

Wisconsin DNR Trail News 09/21/2009

Next meeting of the Governor's State Trails Council: Friday, October 16, 2009

The next meeting of the Governor's State Trails Council will be held Friday, October 16, 2009 at Governor Thompson State Park, N10008 Paust Lane, Crivitz, WI. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the new shelter building and is expected to conclude by 2:00 p.m. A map of the general location of the meeting is available [here](#).

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 and meeting agendas and minutes are available electronically: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks/trails/council/> .

RSVP by October 9, 2009 (josephc.warren@wisconsin.gov; 608.267.7487) if you are planning to attend the October 16 meeting.

Upcoming MidAmerica Trails & Greenways Conference, October 25-28, 2009

The fourth biennial [MidAmerica Trails & Greenways Conference](#) will be held October 25-28 at the Kalamazoo Radisson Hotel Plaza and Suites in downtown Kalamazoo, Michigan. This conference is an excellent opportunity for all those involved in trails to share experiences, learn from each other, and make connections.

Featured speakers include Peter Forbes, Executive Director of the [Whole Communities Project](#), and Tim Blumenthal, Executive Director of [Bikes Belong](#).

Sponsored by eight MidAmerican states of Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Kentucky, and supported by a host of national, state, regional and local trail agencies and organizations, the conference will feature interactive educational sessions and exciting mobile workshops bringing together exciting presenters from the region and the nation.

For more information, contact the Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance: 517.485.6022, www.michigantrails.org.

New Tools for Invasive Species Awareness and Control

1. For the past three years, trail users and trail managers have been [working](#) to develop voluntary [Recreation Best Management Practices for Invasive Species](#). These suggested BMPs were accepted by the [Wisconsin Council on Forestry](#) on September 15, 2009.
2. [Administrative Code NR 40](#), Wisconsin's Invasive Species Identification, Classification and Control Rule, took effect September 1, 2009. This rule helps trail users and trail builders, among others, identify plants and animals that can cause damage and minimize their effects. Click [here](#) for more information about NR 40.
3. In order to help people identify the plants classified by the rule, and other invasive plants, a new *Field Guide of Wisconsin's Terrestrial Invasive Plants* is being printed. Pre-printing orders from organizations that know they will want more than 25 copies and have funds available to pay for them are now being taken.

This booklet will be field-size - approximately 140 pages, 4 1/4 x 5 1/2, attached by 2 circular rings. Color photos and a page of text will be included for each of about 60 species. Cost to print will be approximately \$2.25 each (this could decrease depending on number ordered). All orders need to be in by September 30, sooner if possible. Contact Kelly Kearns with questions or to place an order: kelly.kearns@wisconsin.gov; 608.267.5066.

Trail Award Nominees Sought

[MidAmerica Trails & Greenways](#) is looking for nominees for trail projects and people involved with trails in Wisconsin worthy of recognition. Awards will be presented at their upcoming conference.

One exemplary individual/organization and one outstanding trail project will be recognized from each of the participating states (Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, and Wisconsin). Past award recipients include Hewitt Park and Recreation Plan, Village of Hewitt, and the Lake Wingra Water Trail (projects) and Melissa Cook, Hank Aaron State Trail Manager, and Fox Cities Greenways, Inc. (people).

The nomination form is available on-line: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks/trails/matgc.pdf>. Submittal information is included on the nomination form. Nominations are due by September 28, 2009.

Trail Funding Document Updated

Funding for Wisconsin Trails, first published in 2002, has been updated and is available on-line: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks/reports/trailfunding/>. This is a listing of funding opportunities and other resources for creating trails in Wisconsin.

Congratulations CAMBA

Congratulation to the Chequamegon Area Mountain Bike Association (CAMBA) for completion of the Makwa singletrack trail. The 21 miles of constructed singletrack took four years to build, including the work of 32 paid CAMBA employees and thousands of volunteer hours. To learn more about CAMBA and the Makwa trail, visit [CAMBA's website](#).

Sounds epic - we can't wait to ride it!

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