

Wisconsin DNR Trail News 04/09/2009

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1. Next meeting of the Governor's State Trails Council, Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at the State Capitol Building

The next meeting of the **Governor's State Trails Council** will be held on Tuesday, **April 28, 2009 in Madison**. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Governor's Conference Room of the State Capitol Building, and is expected to conclude by 3:00 p.m. Should the Governor's Conference Room become unavailable, the meeting will be moved to Room 330 SW, State Capitol. Lunch will be catered in for State Trails Council members and selected guests.

The State Trails Council (STC) is appointed by the Governor under the authority of statute 15.347(16) to provide state trail user groups and individuals a voice in the statewide trails program. The STC also provides a forum for dealing with solutions to conflicts between and within trail user groups and trail providers. Additionally, the STC provides advice and consultation to the Department of Natural Resources regarding the planning, acquisition, development, and management of trails in Wisconsin. Additional information about the Governor's State Trails Council, is available on the internet: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks/trails/council>.

An agenda for the upcoming meeting, Report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Recommend Improvements to the STC, and draft minutes from the January STC meeting are available on the Internet address above.

Please send correspondence regarding this April 2009 State Trails Council meeting to Joseph Warren, josephc.warren@wisconsin.gov; (608) 267-7487. Please let Joe know by April 21, 2009 if you are planning to attend the April 28 meeting.

2. New Prospect Horse Riders Campground Open for Horses in 2009

If you are planning a camping trip to the Northern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest in 2009, you'll be able to bring your horse along. The newly renovated area, named the New Prospect Horse Riders Campground, will open in May 2009. The number of family campsites have nearly doubled from 12 to 22. They are larger with designated 30 x 30 foot gravel surfaces to corral horses along with green spaces that include picnic tables and fire rings. Seven of the sites have permanent 10 x 10 foot metal corrals.

The group campsite has three sites that can accommodate up to 20 campers. Riders at the three sites share a designated 20 x 100 foot limestone surface for their horses. Each site has one acre of green space for tents, four picnic tables, and a fire ring. Riders visiting either the family or group campsites can use the tether poles or set up portable corrals for their horses. Other enhancements include an expanded day use parking area and new restroom facilities.

The project was funded by the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program, but volunteers and organizations such as the Northern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association and the Plymouth Trail Riders, volunteered time and donated money to renovate the covered horse shelter and buy and install 32 metal pipe corrals.

For more information visit the [Kettle Moraine State Forest – Northern Unit website](#).

3. Work*Play*Earth*Day – Volunteer Work Days in the State Parks

The schedule for the Work*Play*Earth*Day events may not have opened in the last *Trail News* e-mail. Below is the list of dates and locations for Work*Play*Earth*Day, or see the [Friends of Wisconsin State Parks](#) for more information.

Saturday, April 25:

- Mirror Lake State Park (Baraboo)
- Governor Dodge State Park (Dodgeville)
- Lake Kegonsa State Park (Madison)
- Wyalusing State Park (Prairie du Chien)

Saturday, May 2:

- Hartman Creek State Park (Waupaca)
- Lake Wissota State Park (Chippewa Falls)
- Kettle Moraine State Forest- Northern Unit (Campbellsport)

Saturday, May 9:

- Perrot State Park (Trempealeau)
- Buckhorn State Park (Necedah)
- Copper Falls State Park (Mellen)

Lunch and snacks will be served at each location. Each work day will be from 9:30am-3:30pm. Advanced registration is free, but required. Please bring gloves and boots. All work will be light duty and organized. For more information or to register, contact Luthien Niland at (608) 264-8994; luthien.niland@wisconsin.gov. Please include in your registration e-mail:

1. Name
2. Age
3. Contact Phone Number & E-mail
4. Where you would like to volunteer

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