



Agenda Overview

August 10-12, 2026

Winston-Salem, NC at the [Benton Convention Center](#)

<p>Monday, Aug. 10 10:00am-12:00pm</p> <p>12:00 pm 1:00 pm 3:00 – 5:00 pm 5:30pm</p>	<p>Cities, Towns and Counties Working Group Meeting/NC State Trails Working Group Meeting/Registration Open</p> <p>Lunch on your own</p> <p>Welcome & Keynote</p> <p>Plenary: Great Trails State Panelist Sessions, Film Festival</p> <p>Social Event</p>
<p>Tuesday, Aug. 11 8:30 am – 12:00 pm 12:00 – 1:45 pm 2:00 – 5:00 pm 5:30pm</p>	<p>Legislative Panel & Concurrent Educational Sessions</p> <p>Luncheon, Awards, and Plenary Panel (<i>included with registration</i>)</p> <p>Concurrent Educational Sessions</p> <p>Trail Meetups</p>
<p>Wednesday, Aug. 12 8:30 am – 9:30 am 10:00 – 11:00 am 11:00 am – 12:00 pm</p>	<p>Concurrent Educational Sessions</p> <p>Regional Networking Activities</p> <p>Conference Close with insights from Agency Leadership</p>

The 2026 Great Trails State Conference is a multi-day event offering educational sessions over three days. Sessions are aligned across a range of topic areas including:

- Advocacy & Leadership
- Impact (Economic, Environmental, Health, Data)
- Trail Planning, Building & Management: Best Practices
- Promotion & Programming (Trail Tourism, Community Engagement, Marketing)



Learning credits will be available free of charge for session participants. Credit types include: LA CES, AICP CM (for planners), and CEU, PDH equivalency petition. (*Certified Provider in coordination with RRS and American Trails*)

The Conference is co-hosted by [Recreation Resources Service \(RRS\)](#) and the [Great Trails State Coalition](#) and is supported in part by our generous conference sponsors.

