Consider being a Volunteer!

We need enthusiastic people to aid our efforts.

- Trail clearing & maintenance
- Newsletter & correspondence
- Fundraising
- Event planning

Rules for Trail Use

- Only officially announced portions of the trail are open to the public; the rest of the corridor is closed due to dangerous conditions; non-permitted usage is solely at the user’s own risk.
- Open dawn to dusk.
- No trespassing on adjacent private property.
- No motorized vehicles.
- No hunting or discharge of firearms.
- No animals other than leashed non-vicious dogs; dog waste must be disposed of properly.
- Minors must be accompanied by adults.

**TRAIL USERS DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK AND BY USING THE TRAIL WAIVE ALL CLAIMS OF INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE AGAINST MOUNTAIN HERITAGE, INC., ITS AGENTS, VOLUNTEERS, EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, BOARD MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.**

Tax exempt donations for the trail may be mailed or delivered to:

Mountain Sports, Ltd.
1021 Commonwealth Ave.
Bristol, VA 24201

Make checks payable to Mountain Heritage, Inc. with a memo notation that the gift is for “The Mendota Trail Project”

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What is the Mendota Trail?
The Mendota Trail is a 12.5 mile hiking-biking recreational corridor between Bristol, VA and Mendota, VA.

Located in Washington County, Virginia, the trail spans tranquil countryside and forests on gentle grades.

Our Beginning
Years ago, a rail line linked Bristol to Mendota. The City of Bristol, VA later purchased the railroad property and in 2016, deeded it to Mountain Heritage, Inc., a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, which has a record of successful trail development in the region.

Trail Benefits
Upon completion, this trail will improve the quality of life in our community and be a potential driver of local economic development. It will offer a venue to enjoy nature and engage in active pursuits which will benefit physical well-being. Adjacent property values will be enhanced.

What Has Been Accomplished?
We have been diligent stewards of donations received from private supporters and grants. These funds have been used for:
- Surveying & engineering studies
- Repair work on trestles
- Obtaining necessary permits
- Erecting signage for the trail
- Legal research
- Opening the first mile on the Mendota end on October 7, 2017
- Opening 3.1 miles on the Bristol end on August 16, 2019

Funding Needs
- Surveying & engineering studies
- Materials & labor costs for trestle repair
- Developing the Bristol and Mendota trailheads
  - Trail maintenance

Where is the Trail Corridor?
The trail heads northwesterly to Mendota, VA from the trailhead on Island Rd. in Bristol, VA, near the I-81 underpass.

This will make Bristol an even greater place to live!