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SAFETY SIGNS INSTALLED IN FAR NORTH BICENTENNIAL PARK
Volunteers plant the first sign posts on National Public Lands Day

Volunteers are gathering at the [Hilltop / Far North Park Trailhead](#) parking lot at **8:30 a.m.** this Saturday, Sept. 30 to plant the first of 35 safety sign posts as a part of National Public Lands Day.

Far North Bicentennial Trails Advisory Committee, Alaska Trails, BLM and Anchorage Parks & Recreation are collaborating to improve trail and park safety at Far North Bicentennial Park. The project received funding from Alaska State Parks and the Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge Grant to place 35 signs and 5 information kiosks at key areas within the park.

Volunteers will help cut and set posts, and mount trail signs. Information on the signs will include the trail name, trail use, a locator map, and distances to nearest trail heads. Volunteers are encouraged to bring brushing tools, shovels or rakes to help set the “You are Here” posts and create a good line of sight around the posts.

“It’s great to see trail advocates putting their own time into improving our community,” said Jeff Dillon, Anchorage Parks and Recreation Director.

“We plan to make a visible difference for trail safety in this park,” said Jack Mosby, President of Alaska Trails. “People should be able to recreate without getting lost in Far North Bicentennial Park as they experience this wild & urban park. Signs will be up before you get out your skis.”

Work will wrap-up at 12:30 p.m., and volunteers are then invited to a thank you pizza lunch at the BLM Campbell Creek Science Center Annual Open House beginning at 12:45 p.m. Attendees will learn about the Center’s upcoming programs, enjoy interactive energy-related games, see a bald eagle release, and more.

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Join other trail enthusiasts Saturday, Sept. 30 and be part of these efforts and this [Take Pride in America](#) event. For further Take Pride in America information you can call Jeff Brune of BLM at 267-1255, or John McCleary of Anchorage Park & Recreation at 343-4296.

Other Anchorage events for National Public Lands Day include:

- ◆ **Trail Watch Northern Lights Trail Safety Project.** Volunteers will assemble at the Goose Lake Park parking lot between 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Tools will be provided. Volunteers are encouraged to bring loppers and brushing tools if they have them. Some chainsaw work may also be needed on this project.
- ◆ **Campbell Tract Projects.** Volunteers will assemble at the BLM Campbell Creek Science Center (6881 Abbott Loop Road) between 8:30 a.m. – 9 a.m. All tools will be provided.

[Hilltop / Far North Park Trailhead](#) parking lot, 7501 Abbott Road

