



2021





2020 What a Year!

Dear Ozark Trail Friend,
The Ozark Plateau is the result of thousands of years of weathering down the oldest mountain range in the United

States. Just as these mountains have weathered the storms of thousands of seasons of freezing and thawing to become some of the most beautiful places to recreate, the OTA has also weathered the storms of this past year.

It has been a tough year on everyone. The uncertainty and the unknown brought out an even stronger volunteer base and the Ozark Trail is blessed to have the support. We are also grateful for your continued support this past year so that our OTA Volunteers could continue the work as the only designated “trail crew” for the OT. A job that is done with passion, perseverance and most of all love, so that we can continue to offer experiences to connect users to nature and all the OT has to offer. Also, we would be amiss if we did not thank the behind-the-scenes volunteers who are the ‘cogs of the gears’ of the OTA machine.

Consequences of Covid-19... The uncertainty of this year didn’t deter the work of our OTA Volunteers. As we gathered to do maintenance and construction events, OTA volunteers adapted to social distancing, dispersed camping and preparing our own meals. The OTA celebrated it’s 18th year of continued growth... a new section of the Ozark Trail was named, our membership and support base grew, and miles of trail were maintained.

What was accomplished this year, we could not do without the generosity and dedication of our partners, sponsors, board members, and especially our volunteers throughout the year.

Kathie Brennan
President

OUR MISSION:

**TO DEVELOP, MAINTAIN, PRESERVE, PROMOTE,
& PROTECT THE RUGGED, NATURAL BEAUTY OF
THE OZARK TRAIL.**



6,712 HOURS VOLUNTEERED



607 VOLUNTEERS



115 INDIVIDUAL WORK DAYS



430 MILES
MAINTAINED ANNUALLY



VALUE OF TIME CONTRIBUTED
\$182,566.40

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

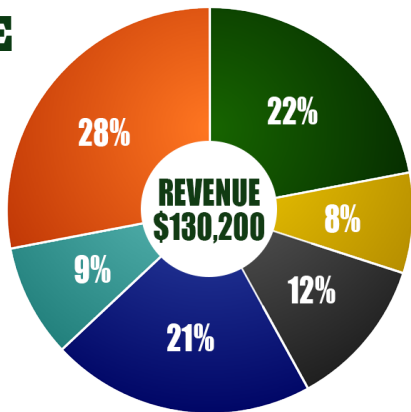
- Held two OT/OHT trail builds out of Udall
- Completed the Midco Hollow and Harmon Springs re-routes
- Assisted with the May MTNF blowdown event, clearing 35 miles of downed trees
- Named “Volunteer Conservation Organization of the Year” by the Conservation Federation of MO



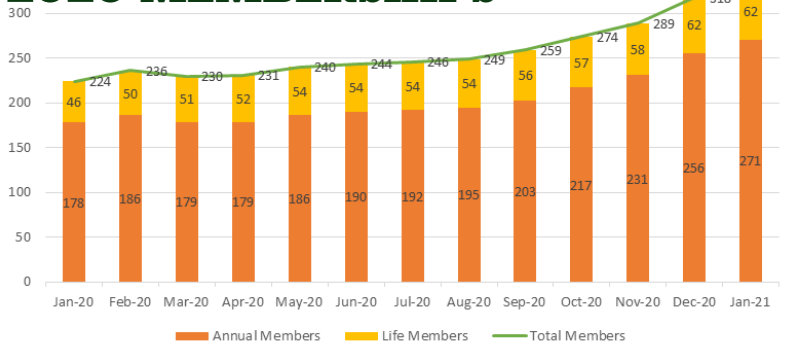
POWERED BY VOLUNTEERS

2020 REVENUE

DONATIONS
**BUSINESS &
 FOUNDATION GRANTS**
GOVERNMENT GRANTS
SPECIAL EVENTS
MERCHANDISE SALES
MEMBERSHIPS

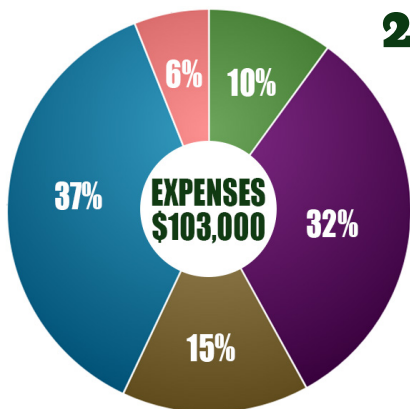


2020 MEMBERSHIPS



2020 EXPENSES

**CONSTRUCTION &
 MAINTENANCE**
DEVELOPMENT
PROMOTION
ADMINISTRATION
FUNDRAISING



WALL OF FAME

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

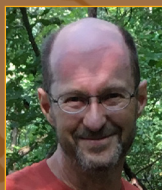


DONNA KRIDELBAUGH

Donna has given so much of her time and talents over the past several years. The expertise, knowledge, and relationships with the outdoor community that she has passionately shared has helped the OTA fulfill the mission. She volunteers as a sawyer, trail maintainer and has helped make great improvements to the Adopt-a-Trail program.

MAINTAINERS OF THE YEAR

DAVE RICE & MICHAEL PEARCE



Dave and Michael amazed everyone this year as they completed nearly 40 maintenance activities, covering the entire Wappapello and Victory sections. They have also supported multiple maintenance and construction events, including builds to connect the OT and OHT.



SAWYER OF THE YEAR

BRUCE HADLEY



Bruce has been a certified sawyer for many years and leverages his experience to mentor new sawyers. He contributed well over 100 hours of volunteer sawyer work in 2020 with over 250 total volunteer hours spread over 16 events. He played a significant role in the OTA's clean-up efforts on the Between the Rivers and Eleven Point sections this past summer.

BACKBONE AWARD

BETH LITTLE

Beth became involved with the OTA in the fall of 2019. She came out to nearly all of the events in 2020, including builds in Udall, volunteering for the OT100 Endurance

Run, helping with the Fall Mega, as well as events at Potosi, Winona, and Current River. Beth is a dedicated volunteer and trail adopter who has contributed more than 250 volunteer hours this year.



2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kathie Brennan, President

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Stephen Thompson, Board Member

Jeff Goetter, Secretary

Jeff Howell, Board Member

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OTA volunteers assisting the USFS with blowdowns on the Between the Rivers section.



Fall Mega at Bass' Resort



AmeriCorps repairing tread on the Karkaghne section at Sutton Bluff.

MAKING THE CONNECTION

2020 was a monumental year as we held our first two trail construction outings at Norfolk Lake Campground to begin the connection between the Ozark Trail and the Ozark Highlands Trail, a long-term effort and part of the vision for the OT set so many years ago.