

Trail News – 06/09/15

Last-minute Availability for 2015 Trail Training

There are spots left in the upcoming trail training, June 16-19 in Chippewa Falls (near Eau Claire). Attendees will learn current trail design, construction, and maintenance techniques. The training is being hosted by a local bike club ([CORBA](#)), but will cover all trail uses. Trail users and managers of all types are encouraged to attend. Attendees will learn how to create natural (dirt) surface trails that minimize impacts to resources, minimize trail maintenance, do not go beyond capacity of the land and keep users on the trail.

Attendees will graduate from this four day class with a greater knowledge and understanding of current trail design, construction, and maintenance techniques. Each day of the training will have a classroom component and hands-on application. Attendees must be able to attend and participate in all four days of the training, and should come prepared to work outside. Each day of the course builds upon the knowledge from the previous day. Day 1 covers trail design and layout; Day 2, trail construction; Day 3, trail maintenance; and Day 4 is when attendees will put it all together for practical application and obtain completion certificates.

The training is free for Wisconsin's public trail volunteers and land managers; cost to attendees will include travel, lodging, and some meals. Class will begin at 8:30 a.m. on June 16 at [325 Chippewa Mall Drive](#) in the Northridge Center. The afternoon field session will be about five minutes away, at "[Area 178](#)". Attendees who need lodging can stay for \$70/night at the [Chippewa Falls Country Inn & Suites](#); nearby camping options are [Lake Wissota State Park](#) and [Lowe's Creek County Park](#). Please call local host Danny Deetz with questions (715)797-0050.

National Park Service Annual Call for Applications for Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program

The National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program is currently accepting applications for community assistance in conservation and outdoor recreation projects. Open to state and local agencies, tribes, nonprofit organizations and citizen groups, the assistance can help create close-to-home recreational opportunities and conserve natural resources. Federal agencies may also apply in partnership with local organizations.

National Park Service staff can help define project goals, inventory and map community resources, engage stakeholders, develop concept plans, identify funding sources or other tasks to get help get projects off the ground.

Interested organizations must apply by August 1, but are strongly encouraged to contact the National Park Service as early as possible to discuss your proposed project and declare your intent to apply for assistance. Please let them know by July 15 whether you plan on submitting an application.

All interested parties should first consult with community partners to ensure a broad base of project support, then review the application guidelines and form. Please contact your regional Rivers, Trails, and Conservation program staff with any questions and to inform them of your decision to apply. [Please visit the assistance program website for more information.](#)

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