



**TRANSCAUCASIAN
TRAIL**

**TCTA 2022
Annual Report**

TCTA Mission and Vision

The mission of the Transcaucasian Trail Association (TCTA) is to develop, promote, and maintain the Transcaucasian Trail in order to improve access to the region's diverse cultural and natural heritage and encourage its preservation, benefiting local communities and trail users through the development of sustainable tourism. We carry out this mission through direct support to the Transcaucasian Trail NGOs of Georgia and Armenia and TCT-affiliated partners in Azerbaijan, as well as through our own activities to develop the capacity of these local organizations and to support and coordinate their work and the work of our other partners.

Thanks to the support of hikers, volunteers, and supporters from around the world, 2022 was a landmark year for the TCT. After two years of pandemic-related closures and regional conflicts that impacted travel, 2022 saw a surge in hikers as well as a big expansion of our local programs.

Major highlights of 2022 include the first wave of successful thru-hikes across the newly published Armenia thru-hiking route and the beta-testing Georgia route, the launch of a new cooperative agreement with the U.S. Forest Service to support our three-country Caucasus Conservation Corps program, and three new sections of the TCT published in Azerbaijan and Georgia.

The TCTA and local partners in each country found ways to expand the local volunteer base, make progress on the trail's physical infrastructure, create new resources for hikers that increased the information on and accessibility of the TCT, and develop new partnerships with governments and organizations working in outdoor recreation and tourism development.



TCTA Activities in 2022

In-kind capacity support for local organizations

In 2022, the TCTA provided both financial and in-kind support to trail development efforts and local organization development in Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan.

Significant in-kind support was dedicated to project development under partnerships with the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Embassy Democracy Commission in Georgia, and USAID's EDGE program (along with partner People In Need) in Georgia.

The TCTA also provided grant management support related to reporting and evaluation of ongoing projects, which contributed to building an expanded relationship with our supporting partner the U.S. Forest Service.

The TCTA supported the Georgia NGO with on-the-ground scouting initiatives. This led to the publication and promotion of a new 74km route connecting Imereti and Racha, significant mapping contributions in Pshav-Khevsureti and Javakheti, and the publication of a "beta route" for a Georgia thru-hike.

The TCTA supported the Armenia NGO with significant time dedicated promoting the new thru-hike across the country and new trail sections in Syunik.

The TCTA also dedicated significant time to supporting strategy and partnership development in Azerbaijan, where the TCT's operations continued for its second year.

For more on the outcomes of these projects, see the relevant country sections below.



TCTA Activities in 2022

International promotion and outreach

The TCTA manages all international TCT communication channels, including the TCT's social media, website, blog, newsletter, and online events.

In 2022, the TCTA increased outreach to showcase the new Armenia thru-hike and new trail sections in Georgia and Azerbaijan, to promote trekking and volunteer opportunities, to increase the amount of publicly accessible information on how to hike the TCT, and to directly support hikers attempting a long hike on the TCT.

TCT Trailblazers Program: Supporting Early Thru-Hikers

In 2022, the Transcaucasian Trail Association launched the TCT Trailblazers program to support the first cohort of thru-hikers on the newly published trail across Georgia and Armenia. Eighty hikers participated in the program, which provided practical resources, community support, and real-time guidance to help them navigate the 1,540km route.

The program included four Zoom sessions on essential topics like gear, cultural sensitivity, and trail conditions. Members also received ongoing online support throughout the hiking season, ensuring they were prepared for the challenges of an evolving trail. Membership fees directly funded the development of informational resources, making the trail more accessible for future hikers.

Feedback from participants highlighted the program's effectiveness in setting clear expectations and providing essential support. The TCT Trailblazers program not only helped hikers succeed on the trail but also strengthened the TCT community and improved resources for future users.



TCTA Activities in 2022

Celebrating the First Successful Thru-Hikes on the TCT

2022 marked a major milestone for the Transcaucasian Trail, as we celebrated the first successful thru-hikes on the Armenia and Georgia national sections. Several hikers completed the Armenia section, a couple tackled Georgia, and some explored sections of both routes—making these adventurers the pioneers of our ambitious project.

