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# Annual Report 19/20



FRIENDS OF THE  
COTTONWOOD CANYONS

### Trail Crew

- 102** Miles of Trail Scouted and Cleared
- 2,200** Feet of Social & User Trails Naturalized
- 150+** Trees Cleared from Trails
- 50+** Trees Cleared from Millcreek Trails after Historic Windstorm
- 9,500** Feet of New Trail Installed
- 7.5** Miles of Trail Lopped and Brushed Back
- 125+** Square Feet of Rock Work and Stairs Installed
- 486** Waterbars and Drains Cleared and Maintained
- 40+** Wayfinding, Watershed, and Restoration Signs Installed

### Invasive Plant Species and Restoration Programs

- 500** Acres of Plants Surveyed
- 300+** Miles of Trail Scouted for Plant Species
- 50+** Acres of Invasive Species Treated
- 5** Acres of Land Restored with Native Plants
- 1,500** Native Plants Hand-grown and Planted
- 700** Woody Seedlings Hand-grown and Planted

# Year in Numbers

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## Education Programs

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| <b>709</b>   | Silver Lake Field Trip Students & Chaperones (Fall 2019) |
| <b>1,237</b> | Snowshoe with a Naturalist Students & Chaperones         |
| <b>3,480</b> | Field Trip Education Hours                               |
| <b>41</b>    | Field Trip Program Days                                  |
| <b>27</b>    | Field Trip Schools (8 Title I Schools) Reached           |
| <b>441</b>   | Ski with a Rangers Participants                          |
| <b>41</b>    | Snowshoe Tour Visitors                                   |
| <b>4,057</b> | Ski Resort Visitor Contacts                              |
| <b>85</b>    | CCF Online Education Families                            |
| <b>3,998</b> | CCF Online Education Students                            |
| <b>55</b>    | CCF Online Education Teachers                            |
| <b>39</b>    | CCF Online Education Schools                             |

## Wasatch Wildflower Festival

|              |                               |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>31</b>    | Days of Wildflower Activities |
| <b>685</b>   | Wildflower Festival Guests    |
| <b>2,770</b> | Wildflower Contacts           |

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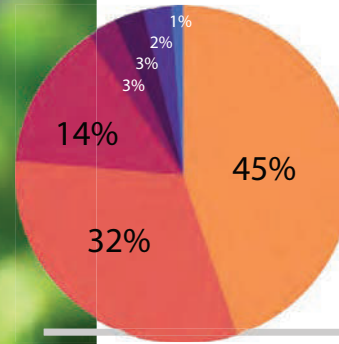


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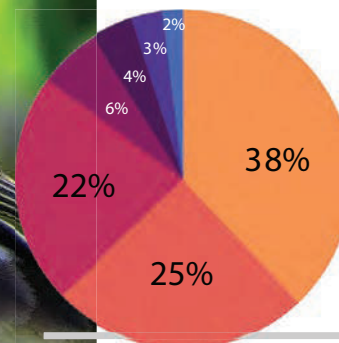


The Cottonwood Canyons Foundation Invasive Species Program and Trail Stewardship Program are generously funded by the **National Forest Foundation**, which works on behalf of the American public to inspire personal and meaningful connections to our National Forests. By directly engaging Americans and leveraging private and public funding, the NFF leads forest conservation efforts and promotes responsible recreation. Each year the NFF restores fish and wildlife habitat, facilitates common ground, plants trees in areas affected by fires, insects and disease and improves recreational opportunities. The NFF believes our National Forests and all they offer are an American treasure and are vital to the health of our communities. Learn more at [www.nationalforests.org](http://www.nationalforests.org).



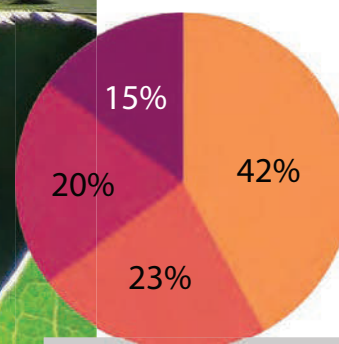
- Organization Fundraising
- Stewardship Grants
- Organization Grants
- Education Grants
- Individual Donations
- Program Revenue
- Events

Revenue



- Education Program Staff
- Plants Program Staff
- Trails Expense
- Education Program Expense
- Stewardship/Wildflower Events
- Plants Program Expense

Program Expense



- Trails Director (1,160h) and Trails Crew (4,200h)
- Stewardship Director, Trails (420h)
- Education Staff (2,320h)
- Silver Lake Naturalists (800h)
- Stewardship Director, Plants (420h)
- Plants Director (1,160h)
- Invasive Species Team (1,200h)
- Administration (2,000h)

Staff Hours

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# Financials

October 2019 - September 2020

# Major Projects 19/20

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## Dog Lake Reroute

### **Triple Crown Project with the US Forest Service**

CCF completed three-quarters of a mile of new trail for hikers and bikers as part of the Triple Crown Project, a three-year partnership targeting highly-used trails in need of heavy maintenance and reroutes.

