Notice: Information requested on this form is required for any individual or organization who wishes to volunteer services as an Adopt-A-Trail sponsor. The Department will not consider your application unless you provide complete information requested. Completion of this form constitutes an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources, under s. 23.09 (2)(h), Wis. Stats. Personally identifiable information collected will be used for park trail administration and enforcement purposes and may also be made available to requesters as required under Wisconsin Open Records law [ss. 19.31 - 19.39, Wis. Stats.].

Instructions: Send completed form and check to the appropriate park, forest or trail office.

### Sponsor Information
- **Sponsor Name**
- **Organization Type**
- **Street Address**
- **City**
- **State**
- **ZIP Code**
- **Mailing Address**
- **Day Telephone Number (include area code)**
- **Night Telephone Number (include area code)**

### Trail Information
- **Approximate Number of People Participating in Each Activity Day**
- **Number of Activity Days Sponsor Plans to Schedule this Year (minimum 3)**
- **Name of State Park, Forest or Trail Property You Are Interested in Adopting**
- **First Choice**
- **Second Choice**
- **First Choice Trail Name**
- **Second Choice Trail Name**
- **Signature**
  - **By signing below, the Sponsor acknowledges the nature of the work and agrees to all terms and conditions stated on the back of this application.**
  - **Signature of Authorized Representative (Must be 18 years or older) Date Signed**

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**Program and Information**

**Adopt-A-Trail Application and Permit Included with Brochure**

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1. Sponsors are to be considered volunteers and not officers, employees, or agents of the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources. Any injuries, claims, liabilities, suits or costs relating to this permit shall be the sole responsibility of the Sponsors.

2. The Sponsor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources from any injury, cost, suit, liability or award arising from the issuance or exercise of this permit, or because of any adverse effect upon any person or property attributed to the works of the Sponsor.

3. Participants in the group agree to obey and abide by all laws and regulations relating to safety and such terms and conditions as may be required by the Department for special conditions that may exist on a particular adopted trail segment.

4. Trail segments are assigned on a first come, first served basis. Sponsorship approvals are at the discretion of the property superintendent.

5. A minimum of two miles of a linear railroad grade (rail-trail) trail must be adopted. Other trail sponsorships will be assigned based on trail length. Trail segment sponsorships will not overlap. Each segment will be adopted by one sponsor at any given time. Sponsors will not work beyond their assigned trail segment limits. These terms may be negotiated with the property manager.

6. Sponsors will participate in a minimum of three activity days per year. Activity dates are to be mutually agreeable to the Sponsors and the property superintendent. Sponsors agree to work during daylight hours only.

7. Sponsors will provide appropriate training prior to any activity day to ensure the safety of all participants. Safety rules will be reviewed each activity day before proceeding to the trail segment.

8. Sponsors will ensure there is one adult supervisor present for every 10 juveniles (under age 16).

9. The property superintendent will supply trash bags for litter pickup and instructions for disposal of litter filled bags. Recyclable items must be separated from non-recyclables. The Sponsor may keep any recyclable materials.

10. Requests for additional supplies and materials are directed to the property superintendent. Unused supplies and materials furnished by the property may be retained by the Sponsors during the permit period, but must be returned to the property superintendent at the end of the permit period.

11. Any “lost and found” items must be returned to the property superintendent prior to leaving the property.

12. Closed containers or items suspected to be hazardous will not be touched. Any items/situations found by the Sponsors which may be required by the Department for special conditions that may exist on a particular adopted trail segment.

13. Approved vehicle parking will be arranged with the property superintendent. Adopt-A-Trail volunteers are exempt from trail pass/vehicle admission sticker requirements while participating in scheduled activity days. No motor vehicles will be allowed on any trail unless specifically authorized by the property superintendent.

14. Adopt-A-Trail sponsors will be recognized by Department approved signs at trailheads or on property bulletin boards. The location of these signs is at the discretion of the property superintendent. The Department reserves the right to refuse or revise acronyms of group names when preparing signs.

15. A $20 fee to cover costs of producing and posting Adopt-A-Trail signs should be remitted via check with this form. Checks should be made payable to “Wisconsin DNR” with “Adopt-A-Trail” written in the memo line. If the application is not accepted, the check will be returned.

16. Partisan political groups (groups of people with common political opinions and purposes organized for gaining political influence, governmental control and for directing government policies) shall not be permitted to participate in the Adopt-A-Trail program.

17. **Additional Terms or Conditions:**

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**Adopt-A-Trail Application and Permit**

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**Adopt-A-Trail**

Individuals or groups may adopt a trail or segment of a trail by volunteering their time to help keep the trail clean and safe. It may be a state trail or a trail within a state park, forest or recreation area. As representatives of the Department of Natural Resources, Adopt-A-Trail sponsors can:

- Collect litter and perform minor trail maintenance.
- Assist with the control of invasive species and planting of native species.
- Record and report to the property manager any major or hazardous trail obstructions.
- Properly dispose of recyclable materials.
- Gather and return any “lost and found” items to the property office.
- Inform visitors about regulations and available facilities.

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**Other Volunteering opportunities in the Wisconsin State Park System**

- Volunteer Campground Hosts
- Volunteer Nature Center Hosts
- Volunteer Conservationists
- Volunteer Naturalists
- Visitor Services Volunteers
- Program Volunteers
- Friends Group Volunteers

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**Adopt-A-Trail sponsors may choose from more than 3,000 miles of trails in the Wisconsin State Park System.**

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**How to Adopt a Trail**

1. Fill out the attached “Adopt-A-Trail Application and Permit.”

2. Send the completed permit and $20 check made out to “Wisconsin DNR” to the appropriate park, forest or trail office where you would like to adopt a trail.

3. The property manager will review the permit and notify you of approval.

4. After your permit is approved, you can begin working on your trail. Discuss with the property manager the dates and times you will be out on the trail.

5. The property manager will post two Adopt-A-Trail signs to recognize your sponsorship.

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For more information, visit www.wiparks.net