Their feedback provided invaluable insights into the trail's strengths and challenges. Hikers praised the route's stunning landscapes, particularly the Gegham Mountains, Dilijan to Tumanyan, Arevik National Park, Upper Svaneti, and Tobavarchkhili Lakes, as well as the warm hospitality of local communities. Many described the experience as tough yet rewarding, highlighting the need for self-sufficiency, route-finding skills, and resilience in remote areas.

Challenges included road walking in certain areas, overgrown trails, aggressive dogs, and logistical hurdles such as finding gas canisters for stoves. Safety issues were minimal but included isolated encounters with wildlife, unfriendly dogs, occasional incidents of sexual harassment, and occasional misunderstandings in remote villages.

Despite these challenges, hikers expressed overwhelming gratitude for the opportunity to be part of a new and evolving trail. Their feedback will guide our efforts to improve the trail, from prioritizing bushwhack clearance to enhancing logistical support. The success of these first thru-hikers underscores the TCT's potential as a world-class hiking route, and we are inspired to continue refining the trail for future adventurers.

Some hiker reflections on the experience:

On the adventure: *"It was tough, wild, beautiful, and full of meetings with amazing people. Unique, stunning landscapes and kind, hospitable people made it worth every footstep."*

On the challenges: *"The trail is quite adventurous with some route-finding and bushwhacking. But on the upside, that means there aren't many hikers, and the nature is still unspoiled."*

On the highlights: *"The Gegham Mountains were wonderful, and the northern sections of Armenia were stunning in mid-June. I loved meeting people in remote villages that never get visited by tourists."*

On the logistics: *"Gas canisters were hard to find, but we improvised with a blowtorch attachment—it worked! Resupply in villages was tricky but manageable with the help of kind locals."*

On the overall experience: *"It was the toughest thing I've ever done, both physically and mentally, but incredibly rewarding for the culture, human connections, and natural beauty."*

TCTA Activities in 2022

Cross-Border Collaboration Reaches New Heights

In 2022, we reached a major milestone for international cooperation on the Transcaucasian Trail: for the first time ever, the TCTA hosted trilateral gatherings with team members from Armenia, Georgia, and Azerbaijan.

In March, we held a small team summit in Tbilisi, where we came together to shape a shared vision for the future of the TCT. We dug into the new strategic plan, mapped out long-term goals, and laid the groundwork for expanding the Caucasus Conservation Corps into a truly regional program.

Then in November, with the support of the Earth Island Institute, we brought together an even broader group of staff and volunteers for a multi-day environmental interpretation workshop and team meeting. Environmental interpretation experts Ariadna Reida, Chuck Lennox, and Tony Allison led engaging sessions on how to tell the stories of the landscapes the TCT passes through. Participants from all three countries practiced developing interpretive materials rooted in local ecology, culture, and history—laying the foundation for a trail that doesn't just connect places, but brings them to life.



TCTA Activities in 2022

Building a Regional Conservation Corps

In 2022, we took major steps toward growing the Caucasus Conservation Corps (CCC) into a truly regional force for youth engagement and trail stewardship. In March, we received exciting news: the U.S. Forest Service committed to supporting the CCC on a multi-year, multi-country basis—a huge vote of confidence in the program's potential to foster cross-border collaboration and environmental leadership across the South Caucasus.

We wasted no time. That summer, we helped launch Azerbaijan's first-ever CCC activities, supported the design of a cross-border exchange program between Georgia and Azerbaijan, and began laying the groundwork for a full program expansion in 2023. More details on those programs can be found in the country-specific activity sections.

These early steps marked a turning point for the CCC—transforming it from a national initiative into a growing regional network of young trail builders and conservation leaders.



TCTA Activities in 2022

Spreading the Word: International Outreach & Promotion

In 2022, we ramped up our international outreach to share the story of the TCT with a growing global audience. Through our newsletter, social media channels, and a series of in-person presentations, we highlighted new trail sections, celebrated the launch of thru-hiking routes, and invited more people to get involved—whether as hikers, donors, or volunteers.

In April, Co-Executive Director Meagan Neal appeared on the 10Adventures Podcast to talk about the TCT's evolution, new long-distance hiking opportunities, and how volunteers are shaping the future of the trail.

