

# How Mountain Bicyclists and IMBA Can Help Corps Trails

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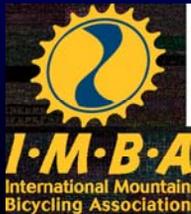
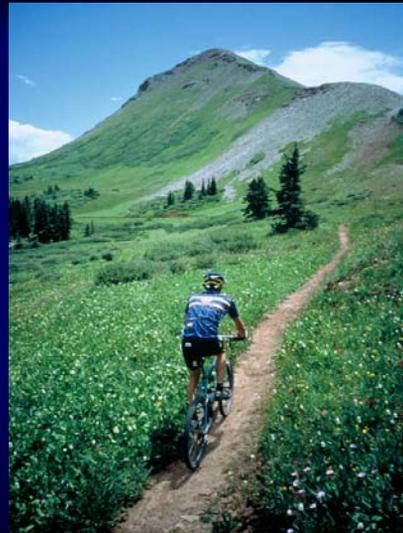


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**I·M·B·A**  
International Mountain Bicycling Association

## IMBA Mission Statement



*IMBA creates, enhances, and preserves trails for mountain bikers worldwide.*

## IMBA by the #'s:

- 1,000,000 hours of volunteer trail work annually
- 32,000 individual members worldwide
- 5,000 miles of new trail opened
- 450 affiliated clubs
- 75 designated lead IMBA representatives
- 140 corporate partners
- 250 bike shop members
- 75 National Mountain Bike Patrol units
- 100 Sprockids youth mountain biking clubs

## IMBA 101

- Founded in 1988 in California
- Represented in All 50 States, U.K., Canada, Australia, Italy, and 12 other countries
- Headquarters in Boulder, Colorado
- 20 Staff Members



## 2001 Mountain Bike Stats

- 46 million people participated in singletrack mountain biking
- 7.5 million consider themselves enthusiasts
- Singletrack riding participation up 22.3%
- Female singletrack riding participation up 42.4 %

*Outdoor Industry Association Participation Study for 2001*



## IMBA Programs

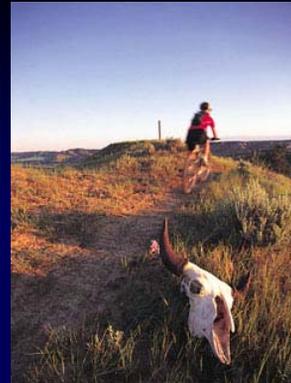
- Subaru/IMBA Trail Care Crew
- Epics
- Hot Spots
- Sprockids
- National Mountain Bike Patrol



# Subaru/IMBA Trail Care Crews



# IMBA Epics





# IMBA Hot Spots

- Seattle
- San Francisco Bay Area
- Cleveland
- New York

## 2003 Hot Spot Cities

- Houston
- Minneapolis/St. Paul
- Chicago
- Sacramento



## IMBA Sprockids



Many children have never left their own neighborhoods to see the wilderness areas just beyond their reach. By forming a TRIPS FOR KIDS program, you can get kids out on the trails. We'll help get you started by providing:

- Tickets donated by GT and Giant for the first qualifying groups
- A complete "How To" manual
- Start-up support from our staff

To learn more, contact:  
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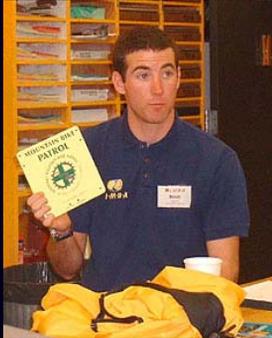
TRIPS FOR KIDS is a national non-profit organization that provides mountain bike outings and environmental education for disadvantaged youth.

