

Disability Inclusion into Outdoor Recreation: Accessible and Inclusive Outdoor Recreation Opportunities

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David Jones is the founder of the SportsAbility Alliance (formerly the Florida Disabled Outdoors Association), a non-profit organization whose mission is promoting accessible inclusive recreation for all. He is a native and lifelong resident of Tallahassee Florida.

In 1988, David was shot in a hunting accident resulting in a serious head injury that left him with permanent paralysis of his left side, limiting mobility and no use of his left hand. In the process of his rehabilitation, David became aware of the importance of recreation for rehabilitation –to improve mobility and mental well-being. In 1990, he formed the Florida Disabled Outdoors Association which would become the SportsAbility Alliance.

David is nationally recognized for his involvement in ADA compliance, consulting and for successes in promoting community based accessible and inclusive recreation. David has worked with national, state, county, and city agencies and other recreation providers to improve accessibility in their programs. David serves or has served on many boards and committees to help provide a common sense and expert voice for the inclusion of people with disabilities in outdoor recreation and to the conservation of our natural resources for the benefit of all, humans, plants, and animals.

One of David's passions is to share the importance of inclusive recreation to individuals of all ages and all abilities. He conducts presentations on disability sensitivity and advocacy with a focus on opportunities to access inclusive leisure activities for better health, rehabilitation and well-being.

"Active Leisure for Life" is more than a mantra or motto; it is David's life's work.

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