In September, the TCT team made a strong showing at the World Trails Conference in Greece, with Meagan, Paul, Ashot, Tom, and Nazrin presenting lessons from the field. Topics ranged from supporting thru-hikers and hiker-driven fundraising, to youth engagement through the Caucasus Conservation Corps, to on-the-ground trail development across the region.

We wrapped up the year with a December presentation in Tbilisi, where Meagan and Giorgi shared updates from our 2022 scouting expeditions in Javakheti and Khevsureti as part of a tourism development project in partnership with People In Need. Together, these efforts helped raise the profile of the TCT and strengthened the trail's growing international network of supporters and collaborators.



TCTA Activities in 2022

New Grant Partnerships Fuel Long-Term Impact

In 2022, we were honored to build several new grant partnerships that are already leaving a lasting mark on the TCT and the communities it connects. With support from the Earth Island Institute, we were able to host expert-led learning activities, advance our interpretive planning, and begin much-needed improvements to the TCT website. Through Earth Island, we also connected with the Global GreenGrants Fund, which provided funding for a small interpretive signage project in Svaneti—a meaningful step toward helping hikers engage more deeply with the cultural and ecological stories of the trail.

We also completed an exciting cross-border initiative with People In Need, in partnership with TCT Armenia and TCT Georgia, focused on scouting, mapping, and community engagement in Shirak and Lori (Armenia) and Javakheti and Khevsureti (Georgia). This project not only supported vital groundwork for future trail development but also deepened relationships with communities along the trail corridor.

We're deeply grateful for these partnerships, which have expanded what's possible for our small team. Their support has strengthened the TCT's foundation and will help ensure the trail continues to grow in ways that are locally rooted, environmentally responsible, and rich with meaning for hikers and communities alike.



TCTA Activities in 2022

Supporting Trail Development Across the Region

In 2022, the TCTA provided strategic support for trail development and community engagement across all three countries of the South Caucasus, working closely with our local partners to advance the TCT's mission on the ground.

In Armenia, our efforts focused on hiker outreach and support, detailed cartography, and the early stages of guidebook development to make the trail more accessible to independent hikers.

In Georgia, we supported hiker engagement while also contributing to trail scouting and assessments, partnership development, and the opening of a new trail section.

And in Azerbaijan, we helped launch an exchange program with Georgia, strengthened key partnerships, organized volunteer engagement activities, and supported the country's first trail improvement project in October.