Sponsored by:

**Help a Kid by Sharing the Joy of Mountain Biking**  
 Start a TRIPS FOR KIDS Program!



# National Mountain Bike Patrol



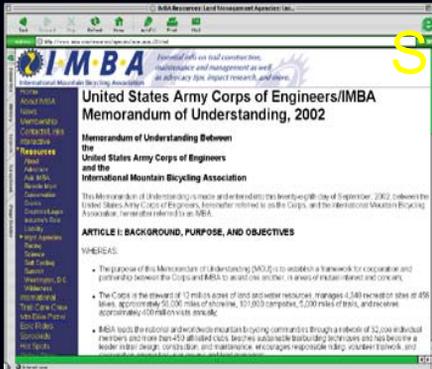
## Federal Partnerships



- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U. S. Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- National Park Service - Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance



# USACE/ IMBA Memorandum of Understanding National Public Lands Day 2002



## Signing Ceremony Anacostia Park Washington, D.C



## IMBA's Tim Blumenthal and Woodsy the Owl



## Brigadier General Carl A. Strock and Teddy Roosevelt



# Why IMBA and Mountain Bicycling?

- World's largest mountain bicycling advocacy group
- IMBA has powerful grassroots connections: 450 affiliated clubs, 32,000 individual members
- IMBA members and clubs in all 50 states, strongest near cities
- 1,000,000 hours of volunteer trailwork annually
- Stellar track record of federal agency partnerships
- Experts in sustainable trailbuilding
- IMBA specializes in uniting trail users and communities behind trail projects
- Mountain bicyclists work with land managers to help accomplish Corps goals
- Trails encourage recreation and help combat societal trend toward obesity
- IMBA helps communities develop trails



## 2003 Project List

- Canyon Lake, Texas
- Lake Georgetown, Texas
- Claiborne Lake, Alabama
- Bonnet Carré Spillway, Louisiana
- Allatoona Lake, Georgia
- Lake Raithburn, Iowa
- Lewis and Clark Trail, North Dakota
- Lake Mendocino, California
- Lookout Point Lake, Oregon
- Raystown Lake, Pennsylvania
- Farmdale Reservoir, Illinois



## Canyon Lake, Texas



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Canyon Lake Park Ranger Travis Motal takes a ride on the new trail.

- Conducted 2 Trailbuilding Schools
- Designed and flagged 3,000 feet of new trail
- Constructed 1,000 feet of new trail
- Helped form 2 new bicycle clubs

## Lake Georgetown, Texas



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- Built rock wall switchback
- Constructed 400 feet of new trail
- 4.5 miles of trail corridor cleared and ready to be built
- When complete, new trails will link series of existing trails for 25 mile loop around Lake Georgetown

# Claiborne Lake, Alabama



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- Constructed 300 feet of new trail
- Opened 3/4 mile path connecting two trail systems
- Potential for 15-20 miles when complete

# Bonnet Carré Spillway, Louisiana



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- Built first trail open to bicycles on public land in New Orleans metro area
- Constructed 3/4 mile of new trail
- Restored 1.5 miles of trail
- Installed 4 water crossings
- Helped form new local club

## Allatoona Lake, Georgia



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- Helped finish a new 5 mile loop at Blankets Creek Trail

- When complete, potential for 30 miles of trail along shores of Lake Allatoona



## 2003 IMBA USACE Visits

- Lake Raithburn -- Des Moines, Iowa, May 1-4
- Farmdale Reservoir -- Peoria, Illinois, May 22-25
- Lewis and Clark Trail -- Bismark, North Dakota, Aug. 7-10
- Lookout Point Lake -- Lowell, Oregon, Sept. 25-28
- Lake Mendocino -- Ukiah, California, Oct. 16-19
- Raystown Lake -- Raystown Lake, Pennsylvania, Oct. 23-26

**6 Ways  
to Connect  
with IMBA  
and  
Mountain  
Bicyclists at  
Your Corps  
Project**



# 1. Visit our Website: imba.com

## Corps Staff Resource Page



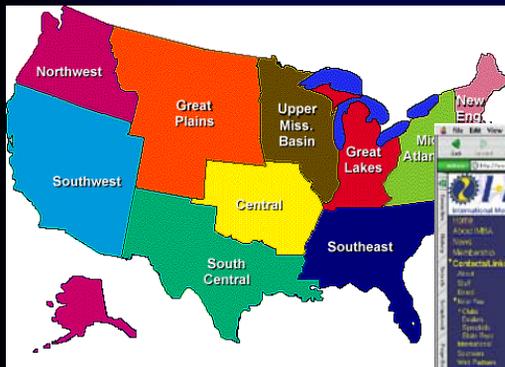
Resource Page:

