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Annual Alta Ski Area Tree Planting

Trees are vital not only to the beauty of the mountains but also for the health of our watersheds. Each year Alta Ski Area, Alta Environmental Center and TreeUtah team up to plant over 1,300 native trees throughout the ski area. Our annual Alta Ski Area Tree Planting is Saturday, September 1st from 8 am—12 pm. It will be a fun and challenging day on the mountain as we plant Douglas Fir and Engelmann Spruce trees throughout the mountain. Each summer employees hand pick cones from Alta's trees, dry and sort the seed then send them to a grower to be planted the following year in Alta. They are grown 8-12 inches and then are brought back up to Alta and planted in favorable areas where the trees can grow and flourish. Accompany us on Labor Day weekend

for a day of tree planting that will help protect our Salt Lake watersheds and the operations of Alta Ski Area. You'll be giving back to the local environment, and protecting these areas for generations to come. Registration is required. More information and registration at TreeUtah.org

End of Summer Volunteer Day

We're excited for our end of Summer Volunteer Day Tuesday, September 11. Several sustainability events will be going on simultaneously that day. Join us for a weed pull, trail work, restoration or a willow harvesting or planting. Enjoy the cool mountain air, and the last of summer before the leaves turn to their fall colors. The whole family can participate, or bring a friend. After all the hard work is done, don't miss the Summer Community Celebration put on by Alta Community Enrichment and Friends of Alta. Play volleyball, listen to live local music and enjoy Dutch oven cooking or a burger on the grill. We appreciate all the hard work volunteers put in to help conserve the area we enjoy recreating in.

*End of Summer Volunteer Day, Register with cottonwoodcanyons.org

*Summer Community Celebration, more info at altaarts.org



50 Anniversary National Trails System

This summer marks the 50 year Anniversary for the National Trails System. Our favorite outdoor trails are protected when the National Trails System Act passed in 1968. Celebrate the Appalachian Trail, the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail, or whatever trail you love to hike, run, bike, or explore. We commend our trails with other Americans.

What is your favorite trail? Tag #findyourtrail #findyourway The classic favorite at Alta is [Cecret Lake](#). If you haven't made it up yet this summer, it's not too late! Connect with others as you honor your favorite trails this summer. Discover—Explore—Connect with nature!

www.trails50.org





We have grown a society to respect our elders, the earth is the eldest of us all.

- anonymous

Kids Day

At the beginning of August, kids enjoyed the fresh air at Alta for Kids Day. Everyone young and old discovered the magic of Alta with family walks, birding, an interactive watershed model, crafts and more. Smokey the Bear even came out for the festivities. Over 150 youth



attended along with adults. Kids had fun building crafts that could help them spot animals or flowers from a distance. The interactive watershed model was a favorite. The kids played and discovered how the water comes from the sky to the mountain and down to their houses. Thanks to Alta Community Enrichment, Cottonwood Canyons Foundation, the Forest Service, Friends of Alta, Tracy Aviary, Tree Utah and Alta Ski Area for helping make this day a fun day for youth to learn about nature.



Photographers: Need Permit from Forest Service



The National Forest Service requires all commercial or professional photographers to have a permit to operate on National Forest land. This applies to single events and returning or ongoing shoots. Alta's wildflowers and native plants are sensitive to any traffic and are widely affected by foot and bike traffic off the designated trails. We urge everyone to protect the wildflowers and plants in Albion Basin and all other areas on Forest Service land. Avoid going off trails; others will follow and damage vegetation. Several areas are at risk of being

permanently destroyed due to unwarranted traffic due to photographers and hikers going off trail. No roadside parking is allowed in Albion Basin, and parking is limited to designated parking lots only. The Forest Service requires a filming or photography permit. Learn more about the National Forest Service Commercial Filming, and Photography Permits at fs.usda.gov Sadly, we saw too many people off the trails in Albion Basin this summer getting the perfect photo. Please respect nature and stay on the trails.



August & September Sustainability Events

- **Tuesday, August 28—TreeUtah Tuesday Harvest:** Enjoy a cool evening in Alta and help [Treeutah.org](https://treeutah.org) harvest trees.
- **Friday, August 31—HawkWatch Bird of Prey Show & Hike:** Come for the birds, stay for the walk with the Alta Environmental Center & Tracy Aviary. No registration is needed, just show up! More info at alta.com/the-mountain/events
- **Saturday, September 1—Alta Ski Area Tree Planting:** Join TreeUtah and Alta Environmental Center to explore the Wasatch mountains while planting 1,500 native trees. Register at treeutah.org
- **Monday, September 10—Birding in Alta:** Did you know we have over a 100 species of birds that breed in Alta? Come and learn more this fall. The second Monday of each month join bird experts. Register at alta.com/the-mountain/events
- **Tuesday, September 11—Community Weed Pull:** Don't let the weeds steal the show from the native wildflowers, join us for an evening at Alta while giving back to the environment. Register at [Cottonwoodcanyons.org](https://cottonwoodcanyons.org)
- **Friday, September 14—Friends of Alta Memorial Tree Planting:** Friends of Alta hosts a day of planting trees for people interested in planting a memorial tree in honor of a loved one. More info at friendofalta.org