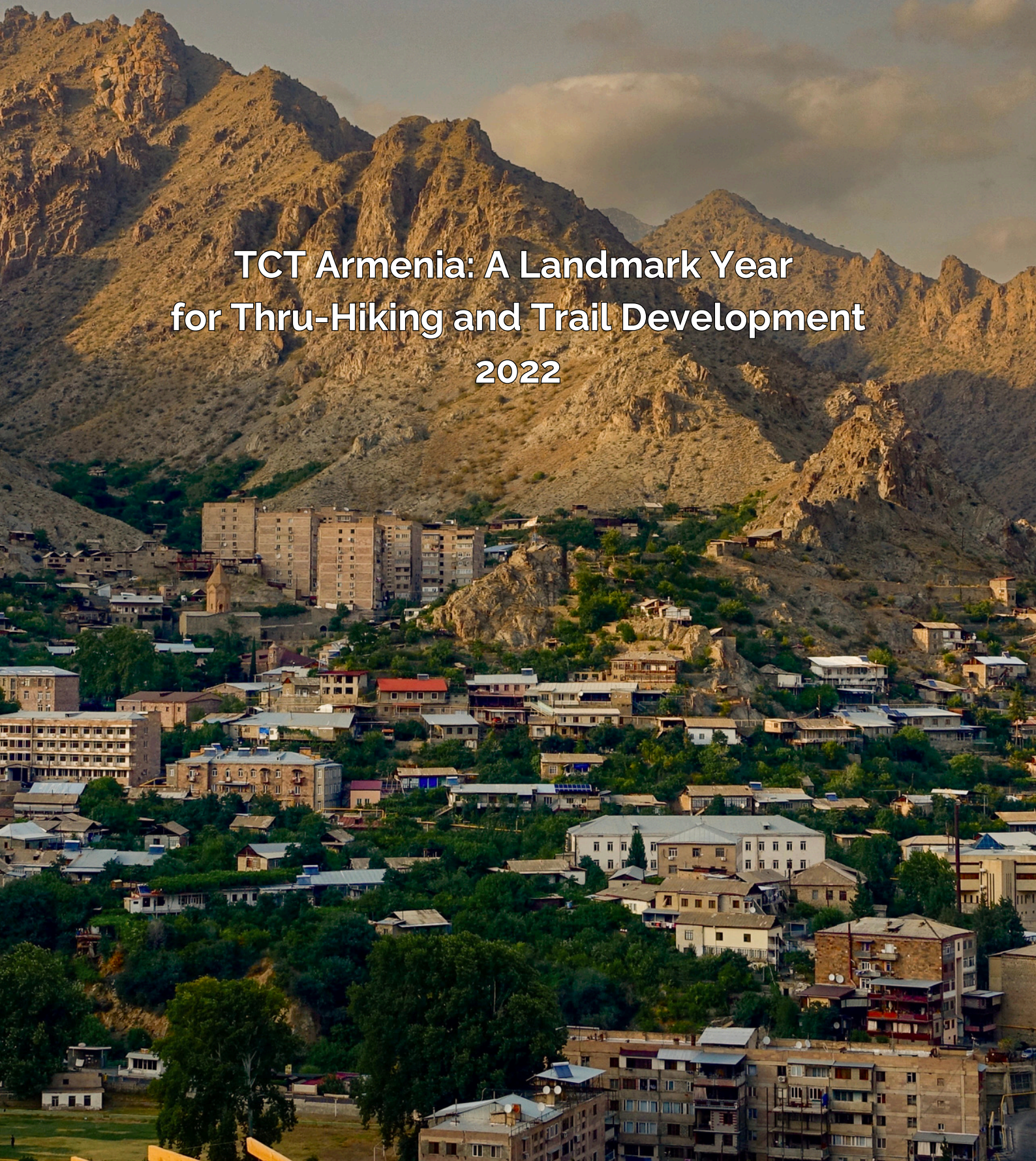
These efforts reflect our commitment to building a connected and collaborative trail network across the region. Read on for a closer look at the exciting progress made in each country this year.





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TCT Armenia: A Landmark Year
for Thru-Hiking and Trail Development
2022



TCT Armenia Developments in 2022

The First Thru-Hikers on the Trail

2022 was a milestone year for TCT Armenia as we welcomed the first-ever thru-hikers to complete the full national route. After Tom Allen (TCT Armenia) and Meagan Neal (TCTA) successfully thru-hiked the route in 2021 and confirmed the trail's viability, they published a detailed GPS route and accompanying trail resources to help others follow in their footsteps. These included a comprehensive interactive CalTopo map, populated with essential information on trail conditions, water sources, lodging, transport, and cultural landmarks.

Despite some rugged and remote sections—overgrown paths, road walks, and occasional encounters with aggressive dogs—several hikers successfully completed the full traverse of Armenia. Their feedback was incredibly valuable, helping us identify where improvements were most needed. More importantly, their stories underscored the trail's potential as a world-class adventure: wild, challenging, and deeply rewarding.



TCT Armenia Developments in 2022

Guidebook Development and Mapping Enhancements

To better equip hikers, Tom Allen completed a draft of the first full TCT Armenia guidebook, supported by maps from Cartisan, who also worked on improving OpenStreetMap (OSM) coverage along a 1km corridor of the route. The draft guidebook was distributed to 2022 thru-hikers through our Trailblazers program, and their feedback is now guiding improvements to both the guidebook content and overall hiker experience. Meanwhile, the OSM updates significantly enhanced trail safety and accessibility by ensuring key landmarks, paths, and features were accurately mapped for offline use.

Trail Maintenance Ahead of Thru-Hiker Season

In preparation for the thru-hiking season, TCTA contracted Trails For Change (TFC) to carry out seasonal trail maintenance on key segments of the route in Vayots Dzor and Syunik. With oversight from Ashot Davtyan, a small crew flagged, cleared, and blazed critical trail sections, including the Hors-Shatin and Amaghu-Noravank-Arpi trails in Vayots Dzor, and the Tatev-Tandzatap-Vorotan-Bardzravan trail in Syunik. These improvements addressed previously reported pain points and were essential to making the route viable for early thru-hikers.



