

Trail Construction References

[List of Recommended Books](#)

[USFS Trail Construction and Maintenance Notebook, 2025](#)

[USFS Trail Fundamentals and Trail Management Objectives, September 2016](#)

[USFS Wetland Trail Design and Construction, 2007](#)

[USFS Rigging for Trail Work, August 2024](#)

[Alaska State Parks Trail Management Handbook, May 2015](#)

[California State Parks Trails Handbook](#)

References authored by Mike Shields:

[Trail Design and Layout](#)

[Turns: Design and Layout](#)

[Trail Drainage Structures & Basic Terrain Hydrology](#)

[Trail Treadway Structures](#)

[Slope Structures and Trail Stability](#)

[Backcountry Stream Crossings](#)

[How to Break Rock](#)

Dirt, Water, People, And Trails: Basics for Trail Plans, Design, Construction, and Maintenance