

trail

1. [treil] *n*
- 1) след, хвост
a trail of blood - кровавый след
the trail of a meteor - след метеора
a trail of light - полоса света
a trail of fire - огненный след
vapour/condensation/ trail - **ав.** инверсионный/конденсационный/ след
trails of mud on a carpet - полосы грязи на ковре
the engine left a trail of smoke [of dust] behind it - машина оставила после себя облако дыма [пыли]

2) **трея, шлейф (платья и т. п.)**

a trail of clouds - шлейф облаков

3) **свита**

a trail of admirers - свита почитателей

4) **последствия**

to leave ruins in one's trail - оставлять после себя одни развалины

2. след (человека или животного); запах (человека или животного)

false trail - ложный след (**тж. перен.**)in trail - **амер.** а) гуськом, след в след; б) друг за другом, в один ряд

planes flying in trail - самолёты, летящие друг за другом

a trail of blood from the house to the barn - кровавая дорожка /-ый след/ от дома до амбара

hot on the trail - по горячему следу

to be on the trail of smb. - напасть на чей-л. след

to foul the trail - запутывать следы

to get on /to hit/ the trail - напасть на след [**ср. тж.** ◇]

to pick up the trail - взять след

to get off /to lose/ the trail - потерять след, сбиться со следа

to throw smb. off the trail - сбить кого-л. со следа

to follow the trail - идти по следу, выслеживать

3. 1) **тропа, тропинка**

mountain trail - горная тропа

blazed trail - **амер.** проторённая дорожка /-ый путь/

to blaze the trail - а) прокладывать путь в лесу, делая зарубки на деревьях; б) идти новыми путями, быть пионером /новатором/

the trail through the woods is overgrown with bushes - лесная тропинка заросла кустарником

2) **спорт.** трасса; лыжня

to break trail - прокладывать трассу /лыжню/

3) (пройденный) путь

the trail of Tamerlane - путь Тамерлана по следам Тамерлана

to follow the trail of the American pioneers - пройти по следам американских пионеров

a milestone on his educational trail - (целая) веха в его образовании

4. преследование, охота по следу

5. **бот.** стелющийся побег6. **воен.** хобот лафета7. **ав.** линейное отставание бомбы8. **геол.** передний выступ раковины9. **воен.** положение у ноги (оружия)at (the) trail! - к ноге! (**команда**)◇ to hit the trail - а) отправиться, выступить, выйти в путь (**тж. перен.**); candidates hitting the campaign trail - кандидаты, вступающие в предвыборную борьбу; б) **сл.** проваливать, убираться; [**см. тж.** 2]**2. [treil] v**1. 1) **идти по следу, выслеживать**

to trail a deer [a criminal] - выслеживать оленя [преступника]

to trail a fugitive to his hiding place - выследить, где укрывается беглец

2) **следовать (за кем-л., чем-л.)**

we trailed the car in front of us - мы следовали за ехавшим впереди автомобилем

reporters trail him constantly - за ним хвостом ходят репортёры; ≅ от репортёров не отвяжешься

2. **прокладывать путь, протаптывать тропинку**3. 1) **тащить, волочить**

to trail a fishing-line - тащить леску (за лодкой)

trailing clouds of glory - неся бремя /в ореоле/ славы

the child trailed his toy cart on a piece of string - ребёнок тащил игрушечную тележку на верёвочке

she trailed five children after her - она тащила за собой пятерых детей

2) **тащиться, волочиться**

to trail along the ground - тащиться по земле

her long train trailed in the mud - её длинный шлейф тащился по грязи

3) **притаскивать**

to trail dirt into the house - нанести грязи в дом

4. 1) **тащиться, плестись; отставать, идти сзади**

to trail wearily back - устало плестись назад
the old horse just trails along - старая лошадь едва ноги волочит

2) уступать, быть в хвосте

to trail the other candidates on the ticket - быть в хвосте списка кандидатов

3) идти сзади, отсиживаться за спиной (*соперника на скачках*)

