



## **Earth Riders Trails Association (ERTA) Overview**

### **Mission**

ERTA was established to gain access to public lands on which to build environmentally sustainable singletrack trails for public benefit.

### **Vision**

ERTA accomplishes its mission by partnering with land managers in order to provide singletrack trails designed to the professional trail building standards with the following 3 criteria:

1. Protect and responsibly steward the environment and the trails.
2. Increase responsible land use and access to the public through well designed trail systems.
3. Accomplish #1 and #2 with little or no impact on the land manager's current budget.

### **Singletrack Trails**

Singletrack trails are comprised of a single track 6-18 inches wide designed and built to provide trail users access to a more natural environment. The surface is composed of whatever material naturally falls within the trail corridor: Usually igneous soil or rocks.

### **ERTA's Trail Design and Building Standards**

ERTA bases our trail design and building standards on:

- International Mountain Bicycling Association
- United States Forest Service
- Civilian Conservation Corp
- The Roman Army

### **ERTA Partners**

ERTA volunteers are currently working with the following land managers to design, build and or maintain trails on public lands managed by:

- Missouri Department of Natural Resources: Missouri State Parks
- Kansas Division of Wildlife and Parks
- Jackson County, Missouri
- Clay County, Missouri
- Johnson County, Kansas
- Lee's Summit, Missouri
- Independence, Missouri