## Red Pine Reroute

### **Triple Crown Project with the US Forest Service**

With the US Forest Service, CCF rerouted a large section of trail, including cutting new tread, building drains and erosion control devices, constructing switchbacks and check steps out of locally sourced stone, naturalizing the old trail for restoration.

## Millcreek Pipeline Extension

### **Triple Crown Project with the US Forest Service**

CCF spent multiple weeks cutting and clearing a new trail corridor within Millcreek Canyon. This corridor will be used to construct a new trail that will eventually tie into the existing Pipeline Trail in Millcreek, allowing for a more complete hiking and biking experience of the popular Crest Trail.

## Mill B North Rehab

Funded with a grant from REI, CCF worked to improve a trail located at one of the most popular trail heads in the Cottonwoods (Mill B, otherwise known as the S-turns in Big Cottonwood). Over three seasons, CCF rerouted large sections of trail into more sustainable and usable areas; installed proper signage for wayfinding, watershed information, and restoration areas; constructed over thirty stone stairs to improve early access to the trail; as well as maintained existing and installing new drainage throughout the entirety

## Albion Basin Train Extension

Working with Alta Environmental Center, CCF completed three new sections of hiking and biking trail in the Albion Basin and constructed five multi-layered rock culverts requested by NEPA. These trails were built to help keep foot traffic off the Alta summer road as well as provide a more enjoyable hiking and biking experience for those choosing to experience the diverse and beautiful wildlife and wildflowers Alta has to offer throughout the summer.

## NFF Sign Installation

CCF installed forty wayfinding, watershed, and restoration signs throughout the tri-canyons through a grant from the National Forest Foundation. The signs also informed visitors of the watershed and proper watershed protection practices.

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## Millcreek Tree Removal from Windstorm

Due to the historically large and unexpected windstorm, the CCF Trail Crew cut and removed over fifty trees in Millcreek Canyon, opening trails and roadways.

## Cottonwood Canyons Invasive Plant Species Control

In the Cottonwood Canyons, over 50 acres of invasive species were pulled this year. Through this effort, CCF helped our critical watershed stay as healthy as possible for proper water filtering, while encouraging the vital ecosystem within the canyons.

## Silver Lake Visitors Center Restoration

Restoration of highly-impacted areas around Silver Lake is an important priority for CCF. This summer, over 700 native plant seedlings were planted and cultivated around the Visitors Center at Silver Lake.

## Pavilion Restoration Project

This was the third and final year of the CCF restoration project for the Lower Cottonwood Canyon Pavilion site. The Trail Crew and Invasive Species Crew worked together to install a sturdier fence, plant over 700 woody seedlings, and protect the site from further vandalism and graffiti. The area is now reseeding itself and the rare plant population is thriving.

## Ski with a Ranger Tours

Utilizing over 40 dedicated volunteer Forest Service Rangers at Snowbird, Alta, Brighton, and Solitude, the Ski with a Ranger program reached 441 participants and made 4,057 individual visitor contacts at the resorts.

## Silver Lake Field Trips (2019)

Through fifteen program days in the fall of 2019, CCF conducted Silver Lake Field Trips with over 709 students and chaperones. These field trips provided a powerful and engaging educational experience for 4th and 5th grade students, where the students participated in an interpretive walk and hands-on education activities.

## Snowshoe with a Naturalist Field Trips

With 1,237 students and chaperones participating this year, the Snowshoe with a Naturalist Program completed 26 program days, enabling students to embark on snowshoe tours around Spruces Campground to explore their public lands, their watershed, and all the factors that make the canyon environment unique.

## New Online Naturalist Education

New this fall, CCF brought the canyons to families and schools in the Salt Lake Valley through its new Trails. Online. education series. Over 85 families, 65 teachers, and 3,998 students at 39 schools participated in this five-part series designed by our Education Director.

## Wasatch Wildflower Festival

This year, CCF expanded the beloved Wasatch Wildflower Festival to offer a month-long celebration with knowledgeable volunteer guides producing daily videos featuring a unique Wasatch wildflower each day. Adapted for the year, the Festival included maps of recommended wildflower walks, wildflower bingo, kids activities, art projects, wildflower-themed recipes from local canyon chefs, and weekly "Ask a Naturalist" zoom meetings.



The Cottonwood Canyons Foundation invites you, our fellow canyons' lovers, to become Friends of the Cottonwood Canyons. CCF's work is tangible, enduring and invaluable. Continuing this work today, CCF invites you to join us in this crucial effort to steward the canyons we love.

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