5. тянуться (*образуя облако, полосу*)

smoke trailed from the chimney - дымок тянулся из трубы

a cloud of dust trailed behind the car - машина оставляла за собой столб /шлейф/ пыли

a thin veil of mist trailed below - внизу плыла лёгкая пелена тумана

6. идти в беспорядке, двигаться разбросанно

7. 1) свисать, свешиваться (*о волосах, нитях и т. п.*)

the tablecloth trails on the floor - скатерть свисает до пола

locks trail over her eyes - волосы закрывают ей глаза

2) стелиться (*о растениях*)

creepers trailed over roofs and walls - ползучие растения обвивали крыши и стены

8. *разг.*

1) заманивать, обманывать

2) рекламировать (*по телевидению и т. п.*)

to trail a programme - рекламировать программу

9. *разг.* путешествовать в автоприцепе

10. *слец.* тралить (*брёвна*)

11. *воен.* держать или нести у ноги (*оружие*)

trail arms! - к ноге! (*команда*)

◇ to trail one's coat - держаться вызывающе, лезть в драку

to trail a pike - служить солдатом

trail

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

trail [trail trails trailed trailing] noun, verb BrE [ˈtreɪl] ^m NAmE [ˈtreɪl] ^m

noun

1. a long line or series of marks that is left by sb/sth

- a trail of blood
- tourists who **leave a trail** of litter everywhere they go
- The hurricane left a trail of destruction behind it.

2. a track, sign or smell that is left behind and that can be followed, especially in hunting

- The hounds were following the fox's trail.
- The police are still **on the trail of** the escaped prisoner.
- Fortunately the **trail was still warm** (= clear and easy to follow) .
- The **trail had gone cold** .

3. a path through the countryside

- a trail through the forest

see also ↑nature trail

4. a route that is followed for a particular purpose

- a **tourist trail** (= of famous buildings)
- politicians on the **campaign trail** (= travelling around to attract support)

see blaze a trail **at** ↑blaze _{v.}, hit the road/trail **at** ↑hit _{v.}, hot on sb's/sth's tracks/trail **at** ↑hot _{adj.}

Word Origin:

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Example Bank:

- Ants follow a scent trail laid down previously.
- Detectives had found several new clues and were back on the murderer's trail.
- I like to hit the trail early and be finished by eight.
- In 1967 she hit the hippy trail to India.
- The couple laid a false trail to escape the press photographers.
- The dog had picked up the trail of a rabbit.
- The fox had crossed a stream, and the hounds lost the trail.
- The hurricane passed, leaving a trail of devastation in its wake.
- The tourists left a trail of empty cans behind them.
- The trail winds its way through dark forests.
- The trail winds its way through leafy woodland and sunny meadows.
- They had to find the kidnappers before the trail went cold.
- This restaurant is off the tourist trail.
- We did the Inca trail.
- A woodland trail leads off to the right.
- Fortunately the trail was still warm.
- The Appalachian Trail runs from Maine to Georgia.

- The Norfolk Coast path is part of a National Trail.
- The hounds were following the fox's trail.
- The trail was covered with deep snow.
- They have made a new nature trail through the woods.
- We set off to walk the trail that winds along the Colorado River.
- a trail of blood/footprints
- tourists who leave a trail of litter everywhere

