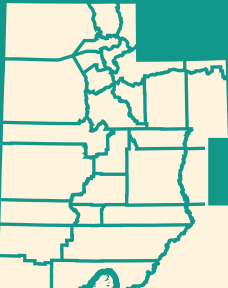


A LOOK BACK AT 2025

Utah’s outdoor recreation community continued to grow in 2025, and the Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation, alongside communities and partners, advanced efforts to ensure outdoor recreation remains safe, sustainable and accessible for all Utahns.

2025 AT A GLANCE

\$10 BILLION annual economic impact.



Supports 70,000 jobs in Utah.

\$46+ MILLION

Awarded to 267 recreation projects statewide, across all 29 counties.

1,300+ MILES of trails maintained, ensuring Utah’s trail networks remain safe and accessible.

EXPANDED RECREATION SAFETY

Thousands of Utahns were reached through boating, OHV and non-motorized safety education.



2,000 Kids and families participated in free Every Kid Outdoors events, fostering lifelong connections to nature.



HIGH DESERT TRAIL

advanced toward federal recognition.



\$1.5+ MILLION invested in long-term community recreation planning.

Improved OHV rider access and education.



350,000 adult OHV education course completions, new digital wallet certificate option

LOOKING AHEAD

In 2026, the Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation will build on its strong partnerships and continue investing in safe, accessible and sustainable outdoor recreation statewide.

Key Priorities:

- Expand recreation safety education across boating, OHV, and trail use.
- Invest in trail maintenance and recreation infrastructure improvements.
- Strengthen partnerships with communities, land managers, and advisory committees.
- Develop new statewide recreation resources to improve access and awareness.
- Expand Utah’s Every Kid Outdoors Initiative to connect more families to safe, accessible outdoor experiences statewide.



ABOUT THE UTAH DIVISION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION

The Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation is dedicated to enhancing outdoor experiences across the state. Through a variety of grant programs, we empower communities, organizations and agencies to develop, restore, and sustain outdoor recreation infrastructure and initiatives. Whether you're building new trails, restoring beloved public spaces or creating outdoor learning opportunities for youth, these grants provide critical funding to make your vision a reality.



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RECREATION

Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

Shaping the Future of Outdoor Recreation in Utah



\$46+ MILLION

Awarded to **267** projects in all **29** counties.

GRANTS PROGRAM

Investing in Utah's Outdoor Future

Utah's many outdoor recreation grant programs are the primary way the state invests directly in local communities. These grants expand access, improve safety and build long-term recreation infrastructure while supporting local economies statewide.



14 statewide events reached nearly **2,000** kids and families.

UTAH'S EVERY KID OUTDOORS INITIATIVE

Inspiring Utah's Next Generation of Adventurers

Utah's Every Kid Outdoors (EKO) initiative successfully relaunched as a proof-of-concept to introduce Utah families to safe, accessible outdoor experiences at no cost. The program focuses on youth engagement, family participation, and building lifelong connections to the outdoors.



Boating safety education reached **THOUSANDS** of Utahns, focusing on life jackets, cold-water safety, DUI prevention and paddlesports.

BOATING PROGRAM

Education, Access and Safety on Utah Waters.

Utah's waters play a central role in outdoor recreation, and boater safety remains a top priority. In 2025, the Boating Program continued to promote life jacket use, cold-water safety, DUI prevention and paddlesport education.

Our team partnered on **major safety campaigns**, produced new video content and worked closely with law enforcement and the Division of State Parks to reach thousands of Utahns with critical safety messaging. Boating access grants continued to improve launch ramps, docks and water-based recreation infrastructure across the state.



Nearly **350,000** riders have completed the Adult OHV Education Course since its launch in 2023.

OHV PROGRAM

Promoting Responsible and Safe Motorized Recreation.

The OHV Program supports Utah's growing motorized recreation community through safety education, trail stewardship, and targeted infrastructure investments, emphasizing safe, responsible riding, sustainable motorized trail systems and long-term access.



\$1.5+ MILLION

awarded through the Outdoor Recreation Planning Assistance program for community-led recreation planning.

TRAILS & PLANNING

Strengthening Utah's Outdoor Recreation & Trail Networks

The Trails & Planning Program helps communities plan for sustainable outdoor recreation, ensuring trail and recreation networks remain connected, maintained and ready for future demand. In 2025, the program advanced the High Desert Trail, a multi-county route nearing official designation, and launched Utah's first long-range recreation planning effort throughout six counties in Central Utah.



15,250+ crew hours logged.



1,300+ MILES

of trails maintained, ensuring Utah's trail networks remain safe and accessible.

STATEWIDE TRAIL CREW

Built for durability. Earned through reputation. Maintained by service.

Utah's Statewide Trail Crew Program provides on-the-ground capacity to maintain and improve motorized and non-motorized trail systems across the state. The four regional crews based in Salt Lake City, Richfield, Cedar City and Moab ensure public investments in trails are protected through consistent maintenance and stewardship.