MISSION & VISION

01. Mission
To promote and create mountain biking opportunities in Missoula and surrounding areas through trail building, stewardship, advocacy, and outreach.

02. Vision
We envision a Missoula where mountain bikers are the most thoughtful, informed, and engaged group of users on the trail. We envision a progressive, forward-looking trail system that connects western Montana communities; bike-specific trails on public land; and land management that embraces mountain biking as a trusted partner and valuable presence. We envision a future in which local leaders understand and invest in trails-based recreation, and where our work will provide benefits well beyond our membership. Quite simply, we envision a Missoula made better by trails.
SERVICE PILLARS

**Trail Building**
Expanding and improving our network for a growing outdoor community

**Trail Stewardship**
Maintaining what we have, from the backcountry to the urban core

**Outreach**
Uniting people and spreading joy through bikes

**Advocacy**
Promoting respectful use of shared resources, appealing for access
WE BUILD MISSOULA'S TRAILS
2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Sound of Music Extension

Wallman Reroute

House of Sky

1 mile

1.3 miles

.25 miles

MTB Missoula is the group called upon for modern trail design and project management. Our technical expertise, extensive volunteer network, and non-profit status makes us an ideal partner among local land managers, land trusts, and conservation service organizations.
TRAIL STORY: THE WALLMAN RE-ROUTE

When trail construction is slated in Missoula, we want to be involved. Through intentional design, trails can be fun for a wide-range of users while minimizing conflict and improving resource sustainability.

Updating the Wallman Trail in the Rattlesnake National Recreation Area culminated in 2022. MTB Missoula lent our expertise in design to the project and rallied our members to volunteer alongside MT Conservation Corp (MCC) service members.

A testimony to the power of collaboration, MCC did the lion's share of the fundraising, securing contributions from grants, the One Track Mind Foundation, and REI. The Missoula Ranger District completed an environmental analysis and worked with MTB Missoula and MCC on the layout.
TRAIL STORY: SOUND OF MUSIC EXTENSION

Close to town and a gateway to the Rattlesnake Nataional Recreation Area, The Mount Jumbo Saddle is one of the most beloved pieces of City Conservation Land. Missoula Parks and Recreation completed a management plan in early 2022 and quickly got to work creating new trail connections.

MTB Missoula first assisted during the planning process by proposing trail alternatives for public input. Once the plan was adopted, we partnered with City staff to design a trail for a diverse set of users, from bikers to equestrians.

Fueled by donated coffee and pastry, we led great volunteer events throughout the spring. These half-day work parties also advance our community building goals by bringing together trail supporters from various user groups.
TRAIL STORY: HOUSE OF SKY

While largely constructed in 2021, we returned to the House of Sky trail in 2022 for project close-out. Among the remaining tasks was the installation of a trailhead parking area to provide access from Skyline Ridge.

We joined our long-time partners, Five Valleys Land Trust, in celebration of National Trails Day, helping lead an amazing volunteer day where the final quarter-mile section of trail was dug.

Instantly popular among runners, hikers, and bikers, House of Sky and the Mt. Dean Stone Preserve Trail provide Missoula's south side neighborhoods access to the sweeping vistas and solitude found on the mountain above.
**Stewardship** - the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care (Merriam-Webster).

Erosion. Deadfall. Overgrowth. Natural-surface trails require continuous upkeep and our land management agencies simply can't tackle it alone. MTB Missoula holds agreements with the Lolo National Forest and the City of Missoula as a sanctioned maintenance partner.

We empower volunteer sawyers by hosting annual chainsaw operator training plus basic first aid. We organize numerous maintenance work days throughout the field season on National Forest, City Conservation Lands and new as of 2022, Syringa and Bellevue Bike Skills Parks.
TRAILS MAKE MISSOULA BETTER

HOW?

• Forge community ties
• Connect people to nature
• Provide affordable and sustainable recreation
• Conserve surrounding open space
• Enhance physical and mental wellness
• Draw new employers and tourism dollars to Missoula
TO ADVANCE OUR MISSION, WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

ON THE HORIZON

- Programmatic
  - Launching a collaborative of Missoula's trail groups
  - Creating a used mountain bike donation program to make the sport more accessible
  - Hosting rides aimed specifically at youth, beginners, and underserved populations

- Projects
  - Developing trails at Marshall Mtn. Park
  - Constructing the jump-line at Syringa Bike Skills Park
  - Providing input on Fish Creek State Park recreation planning

- Operations
  - Hiring additional staff
  - Implementing our new strategic plan
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