How to Contribute to the Interactive Labor Trail

We invite all individuals, groups, and institutions interested in the labor and working-class history of Chicago, Cook County, the Calumet Region and Illinois to contribute to the map. Users can add sites, build upon existing entries with additional text, photographs, primary sources, audio and video files, as well as links to related websites.

In order to contribute to the Interactive Labor Trail, you will first need to create an account at CommunityWalk.com, the website which provides the interactive map technology we use to power our site. You can register at: http://www.communitywalk.com/user/signup. Also, as a security measure to prevent online vandalism, you will only be able to directly edit sites on the map which you yourself create. To suggest additions or changes to pre-existing sites, we encourage you use the comment feature available on each site or send suggestions or submissions to submissions@labortrail.org.

To add or edit sites on the map, you need to first open the Interactive Labor Trail in a new window, which can be done either by clicking the link at the bottom of the interactive map page or by choosing the "Open in a new window" option from the Interactive Labor Trail drop-down menu. After the map loads in a new window, you can make use of the "Build This Map" tab along the top of the page.

To Add a New Site

1. Click the "Build This Map" tab along the top of the page.
2. Click "Add a Marker."
3. To add a site using an address, click "By Address" and enter the address into the dialog box; to add a site for which you don't have an address, just click on the map in the location you want the site to be located.
4. Give the site a "Title" and choose the most relevant category from the "Category" drop-down menu. Leave "Subcategory" blank as we do not currently use it on the Interactive Labor Trail.
5. Enter a brief description of the site and its relevance to Chicago's working-class and labor history into the "Description" dialog box.
6. Click "Save."

To Add a Photograph to a Site

Currently, you can only directly add photographs to sites that you have created. However, we strongly encourage you to submit any photographs you believe would enhance our project by sending them via email to submissions@labortrail.org

To add photographs to a site that you have created:

1. Click on the marker for the site to which you want to add a picture.
2. Click "Add Photo" at the bottom of the window that opens.
3. Point your browser to the location of the images in the popup window which opens and click "Save."