

## HR 4878

National Discovery Trails Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Jul 30, 2021

**Current Status:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**Latest Action:** Subcommittee Hearings Held. (Apr 28, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/4878>

### Sponsor

---

**Name:** Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

**Cosponsors** (64 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Fortenberry, Jeff [R-NE-1]	R · NE		Jul 30, 2021
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Aug 13, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Aug 17, 2021
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Aug 20, 2021
Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Aug 27, 2021
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Aug 27, 2021
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Aug 27, 2021
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Aug 27, 2021
Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Aug 31, 2021
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Aug 31, 2021
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Sep 3, 2021
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Sep 3, 2021
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Sep 3, 2021
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Sep 3, 2021
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Sep 7, 2021
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Sep 14, 2021
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Sep 14, 2021
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Sep 17, 2021
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Sep 17, 2021
Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Sep 22, 2021
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Sep 22, 2021
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Sep 27, 2021
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Sep 27, 2021
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Sep 29, 2021
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Sep 30, 2021
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Sep 30, 2021
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Oct 5, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Oct 26, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Nov 1, 2021
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Nov 3, 2021
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Nov 12, 2021

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bush, Cori [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Nov 17, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Nov 23, 2021
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Nov 30, 2021
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Dec 8, 2021
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Dec 9, 2021
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Dec 14, 2021
Rep. Hollingsworth, Trey [R-IN-9]	R · IN		Dec 16, 2021
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Dec 20, 2021
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Dec 23, 2021
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Dec 23, 2021
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Dec 23, 2021
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jan 6, 2022
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Jan 6, 2022
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Jan 18, 2022
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Jan 18, 2022
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Feb 9, 2022
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Mar 28, 2022
Rep. Pence, Greg [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Apr 14, 2022
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Apr 21, 2022
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		May 31, 2022
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Jul 11, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Apr 28, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4693	Identical bill	Sep 21, 2022: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held.

## National Discovery Trails Act

This bill amends the National Trails System Act to include national discovery trails as part of the national trails system. Such trails (1) shall be extended, continuous, interstate trails located to provide for outstanding outdoor recreation and travel and to connect representative examples of America's trails and communities; (2) shall provide for the conservation and enjoyment of significant natural, cultural, and historic resources and be so located as to represent metropolitan, urban, rural, and back country regions of the Nation; and (3) may be designated on federal lands and, with the owner's consent, on nonfederal lands.

The 6,000-mile American Discovery Trail extending from Cape Henlopen State Park in Delaware, to Point Reyes National Seashore in California, splitting into northern and southern routes near Cincinnati, Ohio, and rejoining at Denver, Colorado, is designated as a national discovery trail.

The bill sets forth requirements for designation of a trail as a national discovery trail.

The appropriate federal department for each national discovery trail shall (1) administer the trail in cooperation with at least one competent trailwide volunteer-based organization; and (2) submit a comprehensive plan for the trail's protection, management, development, and use.

## Actions Timeline

---

- **Apr 28, 2022:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Aug 18, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Jul 30, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 30, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.