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Hillside Singletrack Earns National Award

National Award for NPS-RTCA Project

The Coalition for Recreational Trails, a federation of national and regional trail-related organizations, is pleased to announce that the Anchorage Hillside Singletrack Trails project has won one of the national 2011 Achievement Awards, recognizing outstanding trail projects funded by the national Recreational Trails Program. The achievement award is for the category of "Youth Conservation/Service Corps", for making effective use of the services and skills of qualified youth conservation or service corps to construct and /or maintain trails. The Coalition for Recreational Trails awards will be presented on June 15 in Washington, D.C. during Great Outdoor Week 2011 as part of the Coalition's ongoing effort to build awareness and appreciation of this highly successful program, which greatly enhances the quantity and quality of trail experiences available to the public.

The award recognizes Singletrack Advocates and Alaska Trails for their work in coordinating youth trail crews from the Municipality of Anchorage's Youth Employment in Parks (YEP) program and the Student Conservation Association (SCA). The youth crews successfully completed 7.5 miles of hand-tool finish work, to complete the first sustainably built singletrack trails in Anchorage, Alaska. Other partners providing significant contributions on this great project include the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program, the Municipality of Anchorage's Parks and Recreation Department, Alaska State Parks, Happy Trails, Alpine Trails, and community trail volunteers.

Super Crew and Partners

Municipality of Anchorage Youth in Parks Crew. (NPS Photo)

Hillside Singletrack Trails, Anchorage, Alaska

Youth Employment in Parks Trail Workers

Student Conservation Association Trail Crew

Alaska Trails, Singletrack Advocates, Trail Builders

Volunteer clearing brush

Youth Biker Exploring Hillside Trails

Dog Walker on Hillside Trail

Happy Riders

Agency Field Review with Singletrack Advocates

Anchorage Mighty Bikes Program

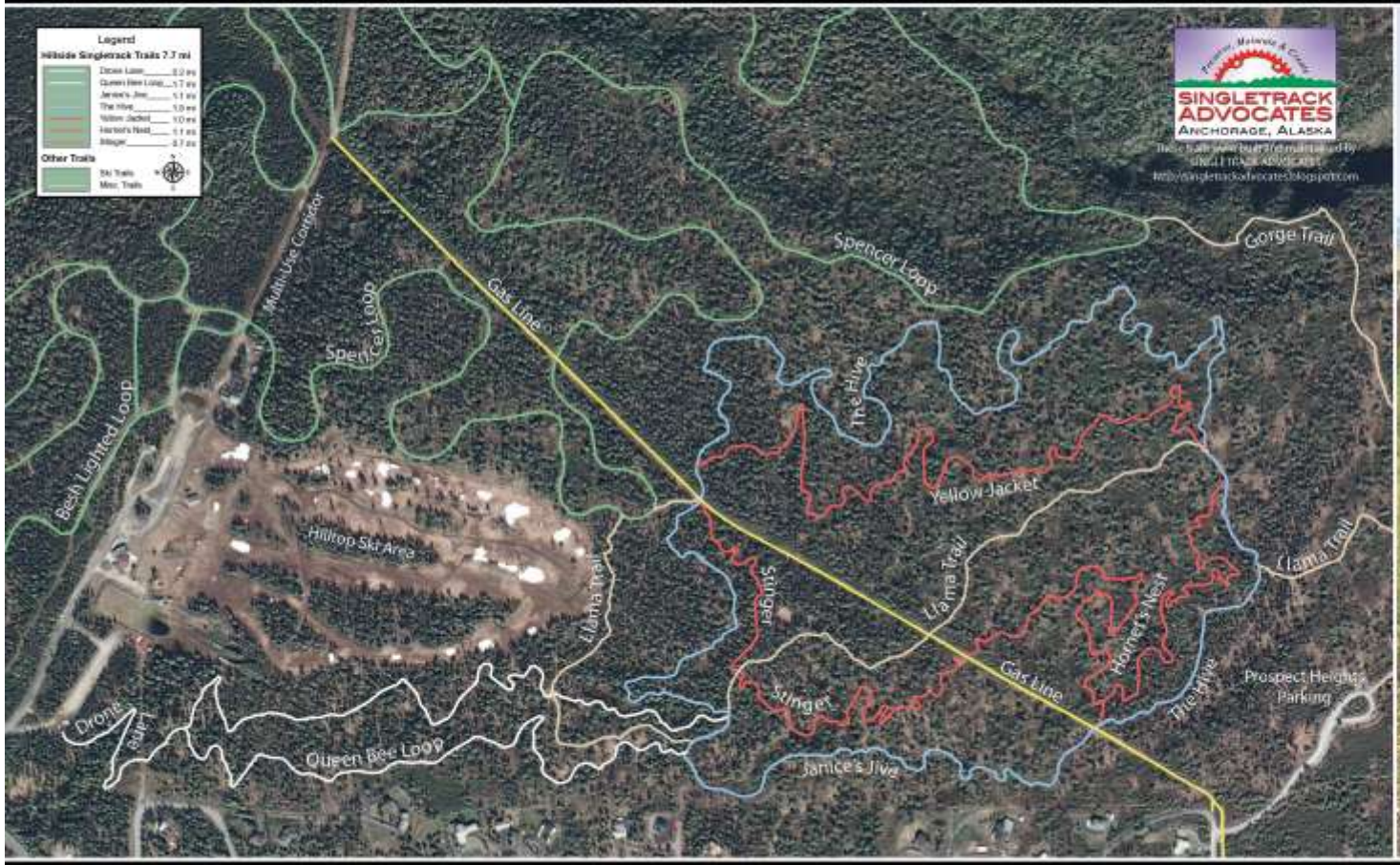
Woman runners and their dogs on the trail

Community Wed Night Trail Volunteer Work Party

Fall Riding

Winter Biking

Hillside Singletrack Trails



TRAIL ETIQUETTE:

1. Trails are two-way traffic
2. Control your speed
3. Yield to uphill traffic
4. Avoid riding when trails are muddy
5. Spencer Loop Trail is closed to bikers in winter
6. Stay on the trail
7. No unauthorized trail or trail feature building
8. Be bear aware!

RESTRICTED USES:

1. No horses
2. No motorized vehicles

In an emergency, call 911!

The trail network is "singletrack" designed, constructed, and maintained for the intended use of mountain biking. We welcome other human-powered trail users. Please pass safely and enjoy the trails. For information about Far North Bicentennial Park, please call (907) 343-6200.

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