TCT Armenia Developments in 2022

Expanded Trail Development in Arevik National Park

As part of the "Zangezur Multi-Day Trekking Route", a collaborative project supported by the Caucasus Nature Fund (CNF) and U.S. Forest Service, TCT Armenia and TFC improved 19 km of historic trail in Arevik National Park. This work built on the Youth For Change program and introduced a new standard of trail infrastructure in the region, receiving early praise from hikers who passed through. Surplus funds from the project are being used to continue trail work in this particularly rugged and remote stretch of the TCT.



TCT Armenia Developments in 2022

Cross-Border Collaboration and Community Engagement

In partnership with People In Need and TCT Georgia, we participated in a USAID-funded project focused on cross-border tourism development in Shirak and Lori (Armenia) and Javakheti and Khevsureti (Georgia). In addition to strengthening relationships with local tourism actors, the project supported scouting, mapping, and outreach efforts. In Armenia, the project culminated in the installation of two large TCT trailhead monuments at Lake Arpi and in Stepanavan.

Refining the Route Based on Hiker Feedback

Based on insights from the first wave of thru-hikers, we made several strategic route adjustments to improve the overall trail experience.

In Lori, we reworked the route to follow more of the scenic Debed Canyon, incorporating better resupply access.

In Syunik, we introduced a detour to avoid areas affected by new road construction. These changes helped reduce road walking, improved logistics, and highlighted more of the country's natural and cultural richness.



TCT Armenia Developments in 2022

Piloting and Retiring a Resupply Delivery Service

In an effort to reduce logistical barriers, we piloted a resupply box delivery service in collaboration with HIKEArmenia, targeting five key trail locations. While a small number of hikers used the service, several changed plans or canceled mid-hike, and the overall demand did not justify the high logistical cost. The pilot was discontinued at the end of the season, but the lessons learned will inform future support strategies.

Supporters' Treks: Community Building on the Trail

We also ran a Supporters' Trek in Lori, which received excellent feedback from participants and helped build momentum and visibility for the trail. Another trek Syunik had to be altered significantly midway due to border tensions near Goris, but the group was safely evacuated and rerouted to Lori and Tavush using existing TCT itineraries. While the emergency pivot increased costs and eliminated profit, it demonstrated the team's flexibility and commitment to participant safety.

Collaboration on the Armenia National Trail (ANT)

Finally, TCT Armenia deepened its collaboration with HIKEArmenia through supporting the co-development of the Armenia National Trail (ANT)—a guesthouse-to-guesthouse route designed to complement the TCT's rugged backcountry experience. Tom Allen shared years of TCT scouting data to support route planning. The ANT will eventually feature joint signage where the two trails overlap, strengthening alignment and enhancing the trail network's accessibility for a broader range of hikers.





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TCT Georgia: Trail Building, Cross-Border
Collaboration & Growing Momentum

2022



TCT Georgia Developments in 2022

The Largest-Ever Season for the Caucasus Conservation Corps

2022 marked a record-setting year for the Caucasus Conservation Corps (CCC) in Georgia. The season began in May with a 40-day crew leader training program, designed to quickly equip new leaders with the skills needed to manage remote trail crews.

Six out of seven trainees completed the program and went on to lead a summer of intensive trail work in the remote highlands of Racha and Svaneti.

From mid-July to early September, our newly minted leaders ran 14 separate trail crews, made up of 76 Georgian volunteers—our largest cohort to date.

Over 4,800 volunteer hours were logged, with participants restoring historic trails, brushing overgrown paths, and building new tread through key gaps in the TCT.

The work focused on the area between Zeskho and Brili, a crucial and rugged link between Racha and Svaneti, and contributed to opening up a long-envisioned route from northwest Georgia to the Armenian border.

Our 2022 crew leaders, many of whom plan to return in 2023, also passed on their training in sustainable trail design and maintenance, reinforcing best practices for long-term trail stewardship.



TCT Georgia Developments in 2022

The Largest-Ever Season for the Caucasus Conservation Corps

The CCC crews didn't just build trails— they built leadership, resilience, and a sense of shared purpose. Feedback from participants highlighted the transformative impact of spending time in Georgia's wild places, learning new skills, and being part of something bigger.

