

Need another word that means the same as “trail”? Find 117 synonyms and 30 related words for “trail” in this overview.

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Trail as a Noun

Definitions of "Trail" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “trail” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A route followed for a particular purpose.*

- *A long thin part or line stretching behind or hanging down from something.*
- *The rear end of a gun carriage, resting or sliding on the ground when the gun is unlimbered.*
- *A beaten path through the countryside.*
- *A track, scent, or other indication used in following someone or hunting an animal.*
- *A track or mark left by something that has passed.*
- *A mark or a series of signs or objects left behind by the passage of someone or something.*
- *A trailer for a film or broadcast.*
- *A downhill ski run or cross-country ski route.*
- *Evidence pointing to a possible solution.*
- *A path or track roughly blazed through wild or hilly country.*



Synonyms of "Trail" as a noun (34 Words)

aftermath

The outcome of an event especially as relative to an individual.
*Food prices soared in the **aftermath** of the drought.*

array

An impressive display.
*He was clothed in fine **array**.*

beaten path	The accent in a metrical foot of verse.
chain	A decorative chain worn round the neck as jewellery or as a badge of office. <i>He kept the chain of buckets supplied with water.</i>
column	Anything that approximates the shape of a column or tower. <i>List your strengths and weaknesses in two columns.</i>
convoy	The act of escorting while in transit. <i>A convoy of lorries.</i>
course	Part of a meal served at one time. <i>The government took a firm course.</i>
entourage	A group of people attending or surrounding an important person. <i>An entourage of loyal courtiers.</i>
file	A number of issues and responsibilities relating to a particular policy area. <i>What progress has the Prime Minister made on the unity file.</i>
following	A group of followers or enthusiasts. <i>He attracted a worldwide following.</i>
footpath	A path for people to walk along, especially a right of way in the countryside.
group	Two or more figures or objects forming a design. <i>I now belong to my local drama group.</i>
lead	A position of leadership especially in the phrase take the lead. <i>The goal of marketing is to generate leads so the sales people can close them.</i>
line	A line marking the starting or finishing point in a race. <i>You must wait in a long line at the checkout counter.</i>
path	A way or track laid down for walking or made by continual treading. <i>The missile traced a fiery path in the sky.</i>
pathway	A bundle of myelinated nerve fibers following a path through the brain. <i>These neural pathways control vocalization.</i>
procession	The act of moving forward (as toward a goal). <i>Processions were forbidden.</i>
rank	The body of members of an organization or group. <i>They were drawn up outside their barracks in long ranks.</i>
road	The part of a road intended for vehicles especially in contrast to a verge or pavement. <i>A road accident.</i>
route	A round travelled in delivering, selling, or collecting goods. <i>Proposals have been put forward for a new route around the south of the town.</i>

row	The act of rowing as a sport. <i>They sat in the front row.</i>
scent	An odor left in passing by which a person or animal can be traced. <i>She sprayed scent over her body.</i>
sequence	A repetition of a phrase or melody at a higher or lower pitch. <i>A restless search for interesting harmonic sequences.</i>
series	(sports) several contests played successively by the same teams. <i>A series III SWB Land Rover.</i>
slipstream	The partial vacuum created in the wake of a moving vehicle, often used by other vehicles in a race to assist in overtaking. <i>When the US economy booms the rest of the world is pulled along in the slipstream.</i>
spoor	The track or scent of an animal. <i>The trail is marked by wolf spoor.</i>
stream	The act of flowing or streaming continuous progression. <i>A perfect trout stream.</i>
string	Stringed instruments that are played with a bow. <i>A string of burglaries.</i>
succession	A group of strata representing a single chronological sequence. <i>The new king was already elderly at the time of his succession.</i>
tail	A thing resembling an animal's tail in its shape or position typically extending downwards or outwards at the end of something. <i>McDermott worked his way through the tail finishing with ten wickets.</i>
track	The soundtrack of a film or video. <i>A Formula One Grand Prix track.</i>
train	Piece of cloth forming the long back section of a gown that is drawn along the floor. <i>Train of mourners.</i>
wake	An island in the western Pacific between Guam and Hawaii. <i>In the wake of the accident no one knew how many had been injured.</i>
way	A general category of things used in the expression in the way of. <i>Didn't know the way home.</i>



