

A signature project of Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC), the Great American Rail-Trail™—or the “Great American”—is the organization’s most ambitious trail project to date and will prove to be a national treasure as it unites millions of people over thousands of miles of trails. As the nation’s first cross-country multiuse trail, the Great American Rail-Trail will be entirely bikeable and walkable, connecting travelers of all ages and abilities with America’s diverse landscapes and communities. The preferred route stretches over 3,700 miles between

Washington State and Washington, D.C. RTC is the nation’s largest trails organization—with a grassroots community more than 1 million strong—dedicated to connecting people and communities through a nationwide network of public trails, many from former rail lines. The Great American is the most ambitious project in RTC’s TrailNation™ portfolio—an initiative to encourage the rapid replication of regional trail networks across the country.