"This week will appear in the book of my life with beautiful letters. I was a bit intimidated in the very beginning but work distribution made everything easier. Good job everybody!"

"I was very satisfied with a week I spent in Brili. I felt like I was putting my energy into good work and was very happy to see progress on the trail at the end of the week. I also really enjoyed the meaningful interaction with my co-participants and crew leaders. I liked how the day's schedule was arranged."

"Last week completely exceeded my expectations and surprisingly I returned from Zeskho with a new family. There was a very good atmosphere among the participants that help to build personal connections. The view from the campsite, the beauty of nature being close to it was a healing experience for me."

"I had an interesting and pleasant experience during this one week of volunteering. One thing I liked the most is that I got into a very friendly environment, we helped each other when necessary, learned how to use work tools safely, the time was distributed in such a way that I did not feel tired and we used the remaining time to get to know each other. I liked how well camp was organized."

"The physical work was easy because the leaders organized the work process: they divided us into small groups and we were swapping the work and tools. This allowed us to rest and regain the power. I really enjoyed the life style without phones, working environment, safety rules, taking care of each other, sharing stories around the bonfire and learning how to live outdoors."



TCT Georgia Developments in 2022

Cross-Border Collaboration: Hosting Azerbaijani Participants

A key new element in 2022 was the expansion of the CCC into a more regional initiative. Over the summer, we hosted 16 young volunteers from Azerbaijan on joint CCC crews in Georgia, helping lay the foundation for future cross-border programming. These participants gained hands-on experience with trail maintenance and learned how the conservation corps model can be adapted to their own home landscapes.

Several Azerbaijani volunteers who had traveled to Georgia later brought their new skills back to join our first-ever trail-building project in Azerbaijan in October. The response was overwhelmingly positive.



TCT Georgia Developments in 2022

Trail Building Progress: Opening New Sections in Racha and Imereti

With the help of CCC and international volunteers, we made major strides in building out the TCT's core route in Georgia. Crews cleared and constructed over 15 kilometers of trail, which opened access to more than 70 kilometers of continuous route through the forests near Nedzvi Reserve, the mountains around Zeskho, and a newly opened corridor in Oni Municipality.

These efforts culminated in the official launch of a 74km section connecting Imereti and Racha, including the rugged and beautiful Drbo-Oni stage—an exciting new addition for thru-hikers and section hikers alike.



TCT Georgia Developments in 2022

Supporting Thru-Hikers: Launch of the Georgia “Beta” Route

In tandem with the newly published Armenia thru-route, we published a “beta” thru-hiking route for Georgia in 2022, available exclusively to Trailblazers supporters. The route spanned from the Armenian border at Bavra/Ninotsminda to the Black Sea coast at Anaklia, offering a challenging and exploratory long-distance experience.

We were clear with hikers about the rough conditions in some areas—long road walks, overgrown sections, and scarce signage—but a handful of hardy hikers completed the full journey. Their feedback and GPS data are helping us refine the route for future seasons.

Growing the Trail Community: International Volunteer Program

In addition to our Georgian and Azerbaijani volunteers, we ran our international volunteer program in parallel with the CCC—bringing together participants from around the world to work alongside local crews.

This cross-cultural collaboration added richness to the camp experience and helped broaden awareness of the TCT’s mission among a global audience. Our crew leaders also had the opportunity to develop their leadership skills in a multicultural environment.



TCT Georgia Developments in 2022

Scouting and Mapping: Laying Groundwork for Future Routes

Through a cross-border project supported by People In Need and USAID, we conducted major scouting expeditions in Samtskhe-Javakheti and Khevsureti—two regions with enormous potential for future TCT routes.

Field teams scouted and mapped over 320 kilometers of trail, assessed access to protected areas and cultural landmarks, and held community outreach sessions to introduce locals to the value of trail-based tourism. Much of this trail data was added to OpenStreetMap, helping pave the way for future development and connecting trail corridors across Georgia.

Community Engagement: Building a Trail Economy in Svaneti

We also piloted a new economic initiative in Svaneti, funded by a grant from the U.S. Embassy Democracy Commission. The program launched a Svaneti Business Association with 55 member businesses and introduced the TCT Trail Passport, which offered discounts to hikers at participating guesthouses and food spots. Although the passport program had modest uptake in 2022, it generated enthusiasm among both hikers and local businesses, and we plan to build on it in future seasons.





