

Summer Trails Projects

- Glacier Creek Bridge on Winner Creek Trail

Bid Opening March 12 2026. This will provide information on cost and timing of project.

- California Creek Bridge replacement (Town Center to Crow Creek Rd Crossing)

Funding received and permitting complete.

Materials received. Pile driver on board, staff begins with GPR April 20.

Plan to begin work ASAP when conditions allow.

- Middle Iditarod NHT

RTP \$80,000 reimbursement received.

Shifting budget so that funds not needed for materials can be moved to labor in order to hire AK Trails for additional work in 2026. YEP crew on board for a week in summer.

Focus of this years work is moving town valley toward the school to the location where the trail will be re-routed around Holtan Hills subdivision.

MAP grant application submitted, this would provide additional funding for YEP and stewardship projects. If secured, MAP grant would kick in early in 2026 and extend into 2027. Funding focus is on stewardship aspect of the project.

- Beaver Pond Trail

Continuation of drainage and trail tread improvements.

- Connector trails from Alyeska Highway to Lower Davos Rd.

Additional drainage work

Likely work party site May 2026.

GTC to determine date at their April Meeting.

- Lower Virgin Creek Trail (from Virgin Creek Rd to Danich)

Project is trail clearing, work on establishing a single route up the hill to meet the social trail on the ridge.

Trailhead, map and signage

Additional work parties to be scheduled May/June



April 2026 Report Girdwood Trails Committee

Thank you Paul and Barb Crews for funding the new power wheelbarrow with a scoop! We are excited to receive this and put it to work this summer!

Updates and other business:

Girdwood Parks Master Plan is now underway. www.girdwoodparksplan.com.

Girdwood Valley Trails Management Plan. Current version is posted on the GTC page. Barb Crews has initiated review of this document with the goal of updating it to match the Girdwood Trails Master Plan.

Girdwood Trails Master Plan. Adopted version is posted on the GTC page. [GirdwoodTrailsPlan_February2024.pdf](#)

Girdwood Comprehensive Plan. Final version was formally adopted in early April 2025.

Financial report: \$125,228.22 as of 3/31/26. Balance does not include specified donations.

Trail Projects: Status of GVSA Trails projects:

- Bridge replacement over California Creek adjacent to Town Square Park/Crow Creek Road funded by private donation. **IN PROGRESS**. [Delay with permitting, project construction 2026](#)
- Trail work and trailhead signage on the Lower Virgin Creek Trail (a social trail that connects Virgin Creek Road to Danich Trail). **PENDING**
- Bidding for Suspension bridge to replace the Hand Tram funded by a variety of sources. Build expected in 2026 to provide time for material acquisition.
- Tread and drainage work on the Middle Iditarod National Historic Trail between the school and USFS Boundary co-funded by GVSA and RTP
- Easements: Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance (IHTA) potential assistance in getting easements on the Girdwood Iditarod NHT.

Grants Status report:

National Forest Foundation MAP Grant: GPR applied for MAP grant but was not awarded the grant. Attending feedback session in May, next application cycle for Girdwood is probably winter 2027.

Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge Grant: APF grants open now, applications due in April. GTC (Kate and Barb) applying for interper signs for the new interper center as part of the new suspension bridge construction.

Alaska Community Foundation: Girdwood Parks and Rec applied for Trail Care grant for additional trail tools for \$1470. Grant application submitted March 23.

State of Alaska, Capital Budget: Thank you to Alaska Trails for including the suspension bridge to replace the Hand Tram in their requests for funding of the State of Alaska. State has awarded \$1.2M for this project as part of Alaska Long Trail Funding.

Rasmuson Tier II Grant: GVSA has been awarded funding for this project.

Recreational Trails Program Grant (RTP): GTC did not apply for RTP in 2025. 2024 grant was awarded for the Middle INHT. Delays pushed it to 2025, wrapping up project in 2026, ongoing reimbursements.

Dugan Family donation for trails signs on Middle Iditarod Trail and bench at the 5K parking are nearing completion. Remaining is the trail sign that will be produced and placed.

Dugan Family donation for work on MINHT starting in 2026.

Private funder has donated funds for new bridge to connect Crow Creek Road to town center behind ACS building.

Trail Map Project: Summer map project complete and printed. Winter map project is under way.

Trails Commercial Use Permits: Any business operating commercially on Girdwood trails should have a permit issued locally. Contact for requesting permits is girdwoodpermits@anchorageak.gov 907-343-8373. Report operators without permits to Kyle Kelley: kyle.kelley@anchorageak.gov 907-343-8374. Currently permitted trail users are:

Welcome Anchorage
Off the Beaten Path
KMTA Snow School

FVCS
Chugach Adventure Guides
Campfire

Backroads
Backcountry Journeys