Usage Examples of "Trail" as a noun

- *The torrential rain left a trail of devastation.*
- *Easy waymarked trails for the casual walker.*
- *We drove down in a trail of tourist cars.*
- *Police followed his trail to Dorset.*
- *A tear left its trail on her cheek.*
- *A trail of blood on the grass.*
- *Country parks with nature trails.*
- *The hotel is well off the tourist trail.*
- *This steep trail is as firm as off-piste spring snow.*
- *Trails of ivy.*
- *Smoke trails.*
- *The trail led straight to the perpetrator.*
- *A recent television trail for 'The Bill.*
- *There as a trail of blood.*



Trail as a Verb

Definitions of "Trail" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "trail" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Go after with the intent to catch.*
- *To lag or linger behind.*
- *(typically of a plant) grow or hang over the edge of something or along the ground.*
- *Drag loosely along a surface; allow to sweep the ground.*
- *Apply (slip) through a nozzle or spout to decorate ceramic ware.*
- *Draw or be drawn along behind someone or something.*
- *Walk or move slowly or wearily.*
- *Give advance publicity to (a film, broadcast, or proposal).*
- *Be losing to an opponent in a game or contest.*

- *Follow (a person or animal) by using marks or scent left behind.*
- *Hang down so as to drag along the ground.*
- *(of the voice or a speaker) fade gradually before stopping.*
- *Move, proceed, or walk draggingly or slowly.*



Synonyms of "Trail" as a verb (83 Words)

advertise

Describe or draw attention to (a product, service, or event) in a public medium in order to promote sales or attendance.

*Meryl coughed briefly to **advertise** her presence.*

amble

Walk or move at a slow, relaxed pace.

*They **ambled** along the riverbank.*

announce

Make known make an announcement.

*The President's office **announced** that the siege would be lifted.*

be behind

Be identical to; be someone or something.

be down

Be identical or equivalent to.

be drawn	Happen, occur, take place.
chase	Go after with the intent to catch. <i>She chased him out of the house.</i>
chase after	Cut a groove into.
come to a halt	Be received.
come to an end	Have a certain priority.
come to nothing	Reach or enter a state, relation, condition, use, or position.
course	Move swiftly through or over. <i>She would course for hares with her greyhounds.</i>
<u>crawl</u>	Feel as if crawling with insects. <i>I turned without stopping and crawled back to the deep end.</i>
<u>creep</u>	(of a thing) move very slowly and inexorably. <i>The fog was creeping up from the marsh.</i>
dangle	Cause to dangle or hang freely. <i>The ornaments dangled from the tree.</i>
die	Cut or shape with a die. <i>Martyrs may die every day for their faith.</i>
diminish	Lessen the authority, dignity, or reputation of. <i>The trial has aged and diminished him.</i>
<u>disappear</u>	Cease to exist. <i>The sun had disappeared.</i>
dog	Follow (someone) closely and persistently. <i>She has dogged the door shut.</i>
drag	(of an anchor) fail to hold, causing a ship or boat to drift. <i>Drag this icon to the lower right hand corner of the screen.</i>
drag oneself	Pull, as against a resistance.
draw	Engage in drawing. <i>The participants in the experiment were drawn from a representative population.</i>
<u>drift</u>	Move about aimlessly or without any destination, often in search of food or employment. <i>The cabin cruiser started to drift downstream.</i>
droop	Droop sink or settle from or as if from pressure or loss of tautness. <i>His eyelids drooped and he became drowsy.</i>
drop back	Give birth; used for animals.
drop behind	Leave or unload.

