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Kansas Trails Inc. Hosts Trail Appreciation Day at the Kansas State Capitol

Topeka, KS – March 2, 2026 – Kansas Trails Inc. (KTI), the statewide leader in trail development, coordination, and advocacy, invites Kansans from across the state to celebrate Trail Appreciation Day at the Kansas State Capitol Rotunda on Thursday, March 5, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Trail Appreciation Day is a day-long celebration of the people, places, and partnerships that make trails a vital part of Kansas communities. Trail advocates, enthusiasts, local organizations, and policymakers will come together to highlight how trails support health, economic development, tourism, and quality of life across the state.

The event will feature interactive exhibits from trail systems and trail organizations representing communities throughout Kansas, offering attendees the opportunity to learn about trail projects, success stories, and future plans. The program will also include a keynote presentation by Kansas State Representative Tobias Schlingensiepen, along with visits from Kansas State Senators and Representatives who support outdoor recreation and community infrastructure.

“Trails connect more than places- they connect people, communities, and opportunities,” said Mike Scanlon, Executive Director of Kansas Trails Inc. “Trail Appreciation Day is a chance to showcase the incredible work happening across Kansas and to elevate the importance of continued investment in trails for generations to come.”

Trail Appreciation Day is open to the public, but registration is required. Community members, trail users, nonprofit organizations, planners, elected officials, and anyone passionate about trails are encouraged to attend.

Trail Appreciation Day is hosted by Kansas Trails Inc. with support from The Sunflower Foundation.

About Kansas Trails Inc.

Kansas Trails Inc. is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing trail development, education, coordination, and advocacy across Kansas. Through technical

assistance, partnerships, and statewide initiatives, KTI works to strengthen communities by expanding access to safe, sustainable, and connected trail systems.

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