

## Trail News – 7/20/10

### New Nonmotorized Trail Council Is Seeking Applicants

On June 1, 2010, Wisconsin Act 394 created state statutes 15.347 (2) and 23.177 to form a Nonmotorized Recreation and Transportation Trails Council (NRTTC). The NRTTC will carry out studies and provide advice and consultation to the Legislature, Governor, Department of Natural Resources, and Department of Transportation on all matters related to nonmotorized recreation and transportation trails, including trail planning, acquisition, development, maintenance, and management.

If you are interested in being recommended to the Governor by the Department of Natural Resources for appointment to the NRTTC, please fill out and submit an application by **August 31, 2010**.

For more information about the NRTTC, including qualifications, please visit the NRTTC webpage: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks/trails/nrttc/>.

### Next meeting of the Governor's State Trails Council: August 6, 2010

The next meeting of the Governor's State Trails Council will be held Friday, August 6, 2010 at High Cliff State Park, near Sherwood, WI. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and is expected to conclude by 3:00 p.m.

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/>.

Lunch will be provided for State Trails Council members and presenters. A draft agenda for the upcoming meeting will be available on the Internet address above. Please send correspondence regarding this August 2010 State Trails Council meeting to Joseph Warren ([josephc.warren@wisconsin.gov](mailto:josephc.warren@wisconsin.gov)). Please let Joe know by **July 29** if you are planning to attend the August 6 meeting.

### New Interactive Mississippi River Trail Maps

If you're looking to plan a trip along the Mighty Miss, the new interactive maps available on the Mississippi River Trail website are a great resource: <http://mississippirivertrail.org>.

The Mississippi River Trail, coursing along both sides of America's backbone, the Mississippi River, from its headwaters in Itasca, Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico, offers approximately 3,000 miles of on-road and path bicycling.

### New Resource to Help "Spread" the Word About Invasive Species

A new 8.5" x 11" poster is available for printing from the internet to help raise awareness among bicyclists about invasive species, and limiting their spread. The poster can be used in trailhead kiosks or as a handout and is linked off of the DNR's bicycling web page: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks/trails/bike.html>. The poster is in color, but looks nice printed off in black & white too!

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