[www.imba.com/resources/agencies/usace.html](http://www.imba.com/resources/agencies/usace.html)

IMBA Website:

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# 2. Reach Out to IMBA Contacts Near You



# 3. Attend an IMBA Event

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## 2003 Trail Care Crew Schedule (Posted at imba.com)

### May 2003

May 1-4  
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May 6-11  
May 15-18  
May 16-18  
May 22-25  
May 30-June 8  
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Lake Raithburn, IA  
Charlotte, NC  
Kansas City, MO  
La Crosse, WI  
Holyoke, MA  
Peoria, IL  
Minneapolis, MN  
Chicago, IL

### June 2003

June 12-15  
June 19-22  
June 19-22

Jefferson City, MO  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada  
Duluth, MN

### July 2003

July 10-13  
July 17-20  
July 24-27  
July 24-27  
July 30-31  
July 31-Aug. 3

Milwaukee, WI  
Rockford, IL  
Chippewa National Forest, MN  
Cincinnati, OH  
French Creek State Park, PA  
Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada

### August 2003

Aug. 1-3  
Aug. 7-10  
Aug. 7-10  
Aug. 14-17  
Aug. 21-24

Bear Creek, PA  
Bismarck, ND  
Long Lake, NY  
North Conway, NH  
Moscow, ID

### September 2003

Sept. 4-7  
Sept. 11-14  
Sept. 18-20  
Sept. 21-24  
Sept. 25-28  
Sept. 25-28

British Columbia, Canada  
Seattle, WA  
Washington  
Indianapolis, IN  
Lowell, OR  
Louisville, KY

### October 2003

Oct. 2-5  
Oct. 3-5  
Oct. 9-12  
Oct. 16-19  
Oct. 16-19  
Oct. 23-26  
Oct. 23-26  
Oct. 30-Nov. 2 Lake Tahoe, CA

Bend, OR  
Galax, VA  
Fountainhead Regl. Park, VA  
Ukiah, CA  
Staten Island, NY  
Truckee, CA  
Raystown Lake, PA

### November 2003

Nov. 6-9  
Nov. 7-16  
Nov. 13-16  
Nov. 20-23  
Nov. 20-23

New Jersey  
Sacramento, CA  
Newark, DE  
Los Angeles, CA  
Richmond, VA

### December 2003

Dec. 4-7  
Dec. 5

Columbia, SC  
San Francisco, CA

## 4. Request a Trail Care Crew Visit

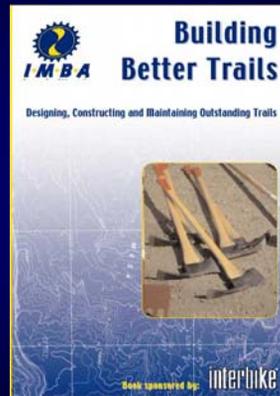
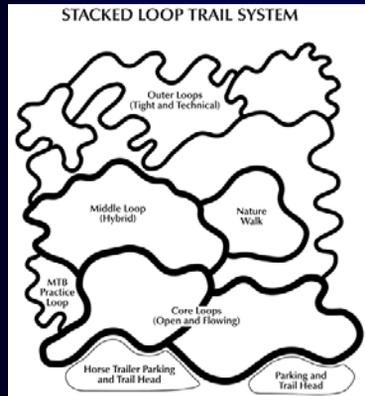


## 4. Request a 2004 Trail Care Crew Visit



1. Through MOU/ USACE Headquarters
2. Online at IMBA's Website
3. In conjunction with local IMBA Club

## 5. Buy IMBA's Book: Building Better Trails



Available at [imba.com](http://imba.com) for \$10

## 6. IMBA Trails Consulting



Our consultants specialize in creating trails that are:

- Environmentally sustainable
- Cost-effective
- Safe
- Shared use
- Fun to ride and walk

Services Offered:

- Staff and volunteer training
- Trail design
- Trail assessment, mapping, inventory
- Trail maintenance, problem-area solutions & re-routes
- Trail management advice: reducing user conflict
- Trail construction
- Machine-built trail construction and equipment training
- Trails tourism positioning and consulting

Our Dream:



# U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/IMB/ Trail Care Crew



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