

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR DNR GRANT RECIPIENTS ABOUT COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)



All grant-funded projects must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as well as other federal civil rights regulations. ADA requires that all aspects of each project be accessible or "barrier free".

There are fundamental differences in how accessibility in the outdoors is accommodated compared to indoors or the built environment. A new ruling concerning power-driven mobility devices became effective March 15, 2011. This ruling may affect your project. For more information go to:

<http://www.americantrails.org/resources/accessible/power-mobility-federal-register.html> or
http://atfiles.org/files/pdf/title11_2010_fr.pdf .

A good rule of thumb to follow is that anything constructed must not make the outdoor experience any more difficult than what occurs naturally. Mother Nature does not have to comply with ADA, but you do! For specific guidance on outdoor accessibility issues, contact your DNR Community Services Specialist. Here is a link to those staff:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/Staff.html>

Use the map and region tabs to locate the Community Services Specialist for your county.

For more information about ADA requirements, go to:

http://www.ada.gov/2010ADAstandards_index.htm

Projects for development or improvement of recreational facilities must be designed to address the needs of persons with disabilities to the extent practical given the nature of the project. Refer to the *2010 Accessibility Standards* on the ADA Board web site:

<http://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/buildings-and-sites/about-the-ada-standards/ada-standards/single-file-version>

