

2022 Major Accomplishments: Katy Trail Mideast

Park Staff— Superintendent: Cade Harp FTE: 3 Full-time employees; Roving Park Rangers; 1 TSL (Temporary Seasonal Labor)

1. Hired 1 returning TSL maintenance staff for On-Season

Major Administrative Accomplishments for 2019/2020 (October 2021 – Present)

Construction/Maintenance-Statewide Construction Unit:

1. Rock Slide Area Detour Completed (MM 117-118); Contract underway
2. Scoping of Erosion Damage near Smith Creek Bridge
3. Cleaning of culverts throughout

Construction/Maintenance-Katy Trail Mideast Maintenance Team:

1. Daily cleaning of restrooms and facilities
2. Painting of trailhead structures with volunteers
3. Mowing and trimming of rights of way and trailheads
4. Removal on numerous fallen trees, limbs, and other debris-year round
5. Culvert and ditch cleaning for flood control maintenance
6. Pumping and cleaning of pit toilets/replacement of turbans/door locks/damaged items
7. Seasonal opening and closure of bathrooms at Dutzow and Marthasville
8. Installation of new benches, replacement of signs....

Natural Resource Improvements-Katy Trail Mideast Team:

1. Planting and care of native trees in partnership with Magnificent Missouri and Forest Releaf
2. Bat Surveys for hazardous tree removals
3. Natural and cultural resource clearances for new construction activities
4. Honeysuckle hacks with volunteers
5. Coordination with natural resource projects with volunteer groups for cleanups, etc.

Partnerships and Public Activities-Katy Trail Mideast Team:

1. Maintenance of Lewis & Clark panels and Tour signage
2. Adopt-A-Trail benches—Care of existing benches
3. Adopt-A-Trail Groups: Washington Daily Run Club, and others
4. Magnificent Missouri, Forest Releaf, NPS Lewis & Clark Corridor, and numerous volunteer group activities, including tree planting, bush honeysuckle removal, and Missouri BiCentennial events.
5. Monitored and submitted County Executive Orders for counties impacted by COVID-19
6. COVID-19 Signs installed and maintained at the KATG Trailheads and key locations.
7. Real Estate License renewed for sections along the trail.

Katy Trail special events included Augusta Autumn Festival, Sweet Corn Festival, Treloar Elevator Party (Annual Public Meeting) and numerous trail events by outside groups, e.g., sponsored runs, bike tours, community festivals, social hikes, equestrian use, etc.

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man (or woman) who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.” — Theodore Roosevelt