

## **Trail News - 1/10/2011**

### **1. Governor's State Trails Council Meeting: Thursday, January 20, 2011**

The next meeting of the Governor's State Trails Council will be held Thursday, January 20, 2011 from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. The meeting will be held via teleconference. Anyone interested in attending the meeting in person may come to Room 613 of the Department of Natural Resources' central office, located in the GEF 2 building at 101 South Webster Street in Madison.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to listen to the discussion online, please send an email to: [DNRWISateTrails@wi.gov](mailto:DNRWISateTrails@wi.gov) to receive instructions. We will be testing to see how this web service through Microsoft Office Live Meeting can be utilized. If you are unable to attend in person, but would like to submit written comments to be part of the meeting records, you may email your comments to the address above. **Please address all emails by Friday, January 14.**

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: STC website: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks/trails/council>.

**Please RSVP by January 14, 2011** to [DNRWISateTrails@wi.gov](mailto:DNRWISateTrails@wi.gov) if you are planning to attend the January 20 meeting.

### **2. National Trails Day 2011: Saturday, June 4**

This annual, nationwide celebration of trails evolved from the 1987 report of President Ronald Reagan's President's Commission on Americans Outdoors. The report recommended that all Americans be able to go out their front doors and within fifteen minutes, be on trails that wind through their cities or towns and bring them back without retracing steps. The recommendation, dubbed Trails for All Americans, became the impetus behind National Trails Day, launched by the American Hiking Society in 1993. Last year, National Trails Day was celebrated with more than 1,750 events for trail users of all kinds. National Trails Day is part of a fee-free (admission fees and trail pass fees) weekend on state and federal lands in Wisconsin.

*For those who like to plan ahead: National Trails Day 2012 will be on Saturday, June 2.*

### **3. Dates Set for 2011 Bike to Work Week and Wisconsin Bike Summit**

**Bike To Work Week June 6 - 10:** The [Wisconsin Bicycle Federation](#) offers to support local communities in encouraging commuters to bike to work with marketing materials, tips on Bike To Work Week planning, and an online bike commute challenge.

**Wisconsin Bike Summit April 19 - 20:** The 2011 Wisconsin Bike Summit aims to unite hundreds of bicyclists to protect bicycle funding and advocate for legislation such as the Vulnerable Users' Law.

## 4. Resources

- The Outdoor Industry Association's 2010 [Outdoor Recreation Participation Report](#) found that nearly 50 percent of Americans ages six and older participated in outdoor recreation in 2009.
- According to the OIA's [Active Outdoor Recreation Economy Report](#), 25% of Wisconsin residents participate in trail-related activities (defined within the study as a limited number of activities: trail running, day hiking, backpacking, and rock climbing). This report quantifies the National economic contribution of outdoor activities on the U.S. economy and details the contributions of active outdoor recreation on the economies of [twenty-one states including Wisconsin](#).

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