



# Nature and Purposes

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1. What?
2. Why?
3. How?
4. Examples



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## Section 7(c) of the National Trails System Act:

*National scenic trails may contain campsites, shelters, and related public-use facilities. **Other uses along the trail, which will not substantially interfere with the nature and purposes of the trail may be permitted ... to the extent practicable, efforts shall be made to avoid activities incompatible with the purposes for which such trails were established.***



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**FSM 2300 – RECREATION, WILDERNESS, AND RELATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
CHAPTER 2350 – TRAIL, RIVER, AND SIMILAR RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES**

**2353.11 - Relationship Between National Recreation, National Scenic, and National Historic Trails and NFS Trails**

Manage National Recreation, National Scenic, and National Historic Trails as NFS trails. Administer each National Recreation, National Scenic, and National Historic Trail corridor to meet the intended nature and purposes of the corresponding trail (FSM 2353.31).

**Nature and purposes on  
federal land**







# Nature and purposes on non-federal land



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How do  
we get  
there?



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**More than one way to get where  
we're going**



# PNTS recommendations

- Speaks to intended or designated uses.
- Speaks to the ideal trail experience
- Speaks in terms of the trail's corridor/landscapes/areas as opposed to a mere route or path
- Captures imaginations, inspires, shows why this trail is iconic
- Inspirational, perhaps even poetic, as opposed to clinical, technical, and tedious



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# Small group activity

- Discuss PNTS N&Ps recommendations
- Review example N&Ps statements



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