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The Campbell Tract Leaf

Winter Trails Day draws 400+ participants!

It started out as a small event to teach responsible winter sports and outdoor safety. The first Winter Trails Day drew about 200 enthusiasts who wanted to learn more about safely enjoying outdoor winter sports and recreation. That was 2004.

In 2005 that number grew to about 300. This year Winter Trails Day drew 425 participants, reflecting the increasing popularity of the BLM Campbell Tract and adjacent Far North Bicentennial Park with both winter and summer recreationists.

Each year outdoor enthusiasts come to Winter Trails Day to learn winter outdoor skills and try out at no charge winter gear provided by REI, our Winter Trails Day co-sponsor. REI provided snowshoes, classical and skate skis, and GPS units, and outdoor instructors to teach participants how to use the equipment.

"Winter Trails Day is our invitation to families and individuals to get outdoors and

enjoy what the Campbell Tract has to offer," explains BLM outdoor recreation planner Doug Ballou. "We hope a day spent with us will help introduce folks to the world of non-motorized winter recreation opportunities."

The Campbell Tract's 12+ miles of recreation trails are open year-round for non-motorized sports and recreation.

Something for everyone

Winter Trails Day 2006 offered a cool selection of outdoor winter activities for all ages, including:

- demo snowshoes, classical and skate skis, courtesy of REI
- championship sled dog racing
- guided ski clinics and snowshoe outings
- skijoring and ski waxing demonstrations
- the snow shelter "Parade of Homes"
- the Geocache Challenge Course
- informational sessions about the Iditarod National Historic Trail, avalanche awareness, winter camping, winter wildlife and more

• hot cocoa, marshmallows, and a roaring outdoor fire!

Warm thanks to our Winter Trails Day partners

- REI – Recreational Equipment, Inc.
- Alaska Sled Dog & Racing Association
- North American Skijor & Ski Pulk Association
- Nordic Ski Association
- Single Track Advocates
- Scoop the Poop Committee
- Friends of Far North Bicentennial Park
- Anchorage Committee for Resource Education
- Alaska Natural History Association
- Municipality of Anchorage
- USDA Forest Service

And our Winter Trails Day donors

- Carrs Quality Centers
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- Costco
- Dino's Donuts
- Glacier Brewhouse
- Great Harvest Bread Co.
- Kaladi Brothers Coffee Co.
- L'Arma Bakery & Deli
- Moose's Tooth Pub & Pizzeria

Special thanks to Karen Walker of the Interpretive Naturalist Certification Program of Alaska (INCPA) for organizing Winter Trails Day volunteers and donations!





BP grant funds energy program at Science Center

On Feb. 3, 48 fifth-grade students from North Star Elementary School attended **Energy Awareness Day** at the BLM Campbell Creek Science Center. Students learned about energy in ecosystems, forms of energy, sources of energy, and energy consumption and conservation through games, experiments and discussions.

Each teacher received copies of the "Get Energized!" CD-ROM developed by the Science Center to further their knowledge of energy at home and in the classroom.

Energy Awareness Day was made possible by a generous grant from **BP Exploration (Alaska), Inc.**



Looking ahead

Think science is just about mixing chemicals in test tubes? Think again! Join us April 1 for **Celebrating Women in Science**. Come spend the morning with women who use science to tackle everything from tracking the weather to mapping the land. Visit www.ak.blm.gov/sciencecenter for more info, or phone 267-1247.

Winter will soon give way to spring, so be sure to mark your calendars for **National Trails Day**, Saturday, June 3. Join the BLM and Anchorage Parks & Recreation as we spruce up the trails on Campbell Tract and Far North Bicentennial Park. Call the BLM at 267-1246 or 267-1247 if your group or organization would like to join the fun!



CCSC Friends group receives donations



The Friends of the Campbell Creek Science Center received \$5,000 from **Conoco-Phillips Alaska, Inc.** and \$1,000 from the **Anchorage Robert Burns Appreciation Society**.

The Friends group is a 501(c)(3) dedicated to supporting the educational programs and initiatives of the Science Center and addressing unmet science education needs of Alaskans.

The Campbell Tract Leaf is published quarterly to provide news about the 730-acre BLM Campbell Tract, located adjacent to Far North Bicentennial Park in Anchorage, Alaska.



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