<u>dwindle</u>	Diminish gradually in size, amount, or strength. <i>Her savings dwindled down.</i>
ebb	Hem in fish with stakes and nets so as to prevent them from going back into the sea with the ebb. <i>My enthusiasm was ebbing away.</i>
evaporate	Change into a vapor. <i>The chemist evaporated the water.</i>
<u>fade</u>	(with reference to film and television images) come or cause to come gradually into or out of view, or to merge into another shot. <i>Some shots have to be faded in.</i>
fall behind	Begin vigorously.
fizzle out	Be made known; be disclosed or revealed.
follow	Choose and follow as of theories ideas policies strategies or plans. <i>Those who seek to follow Jesus Christ.</i>
get behind	Overcome or destroy.
give chase	Move in order to make room for someone for something.
go after	To be spent or finished.
grow dim	Come into existence; take on form or shape.
grow faint	Cause to grow or develop.
hang	Deliver a pitch which does not change direction and is easily hit by a batter. <i>The room in which the pictures will hang.</i>
hang back	Cause to be hanging or suspended.
hang down	Be exhibited.
hound	Harass, persecute, or pursue relentlessly. <i>The detectives hounded the suspect until they found him.</i>
hunt	Use a hound or a horse for hunting. <i>Police are hunting for her attacker.</i>
hunt down	Oscillate about a desired speed, position, or state to an undesirable extent.
keep an eye on	Fail to spoil or rot.
keep in sight	Keep in a certain state, position, or activity.
lag behind	Hang (back) or fall (behind) in movement, progress, development, etc.
lessen	Wear off or die down. <i>The warmth of the afternoon lessened.</i>

lose	Miss from one's possessions; lose sight of. <i>This clock will neither gain nor lose a second.</i>
meander	(of language, thought, etc.) proceed aimlessly or with little purpose. <i>The path meanders through the vineyards.</i>
melt away	Reduce or cause to be reduced from a solid to a liquid state, usually by heating.
permeate	Be made known; be disclosed or revealed.
plod	Walk doggedly and slowly with heavy steps. <i>We plodded back up the hill.</i>
proclaim	Indicate clearly. <i>He was proclaimed King.</i>
publicize	Make (something) widely known. <i>Use the magazine to publicize human rights abuses.</i>
pursue	Follow in or as if in pursuit. <i>The officer pursued the van.</i>
run down	Make without a miss.
run out	Travel a route regularly.
run to earth	Sail before the wind.
run to ground	Come unraveled or undone as if by snagging.
shack	Move, proceed, or walk draggily or slowly. <i>They won't believe I've shacked up with someone so good looking.</i>
shadow	Envelop in shadow; cast a shadow over. <i>The market is shadowed by St Margaret's church.</i>
slide	Move obliquely or sideways, usually in an uncontrolled manner. <i>She slid the keys over the table.</i>
slink	Move smoothly and quietly with gliding steps, in a stealthy or sensuous manner. <i>The fox came slinking through the bracken.</i>
slither	Move smoothly over a surface with a twisting or oscillating motion. <i>We slithered down a snowy mountain track.</i>
spoor	Follow the track or scent of (an animal or person). <i>Taking the spoor he set off to spoor the man.</i>
stalk	Go through (an area) in search of prey. <i>Stalk the woods for deer.</i>
stream	Put (schoolchildren) in groups of the same age and ability to be taught together. <i>My eyes were streaming.</i>

subside	Descend into or as if into some soft substance or place. <i>It took seven days for the swelling to subside completely.</i>
sweep	Sweep with a broom or as if with a broom. <i>They were trying to get the Lewis gun up behind some trees from where they would sweep the trench.</i>
tag	Attach a monitoring tag to. <i>Pieces of DNA tagged with radioactive particles.</i>
tail	Remove or shorten the tail of an animal. <i>Her calligraphy was topped by banners of black ink and tailed like the haunches of fabulous beasts.</i>
tail off	Remove or shorten the tail of an animal.
taper off	Give a point to.
tow	Of a motor vehicle or boat pull another vehicle or boat along with a rope chain or tow bar. <i>The authorities refused to allow the tanker to be towed into their ports.</i>
trace	Discover traces of. <i>Trace a pattern.</i>
track	Make tracks upon. <i>The camera eventually tracked away.</i>
train	Travel by rail or train. <i>Last October I started training for the London Marathon.</i>
trudge	Walk slowly and with heavy steps, typically because of exhaustion or harsh conditions. <i>She trudged through blinding snow.</i>
vanish	Disappear suddenly and completely. <i>The effect vanished when day broke.</i>
wander	Walk or move in a leisurely or aimless way. <i>Her mind wanders.</i>
wane	(of the moon) have a progressively smaller part of its visible surface illuminated, so that it appears to decrease in size. <i>Confidence in the dollar waned.</i>
weaken	Become weaker. <i>The prisoner s resistance weakened after seven days.</i>