Derived ↑trail off

verb

- 1. transitive, intransitive** to pull sth behind sb/sth, usually along the ground; to be pulled along in this way
 - ~ **sth** A jeep trailing a cloud of dust was speeding in my direction.
 - I trailed my hand in the water as the boat moved along.
 - **(+ adv./prep.)** The bride's dress trailed behind her.
- 2. intransitive + adv./prep.** to walk slowly because you are tired or bored, especially behind sb else
 - The kids trailed around after us while we shopped for clothes.
- 3. intransitive, transitive** (used especially in the progressive tenses) to be losing a game or other contest
 - United were trailing 2–0 at half-time.
 - ~ **by sth** We were trailing by five points.
 - ~ **in sth** This country is still trailing badly in scientific research.
 - ~ **sb/sth** The Conservatives are trailing Labour in the opinion polls.
- 4. transitive ~ sb/sth** to follow sb/sth by looking for signs that show you where they have been
 - The police trailed Dale for days.
 - We could smell the scent of a fox as we trailed paw marks through the wood.
- 5. intransitive** to grow or hang downwards over sth or along the ground; to move downwards over sth
 - trailing plants
 - He had tears trailing down his cheeks.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	trail
	BrE /treɪl/
	NAme /treɪl/
he / she / it	trails
	BrE /treɪlz/
	NAme /treɪlz/
past simple, past participle	trailed
	BrE /treɪld/
	NAme /treɪld/
-ing form	trailing
	BrE /treɪlɪŋ/
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- Don't let the blanket trail on the ground.
- Her scarf was trailing in the mud.
- I trailed wearily after the others.
- Liverpool are now trailing badly in the league.
- They spent their lives trailing around the country.
- They were trailing by 12 points until the last few minutes of the game.
- I spent months trailing from one audition to the next.
- Lazio were trailing to a 47th-minute goal by Roma.
- Sharks were trailing the ship.
- She trailed her hand in the cool water as the boat moved along.
- The UK is trailing in many areas of research.
- The bride's dress trailed behind her.
- The last walkers came trailing down the hill.
- The little boy trailed a dirty old blanket behind him.
- The police trailed Dale for years.
- We walked home in the rain, with the kids trailing along behind.

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1. **trail**¹ /treɪl/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: trailler 'to pull after you, tow', from Vulgar Latin tragulare, from Latin tragula 'sledge, net for pulling']

1. **PULL** [intransitive and transitive] to pull something behind you, especially along the ground, or to be pulled in this way:

A plane trailing a banner was circling overhead.

trail in/on/over etc

" She walked slowly along the path, her skirt trailing in the mud.

trail something in/across/through etc something

" Rees was leaning out of the boat trailing his hand through the water.

2. WALK SLOWLY [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to walk slowly, especially behind other people because you are tired or bored

trail behind/around

" Susie trailed along behind her parents.

" We spent the afternoon trailing around the shops.

3. LOSE A COMPETITION [intransitive, transitive usually in progressive] to be losing in a game, competition, or election:

" The Democratic candidate is still trailing in the opinion polls.

trail (somebody) by something

" Manchester United were trailing by two goals to one.

trail in/home (=finish in a bad position)

" He trailed in last after a disastrous race.

4. FOLLOW SOMEBODY [transitive] to follow someone by looking for signs that they have gone in a particular direction:

" Police trailed the gang for several days.

trail away/off phrasal verb

if someone's voice trails away or trails off, it becomes gradually quieter and then stops:

" She trailed off, silenced by the look Kris gave her.

II. trail² BrE " AmE " noun [countable]

1. a rough path across countryside or through a forest:

" The trail led over Boulder Pass before descending to a lake. => ↑nature trail

2. a long line or a series of marks that have been left by someone or something

trail of

" a trail of wet footprints

" The bus left a trail of black smoke behind it.

" The typhoon left a trail of devastation.

3. a series of unpleasant situations or feelings that have been left by someone or something

trail of

" He left a trail of broken hearts and broken promises.

4. a sign that a person or animal has been in a place, used for finding or catching them:

" The hunters lost the tiger's trail in the middle of the jungle.

" Police tracked him to Valencia and there the trail went cold (=they could not find any signs of him).

5. be on the trail of somebody/something to be trying to find someone or something by getting information about them:

" industrial spies on the trail of technological secrets

" Police believe they are hot on the trail of a drug-smuggling gang (=they are close to finding them).

6. all the places that a particular group of people visit for a particular purpose:

" a town on the tourist trail

campaign/election trail

" politicians on the campaign trail

7. the set of things that someone does to achieve something:

" New players should put the team back on the winning trail.

=> blaze a trail at ↑blaze²(5), => hit the trail/road at ↑hit¹(17)

trail

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15000 **1338**^{COCA}

RANGE: **3k TRAIL** 32388

trail 20829

trailed 1975

trails 6831

trailing 2753

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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1193 **16250**¹⁵⁰⁵ vv0

294 **40920**³²² vvi

65 **78839**⁹³ np1

6 **347851**⁶ nnu

4 **432700**⁴ jj