

Trail News – 7/22/14

Next Meeting of the Governor's State Trails Council: Thursday, July 31

The next meeting of the Governor's State Trails Council will be held Thursday, July 31, 2014 in the James P. Coughlin Center located at 625 East County Road Y, Winnebago County Office Building, Oshkosh, WI. The meeting will be in Conference Room "A" from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The State Trails Council is appointed by the Governor 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.

Agenda items will include council member updates, DNR report and other trail issues. Information about the STC, along with July meeting materials, is available online at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/stc/>.

Please RSVP by July 25, 2014 (daniel.buckler@wisconsin.gov) if you are planning to attend the July 31 meeting. Lunch will be provided for State Trails Council members and DNR staff.

Solicitation for Applications to the State Trails Council to Represent Bicycle Touring / Road Bicycling Users

Applications are being solicited for an appointment to the State Trails Council to represent the bicycle touring / road bicycling user group. The Council provides advice and consultation to the Department of Natural Resources on the planning, acquisition, development and management of trails in Wisconsin.

The applicant must be an active bicycling user and advocate, and a resident of the State of Wisconsin. The applicant must be enthusiastic and interested in STC activities, willing to attend scheduled quarterly meetings and willing to actively solicit input from their respected user groups. In addition to knowledge and passion for their own group, applicants should also have an understanding of wider recreation issues in Wisconsin and be able to communicate clearly and professionally with trail users of varying interests. A position description is available at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/stc/pdfs/STC-pd.pdf>.

Interested parties should complete an application form (*Wisconsin Governor's State Trails Council Application Form: 2500-131*) and follow its directions. The form is available at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/forms/2500/2500-131.pdf>.

The application will be reviewed by the State Trails Council and voted upon at the next meeting. If approved, the STC will recommend the applicant to the Governor's office. More details can be found on the STC web page: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/stc/index.html>.

CAMBA Donor Appeal for Enhancing and Maintaining Trails

The Chequamegon Area Mountain Bike Association is embarking on a five-year plan with a fundraising effort to maintain and enhance the CAMBA trail network in northwest Wisconsin. The plan focuses on maintenance and enhancement projects, but also includes adding new trails, such as those at Mt. Ashwabay near Lake Superior's south shore. More than \$60,000 will be spent by CAMBA in 2014 for trail maintenance and development, with another \$250,000 projected to be spent over the next four years.

CAMBA, a chapter of the International Mountain Bicycling Association, has been developing recreational trails in Sawyer and Bayfield counties since 1992. Today, there are more than 300 miles of mapped and marked trails due to CAMBA's development and management, including almost 90 miles of singletrack. For more information, please visit their website at: <http://cambatrails.org>.

Wisconsin Horse Council Announces On-line Trails Directory

The Wisconsin Horse Council has a new directory of the state's horse trails. This new directory is an excellent resource for equestrians to find dozens of trails throughout Wisconsin, and it is often updated with new distances, conditions, and amenities. With over 1,000 miles of horse trails through varied landscapes and diverse habitats, the state offers riders ample opportunities to explore. Learn more about the WHC or their new trail directory at: <http://wisconsinhorsecouncil.org/trails/trailmeister.php>.

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