Usage Examples of "Trail" as a verb

- *Her robe trailed along the ground.*
- *The toddler was trailing his pants.*
- *Her voice trailed away.*
- *The defending champions were trailing 10—5 at half-time.*
- *Sam suspected they were trailing him.*
- *John trailed behind his class mates.*
- *Alex trailed a hand through the clear water.*
- *The bride's veiled trailed along the ground.*
- *The bank's plans have been extensively trailed.*
- *The roses grew wild, their stems trailing over the banks.*
- *The Mercedes trailed behind the horse cart.*
- *He balked at the idea of trailing around the shops.*



Associations of "Trail" (30 Words)

accordingly	Because of the reason given. <i>Continued to have severe headaches and accordingly returned to the doctor.</i>
along	To a more advanced state. <i>He had brought along a friend of his.</i>
bring	Bring into a different state. <i>This brings me to the main point.</i>
cession	The act of ceding. <i>The cession of twenty important towns.</i>
chase	Seek the company of (a member of the opposite sex) in an obvious way. <i>The dog chased the rabbit.</i>
come	Come under be classified or included. <i>The sleeves come to your knuckles.</i>

drag	The act of dragging pulling with force. <i>He dragged me away from the television set.</i>
draw	Obtain or withdraw money from a bank or other source. <i>He would not be drawn on the exact date for the election.</i>
ensue	Issue or terminate (in a specified way, state, etc.); end. <i>The difficulties which ensued from their commitment to Cuba.</i>
find	Make a discovery make a new finding. <i>Find someone guilty.</i>
follow	Choose and follow as of theories ideas policies strategies or plans. <i>Tuesday always follows Monday.</i>
following	Immediately following in time or order. <i>The following day.</i>
hound	Used in names of dogfishes e g nurse hound smooth hound. <i>She was hounded by the Italian press.</i>
listing	An entry in a list or register.
map	To establish a mapping of mathematical elements or sets. <i>A physical and genetic map of the entire human genome.</i>
path	A course of conduct. <i>Our paths in life led us apart.</i>
pursuit	An auxiliary activity. <i>The pursuit of love.</i>
quest	(in medieval romance) an expedition made by a knight to accomplish a prescribed task. <i>She requested an extra bed in her room.</i>
racetrack	A racecourse.
railroad	Supply with railroad lines. <i>The Bill had been railroaded through the House.</i>
railway	A track made of steel rails along which trains run. <i>Services were disrupted after an eight year old boy was spotted trespassing on the railway.</i>
retrace	Trace (something) back to its source or beginning. <i>I wanted to retrace a particular evolutionary pathway.</i>
search	An act or instance of searching a database or the World Wide Web. <i>I did a search for creative writing courses at UK universities and came up with 422.</i>
speeder	A driver who exceeds the safe speed limit.

- station** Assign to a station.
*The lookout resumed his **station** in the bow.*
- succeed** Attain fame, wealth, or social status.
*Will Charles **succeed** to the throne.*
- trace** Discover traces of.
*There wasn't a **trace** of evidence for the claim.*
- track** The soundtrack of a film or video.
***Track** mud into the house.*
- traverse** An area of land surveyed with a traverse.
*The plaintiff must assert certain facts which if **traversed** he would be put to prove.*
- vestige** An indication that something has been present.
*He waited patiently but without a **vestige** of sympathy.*

