise.