



2024 Trail Stewardship Program

Guidance for Construction and Alteration of Outdoor Recreation Facilities

The Purpose of this document is to provide TSP grant applicants with useful resources pertaining to universal access and design best practices. From the list below, hyperlinks are embedded in the document descriptions that summarize the manuals and guides.

Trails for All People: Guidance for Accessibility and Inclusive Design

[This manual](#) explores best management practices for pursuing the inclusive planning, design, construction, and management of pedestrian trails that are usable by all people, including people with disabilities, to the greatest extent possible within the constraints presented by the terrain and the intended trail experience for users. It follows the principles that everyone should have access to trail opportunities and that the planning and design of trails should account for the great variation in abilities, cultural backgrounds, and other facets of the human condition.

Outdoor Developed Areas: A Summary of Accessibility Standards for Federal Outdoor Developed Areas

[This guide](#) has been established by the United States Access Board who is responsible for developing accessibility guidelines for the construction and alteration of facilities covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) of 1968. This guide is intended to help designers, owners, and operators understand and use the ABA Standards for trails, picnic and camping facilities, viewing areas, and beach access routes.

Guide to the ADA Accessibility Standards

[This guide](#) explains requirements in the current editions of the [ADA Standards](#) issued by the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Transportation (DOT). It was developed by the U.S. Access Board in cooperation with DOJ and DOT. It is important to use this guide along with a complete copy of the ADA Standards as it explains, but does not contain or reprint, the text of the ADA Standards.