

Girdwood Trails Plan

VISION

Girdwood has an interconnected, diverse, beautiful system of trails and natural spaces that well-serve the community and respect all trail users. There are experiences for everyone, from primitive to developed and future generations will enjoy what we enjoy today. The trails are well-planned, sustainable, resilient and the trails system balances community conservation values with economic opportunity.

GOALS

GOAL 1: PLAN

Provide a balance (diversity?) of trail and natural area experiences that minimize user conflicts and is consistent with the GAP and the GVTMP.

GOAL 2: DEVELOP

Build sustainable trails using a common set of design principles with a clear project approval “trail map”.

GOAL 3: CONSERVE

Identify, designate, and protect trails and natural spaces through proper processes.

GOAL 4: MAINTAIN

Trails and natural spaces are maintained for safety, the desired user experience, and to conserve natural resources.

GOAL 5: SUSTAIN

Provide adequate funding, planning, support, and stewardship for trails and natural spaces.

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	BALANCE	FUTURE LEGACY-IDENTITY - HERITAGE	USER EXPERIENCE	SUSTAINABLE	CONNECTED	
	Balanced experiences - developed and primitive and they don't impose on each other.	When I am 90 I will be able to easily access a wild and natural place (with your feet) close to home.	An interconnected, diverse, beautiful system of trails and natural spaces which well-serves and respects all the key user groups and their values in/near the community.	Carrying capacity isn't exceeded. Sustainable user experience balanced with economic pursuits and community valued resources		
	Balanced economic opportunity with conservation of community valued resources.	Future generations can enjoy what we enjoy today.	Continued opportunity for experiencing the wild.	The Girdwood Trail System is adequately funded.	Conservation & Recreation go hand in hand. Trails allow access to experience places.	
	Minimize user group friction.	We don't look like other places (trail and natural space system-wise). We are Girdwood-unique, and valley-appropriate.	Leave your house on foot and get to a trailhead safely.	Respectful and responsible recreational development as our community evolves.		
FUNDING				Resilient to changing climate		Girdwood plans adequately for future trail growth.
				Adaptive Management		

A successful Girdwood Trails Plan will...

PLAN	DEVELOP	MAINTAIN	REVIEW & EVALUATE	
designate/ensure diverse spaces	Roadmap for new trails	Maintain trails		
Pet friendly trails	build sustainable trails.	Roadmap for existing trails		
Represent all trail users	a roadmap for trail and natural spaces development and designation	Promote trail stewardship		
Trails for all user groups	design, fund and construct safe trails	Safety Plan for EMS		FUNDING
Will be in harmony with the area plan	Create a Wetland Conservation Area	make funding available long term		COMMUNICATE
Consistent with GAP	Funding for natural spaces			
Follow the GVTMP	Common set of Principles for Trail Development			
	In line with PTBA			
	guide the community as it grows			
	Result in consistent, adequate, and easily understood signage			