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Albion Meadows Trail Re-Route

The Albion Meadows trail is getting a facelift that will not only create a more direct access path to the Catherine's Pass trailhead, but also allow for the area that has been previously used to undergo some much needed restoration. As hikers have enjoyed this trail to witness the cycle of wildflowers come in and out, it has also undergone some major erosion in consequence. The new route will not be averting the wildflowers that hikers now see along the route, but will take a new path that keeps the safety of our ecosystem in mind. Wildflowers and the beauty of the Wasatch will still be in full view.

The classification of difficulty as 'easy' will remain the same, and the distance will increase by just a quarter of a mile. The previous service road stretch of the hike will be re-routed with a wider trail and a lower uphill grade, enhancing the user experience. Our ecosystem is integral to our enjoyment and appreciation of the beauty here at Alta, and we want to ensure we are considering all of the important pieces of this well-tuned machine. Archaeologists, biologists, and hydrologists were all consulted to assess the area before the new route was approved by the U.S. Forest Service. It will be a safe, sustainable and scenic alternative to Albion Meadows. The work to the trail should be complete by the start of next summer, 2020.



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Safe Solutions

The temps are dropping and the colors are beginning to change. As we welcome back our favorite season, we are thinking about all our gear, new and old, and considering how we are going to maintain its quality throughout the upcoming season. Ski gear is subject to saturation over and over from condensation, and so we end up with smelly, stain-ridden gear that loses its crispness. Now, we are fully aware that there are hundreds of products designed to remove smells and stains from your laundry. However, these often times are made from harmful chemicals that are harsh on your skin and the environment. Here are some gentle, eco-friendly solutions to keeping your gear fresh these upcoming months.

- **Stinky Boots and Baking Soda:** To diffuse smell, sprinkle baking soda into boots after they have dried.
- **Stains and Waterproof Outerwear:** Use a paste mixture of two parts baking soda, one part cream of tartar mixed with a little water. Rub the grease stain out gently before throwing in the washer for a rinse.
- **Underarm Marks and Deodorant Residue:** To freshen base layers, try soaking them with vinegar before laundering in the usual way. To do this, soak the area in white vinegar until it is saturated. Then, wash as usual. The odor, sweat stains, and residue will be gone!



“We have forgotten how to be good guests, how to walk lightly on the earth as its other creatures do.” - Barbara Ward



Reforeesting Alta

Enticed by the rich silver mines discovered in Little Cottonwood, over a thousand people migrated to the town of Alta by 1872. Billiard halls, restaurants, a boarding house, several general stores and twenty-six saloons were running where the present day Cross Tow is located. The surrounding trees and natural life around the town were destroyed by those populating it. Deforestation for mining and timber nearly wiped out all of the trees in the area. Ironically, fires and avalanches destroyed much of the town on several occasions. At the recommendation of Alf Engen, Alta's founder and ski jump legend, reforestation efforts began in 1933. Headed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and the U.S. Forest Service hundreds of workers were based at the mouth of Big

Cottonwood canyon to work on replanting trees around the mines. Unfortunately, no records of tree planting numbers were kept until 1991. Since then, Alta Ski Area has planted over 40,000 trees. This year in a single day alone, with the help of 80 volunteers, we were able to plant 1,300 trees at our annual Tree Planting Day. We are so thankful for the energies of our volunteers to help us replant the beauty of the Wasatch. For safety, for the ecosystem, and for future generations, these efforts are priceless.

September—October Sustainability Events

If these highlighted sustainability events catch your eye, check out our full sustainability calendar at alta.com/environment.

- **September 18th—Solar Energy Workshop:** Learn more about going solar, meet the contractor, and speak with Utah Clean Energy's solar experts. utahcleanenergy.org
- **September 19th—Party for Clean Energy:** The Party for Clean Power is selling out! Don't miss Utah Clean Energy's annual celebration and fundraiser. Along with networking with Utah's movers and shakers, you will hear from local and national champions for climate action. Utahcleanenergy.org
- **September 29th— Official Kickoff Party of Utah Climate Week:** Join us to kick-off the Utah Climate Week at Fisher Brewing. Beer, giveaways, food, and live music are in store! Proceeds go to Utah Climate Action Network. 5-8 PM. Go to Facebook and search “[Official Kick-Off Party for Utah Climate Week](#)”
- **October 4th—An Afternoon with Jane Goodall:** During a special talk, Jane will share her insights on the importance of protecting species and the natural world, while encouraging every individual to do their part to make a difference every single day. Taking place at S.J. Quinney College of Law, Level 6, 12:30-1:30.



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