

The Tripod



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The Trail for all seasons

The Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance is an equal opportunity program provider and employer.

We are an official Pick, Click, Give Organization.

The Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance promotes public awareness of the Iditarod Trail and its gold rush and Alaska Native heritage by encouraging education programs and historical research, assisting in the protection, improvement, maintenance and marking of the trail and developing partnerships that foster stewardship commitments and support from land owners, local communities, organizations and others.

Jujiro Wada statue

Pat Garley and his assistant Colleen Wake of Arctic Fires Bronze, Palmer, Alaska were in Seward on June 12 to erect the statue of Jujiro Wada, which they sculpted for the Seward Iditarod Trail Blazers.

The formal dedication of the statue will take place in September. An interpretive sign is also planned to be placed by the statue describing the accomplishments of Jujiro Wada.



Pat Garley watches Wada statue being placed on base.

Great Outdoors Month

June is Great Outdoors Month by Presidential Proclamation. President Obama's Proclamation stated: "Whether camping, fishing, rock climbing or playing in a neighborhood park, nature offers each of us the opportunity to get active, explore and strengthen our bonds with family and friends. This month let us celebrate our natural heritage by experiencing it together."

Alaska Governor Bill Walker also issued a Proclamation stating: "[I] proclaim June 2016 as Great Outdoors Month in Alaska and encourage all Alaskans and visitors from other states and countries to explore and enjoy Alaska's great outdoors and ensure they are conserved appropriately for future generations."

From the Past...

"Iditarod Pioneer" June 17, 1916

THE FOURTH OF JULY

Flat City is preparing to fittingly celebrate Independence Day as usual this year and as there is a probability that no public celebration will be held in Iditarod, there should be an opportunity for a celebration of the great holiday on a scale such as has not been possible heretofore. In all likelihood the

people of the entire district will participate in the event.

Merely as a suggestion would it not be fitting that the celebration be a more patriotic event than has been the case in former years? Let it be an occasion for the eagle to scream, and to hear again the immortal document which proclaims all men are free and equal. Let the celebration be marked by a recital of the blessings that are enjoyed in this land of equality of opportunity and equality of rights. Let us applaud once more the doctrines enunciated by the fathers of the republic in language, which sends a thrill through the hearts of all Americans, whenever it is repeated, let there be a renewal of the pledge that "government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

Above all, let there be a liberal display of the nations's colors. On this day of all others every emblem of liberty in the camp should be in use, and the starry banner should be in evidence everywhere.

American Hiking Society

Founded in 1976, the American Hiking Society is the only national organization that promotes and protects foot trails, their surrounding nature areas and the hiking experience.

As the voice for hikers, the American Hiking Society recognizes that foot trails and hiking are essential to connect people with nature, conserve open space and provide biological corridors for diverse plants and wildlife and for the health of Americans and our natural environment.

The American Hiking Society champion's conservation issues, builds public and private partnerships, supports volunteer stewardship and provides critical resources to help plan, fund and develop trails. It also provides resources to the public about how and where to hike and is committed to increasing the participation and enjoyment of hiking by everyone.

National Trails Day historic walking tour

Even though it was raining, 21 people showed up on June 4 for the National Trails Day historic walking tour on the first mile of the Iditarod National Historic Trail in Seward. Using the shelter of trees and buildings the tour was completed despite the rain.