

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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**The synonyms of “Trail” are:** lead, track, series, stream, string, line, chain, row, succession, train, sequence, aftermath, spoor, path, scent, wake, tail, slipstream, file, rank, column, procession, array, group, following, entourage, convoy, beaten path, pathway, way, footpath, course, road, route, drag, drop back, drop behind, get behind, hang back, chase, chase after, dog, give chase, go after, tag, shack, sweep, be drawn, draw, dangle, hang, hang down, tow, droop, creep, crawl, slide, slink, slither, trudge, plod, drag oneself, wander, amble, meander, drift, fade, dwindle, diminish, lessen, wane, ebb, subside, weaken, peter out, melt away, fizzle out, taper off, tail off, grow faint, grow dim, evaporate, disappear, vanish, die, come to nothing, come to a halt, come to an end, run out, follow, pursue, trace, shadow, stalk, hound, hunt, hunt down, keep an eye on, keep in sight, run to earth, run to ground, run down, lose, be down, be behind, lag behind, fall behind, advertise, publicize, announce, proclaim

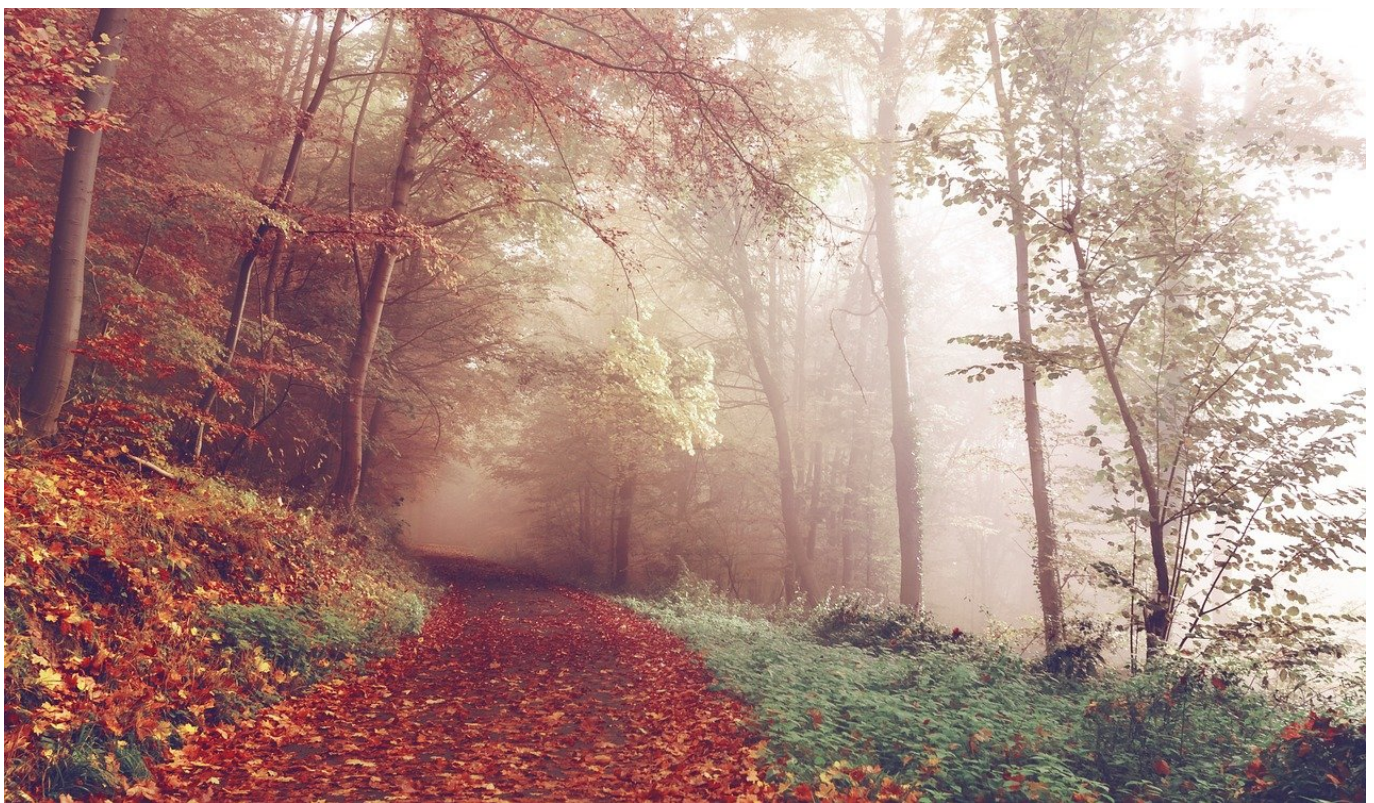
## Trail as a Noun

### 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**.*

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

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

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

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

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

<b>subside</b>	Descend into or as if into some soft substance or place. <i>It took seven days for the swelling to <b>subside</b> completely.</i>
<b>sweep</b>	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 <b>sweep</b> the trench.</i>
<b>tag</b>	Attach a monitoring tag to. <i>Pieces of DNA <b>tagged</b> with radioactive particles.</i>
<b>tail</b>	Remove or shorten the tail of an animal. <i>Her calligraphy was topped by banners of black ink and <b>tailed</b> like the haunches of fabulous beasts.</i>
<b>tail off</b>	Remove or shorten the tail of an animal.
<b>taper off</b>	Give a point to.
<b>tow</b>	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 <b>towed</b> into their ports.</i>
<b>trace</b>	Discover traces of. <i><b>Trace</b> a pattern.</i>
<b>track</b>	Make tracks upon. <i>The camera eventually <b>tracked</b> away.</i>
<b>train</b>	Travel by rail or train. <i>Last October I started <b>training</b> for the London Marathon.</i>
<b>trudge</b>	Walk slowly and with heavy steps, typically because of exhaustion or harsh conditions. <i>She <b>trudged</b> through blinding snow.</i>
<b>vanish</b>	Disappear suddenly and completely. <i>The effect <b>vanished</b> when day broke.</i>
<b>wander</b>	Walk or move in a leisurely or aimless way. <i>Her mind <b>wanders</b>.</i>
<b>wane</b>	(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 <b>waned</b>.</i>
<b>weaken</b>	Become weaker. <i>The prisoner s resistance <b>weakened</b> 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)

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

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

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

