



Station de Trail© network



« A service for running athletes, a tool for touristic development for the territories ». How to turn an activity into a tourism product.

Partners:







Trailrunning...

In 2014, the trail gathered **2,5 million of regular participants** in France, including **400 000 passionate participants**.

A large number of runner panels:

- √ Road runners who come « to green »
- ✓ Atractiveness for players of other endurance sports, particularly winter sports
- ✓ Evolution of hikers practices
- **√** ..

A growing popularity:

- ✓ By the popularity of some « stars » of the discipline
- ✓ By the values (back to Nature, protection of the environnement, love of effort, etc.)

→ As proof, the explosion of the number of races, and the number of participants

Great growth potential:

✓ Trailrunning is developping fast in other countries of Europe, USA, and also Asia (Japan, China, Hong-Kong...)





Station de Trail©: 5 tools















1) Marked Trails

- ✓ Different levels of difficulty, GREEN easy, BLUE middle, RED difficult and BLACK very difficult
- ✓ For running or trekking, alone or with friends
- ✓ Made from existing routes

Maps are given to the runners, as well as the tracking and the geolocalization by a smartphone application.

Two boards displaying all the trails of the station are installed inside and outside the station.









2) Trail Stadium©

The Trail Stadium is a real innovation. Its workshops allow people to train in a specific way. The measurments are specific so that runners can calculate their paces.



Its different workshops are:

- ✓ Short loops (preferably of grass) of 200m to 500m, almost flat.
- ✓ Long loops **around 1km and 3km.** Ideally, it must have different types of terrain.
- ✓ A uphill workshop, about 200 meters between 10 and 15%.
- ✓ One **Vertical Kilometer**, which means 1.000m of deniveration for about 2km to 5km. For the areas that don't have enough hill, a ½ Kilometer Vertical or another uphill workshop is organized.





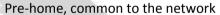




3) A community website

The website www.stationsdetrail.com is dedicated for the Station de Trail network.







A dedicated part for the Station



All the information about the trails, workshops, events, news, etc...



Time tracking platform for the users .





4) A smartphone app

Available since summer 2013, version 2 with a better performance will be released starting from 2016

- Geolocalization on the trails, even without GSM connection.
- Advertisement widjets , communication tool
- CRM tool....





Available on Play Store





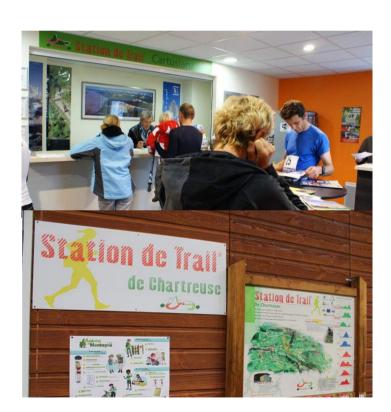


5) A welcome desk

The welcome desk is a multi-purpose space, it's the heart of each Station de Trail.

The welcome desk propose different services:

- Introduction of the trail routes, maps.
- Different information about the partners and the territories on which the station is established.
- Showers and cloakrooms.
- **Computers** on which users can connect to the website www.stationdetrail.com and save their timings
- Eventually:
- o Product testing of the Raidlight brand (free)
- o **Fitness equipement,** : sauna, treadmill, jacuzzi, massage chair, etc.





The Station de Trail network

A human-sized network

+ MORE THAN 214 TRAILS TO DISCOVER THROUGHOUT EUROPE!



- ✓ 1 Station in June 2011
 - + Chartreuse
- ✓ 3 Stations in June 2012
 - + Vercors and Vésubie
- √ 8 Stations and Spots in 2013
 - + Pyrénées, Oisans, Ecrins, Vosges, La Réunion, Alpe of Grand Serre.
- √ 12 stations in 2014
 - + 1st station in Belgium.
- \checkmark 18 stations in 2015
- √ 25 expected in 2016
 - + Projects on other European contries, Spain, Switzerland...

<u>Goal</u>: 50 Trail Stations in France, and much more worldwide.

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Management structure?

According to the local context:

- ✓ Tourism Office
- ✓ Local structure
- ✓ Association of all actors involved (public and private)
- ✓ Private structure
- **√**

A Goal:

Bring together ALL the actors of the territory concerned by the project to the management...



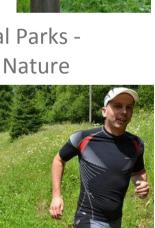
Environmental impact

A« nature » activity:

- ✓ Absence of bad impact of the practice for the environment
- ✓ Use of existing trails
- ✓ Integration of marks to the existing ones

→ Routes have been marked for example in the heart of France National Parks - Mercantour, Alpe Maritime (Italy) – as well as in Natura 2000 areas and Nature Reserves

Trailrunners does respect the Nature.









A win investment

A moderate investment:

- ✓ engineering fees
- √ licence for using designs
- ✓ purchases of signs and other things (optional)
- = about 40K€ for setting up

Strong communication:

- ✓ Positive economical consequences with thousands of trailrunners coming for 1, 2 or more days
- ✓ National and international visibility for the territories
- ✓ Access to shared databases for communication...

A profitable development tool for a growing practice!

As a comparison...

→VTT area= 100K€ minimum → via ferrata = 40K€ → adventure park= 50K€

... + costs of maintenance, normalization, etc.





Distinctions,



Finalists of the Innovation and Tourism Trophy in Rhône-Alpes 2012



Bref Rhône Alpes Trophy for Innovation (2011)



Presentation to the National Congress of the French Regional Nature Parks (2012)



Montagne 2040 Label By Région Rhône-Alpes.

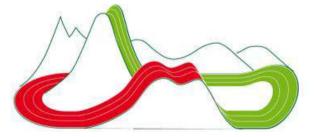






Conclusion

- ✓ A modern and innovative tool for a sustainable activity
- ✓ A diversification and development tool for the territory
- ✓ A thoughtfull and winning investment (30K€ to 50K€)





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