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**TCT Azerbaijan: First Routes, First
Volunteers, and a Vision for the Future
2022**



TCT Azerbaijan Developments in 2022

Launching the First Official Sections of the TCT in Azerbaijan

2022 marked a major milestone for trail development in Azerbaijan: the launch of the first two official TCT sections in the country.

These included the 97km Sheki–Zagatala route, which weaves together Silk Road caravanserais and forested paths along the southern slopes of the Greater Caucasus, and the 102km Guba–Gusar route, which connects remote mountain villages on the northern flanks of the range.

Both routes were originally scouted and assessed by Nazrin Garibova in 2021, and this year she developed detailed trail notes, GPX files, and practical hiker guides to support independent hikers. These are the first pieces of a long-distance route that will eventually span the country—and they're already opening new doors for domestic and international hiking.



TCT Azerbaijan Developments in 2022

Seeding a Trail Crew Community Through International Exchange

This summer, we took the first step toward developing a local volunteer corps in Azerbaijan by collaborating with TCT Georgia to launch a cross-border exchange program. Sixteen young volunteers from Azerbaijan participated in the Caucasus Conservation Corps (CCC) in Georgia, working alongside international and Georgian volunteers under the guidance of experienced trail crew leaders. The exchange introduced participants to the conservation corps model while building trail design and maintenance skills that will serve future projects in Azerbaijan.

First Trail Improvement Project in Azerbaijan

In October, we reached another milestone: our first-ever trail improvement project in Azerbaijan. We brought together volunteers from the summer exchange alongside new participants to clear and restore an old trail near Sheki— a future link in the national TCT route. The crew was led by Vakhtang Chkhitaurov, a senior crew leader trainer from TCT Georgia, with support from TCTA Co-Director Meagan Neal and visiting U.S. trail expert Bob Birkby. Over the course of the 4-day volunteer program, participants received hands-on training in sustainable trail design and maintenance, while lending their hands to the growing regional trail-building movement.



TCT Azerbaijan Developments in 2022

Scouting Future Trail Connections

While launching the first two sections, our team also continued scouting new routes to connect the existing trails and extend the TCT corridor eastward toward the Caspian Sea. Working with local guides and outdoor enthusiasts, we identified several promising corridors to be developed in future seasons. These efforts are laying the groundwork for a seamless, multi-day hiking experience across the north of Azerbaijan.

Partnership Building and Network Development

Behind the scenes, we also focused on expanding the network of support for the trail. Nazrin and new team member Abuzar began deepening relationships with the Azerbaijan Tourism Board, initiated new conversations with the UN Development Programme (UNDP) and diaspora networks, and reached out to local outdoor groups, including Birding Azerbaijan, the Azerbaijani Mountaineering Federation, and other local hiking communities. These early relationship-building efforts are vital to ensuring the trail grows in ways that are collaborative, sustainable, and locally rooted.

First Thru-Hike Attempt and Regulatory Challenges

In 2022, we also saw the first thru-hiking attempt on a beta version of the TCT in Azerbaijan, made by two hikers from Estonia. With detailed route advice from Nazrin, they pieced together a trail across the northern mountains and reported breathtaking scenery and warm local hospitality. But they also encountered one of the most significant barriers facing independent hikers in Azerbaijan: the complex and often shifting system of permits and permissions required to access protected areas and cross regional boundaries. While the Azerbaijan Tourism Board and Ministry of Ecology are in early-stage conversations to simplify these processes, a clear and reliable system remains a key hurdle to opening the trail to broader use.



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TCTA 2022 Financial Statement

Revenue

Donations	\$92,413.50
Grants Received	\$4,915.00
TOTAL	\$97,328.50

Expenses

TCTA Operations	\$20,717.63
Direct Program Expenses	\$14,983.18
Grants to Armenia NGO	\$4,050.00
In-kind support to Armenia	\$8,009.98
Grants to Georgia NGO	\$5,000.00
In-kind support to Georgia	\$18,460.00
Direct support to Azerbaijan project	\$12,423.50
In-kind support to Azerbaijan project	\$4,000.00
TOTAL	\$87,644.29





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