## You can help!

The Adopt-A-Trail program is an opportunity for nature-loving, conservation-minded groups of all sizes and types to sponsor a section of Kenosha County Parks' trail system by volunteering to conduct routine maintenance and help control invasive nonnative plants.

### For more information:

Kenosha County Division of Parks 19600 75th Street Bristol, WI 53104 Ph: 262-857-1869 Fx: 262-857-1885 http://parks.kenoshacounty.org

The Parks office is open: Monday - Friday, 7:00am to 3:30pm





# Adopt-A-Trail

# **KENOSHA COUNTY PARKS**



### PROGRAM INFORMATION Application & Permit

Kenosha County Division of Parks and County Executive Jim Kreuser invite you to get actively involved in conserving and maintaining the natural beauty of our county park trails.

#### Instructions: Please completed the form and mail to the Kenosha County Parks Office. SPONSOR INFORMATION Sponsor Name Organization Type Street Address City, State, ZIP Code Sponsor Name as it should appear on the sign (limit 14 characters on two lines) Contact Person Name Street Address City, State, ZIP Code Telephone Number (include area code) E-mail Address TRAIL INFORMATION Approximate Number of People Number of Activity Days Sponsor Plans Participating in Activity Days: to Schedule this Year (minimum 3): Name of County Park You Are Interested In for Adopt-A-Trail: First Choice: Second Choice: SIGNATURE By signing below, the Sponsor acknowledges the nature of the works and agrees to all terms and conditions stated on the back of this application. Signature of Authorized Representative Date Signed: (Must be 18 years or older) Leave Blank-Kenosha County Parks Use Only Permit Approval: Kenosha County Parks approves this permit for the Sponsor to participate in the Adopt-A-Trail program for the segment identified above. This permit is valid for the time period listed below. This permit is renewable annually with written notice. Kenosha County Parks reserves the right to modify or cancel this permit at any time. Effective Date: Ending Date:

Date Signed

Signature of General Manager of Parks Operations

#### KENOSHA COUNTY ADOPT-A-TRAIL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. Sponsors are to be considered volunteers and not officers, employees, or agents of the County of Kenosha. Any injuries, claims, liabilities, suits or costs relating to this permit shall be the sole responsibility of the Sponsors.
- The Sponsor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Kenosha County from any injury, cost, suit, liability or award arising from the issuance or exercise of this permit, or because of any adverse effect upon any person or property attributed to the works of the Sponsor.
- 3. Participants in the group agree to obey and abide by all laws and regulations relating to safety and such terms and conditions as may be required by the County for special conditions that may exist on a particular adopted trail segment. Participants will agree to obey and abide by any laws and regulations imposed by any legally constituted body having jurisdiction.
- 4. Trail segments are assigned on a first come, first served basis. Sponsorship approvals are at the discretion of the General Manager of Park Operations.
- 5. The General Manager of Parks will determine the length of trail to be adopted. Trail segment sponsorships will not overlap. Each segment will be adopted by one sponsor at any given time. Sponsors will not work beyond their assigned trail segment limits. These terms may be negotiated with the General Manager of Parks.
- Sponsors will participate in a minimum of three activity days per year. Activity dates are to be mutually agreeable to by the Sponsors and the General Manager of Parks. Sponsors agree to work during daylight hours only.
- Sponsors will provide appropriate training prior to any activity day to ensure the safety of all participants. Safety rules will be reviewed each activity day before proceeding to the trail segment. Sponsors are responsible for the safety of their participants, both adult and juvenile.
- 8. The trail will remain open to public use during sponsor activities. There shall be no disruption to the public's use of the trail.
- 9. Sponsors will ensure there is a minimum of one adult supervisor present for every 10 juveniles (under age 16).
- 10. The Parks Department will supply trash bags for litter pickup and instructions for disposal of litter filled bags. Recyclable items must be separated from non-recyclables. The Sponsor may keep any recyclable materials.
- 11. Requests for additional supplies and materials should be directed to the General Manager of Parks. Unused supplies and materials furnished by the property may be retained by the Sponsors during the permit period, but must be returned to the Parks Department at the end of the permit period.
- 12. Any item, object or material found or picked up along the trail shall be considered Kenosha County owned property. If the item, object or material can be reasonably determined to have no value, it shall be placed in the County provided bags for disposal. If there is a question if the item, object or material has value, then the participant must submit the item to the General Manager of Parks for disposal determination. Any item of value shall be disposed of under guidelines of Kenosha County Ordinances. Any "lost and found" items must be returned to the General Manager of Parks prior to leaving the property.
- 13. Closed containers or items suspected to be hazardous will not be touched. Any items/situations found by the Sponsors which need further attention from Parks staff should be brought to the attention of the General Manager of Parks.
- 14. Approved vehicle parking will be arranged with the General Manager of Parks. Adopt-A-Trail volunteers are exempt from vehicle admission sticker requirements while participating in scheduled activity days. No motor vehicles will be allowed on any trail unless specifically authorized by the General Manager of Parks.
- 15. Adopt-A-Trail sponsors will be recognized by Kenosha County purchased/approved signs at trailheads or on property bulletin boards. The location of these signs is at the discretion of the General Manager of Parks. The Parks Department reserves the right to refuse or revise acronyms of group names when preparing signs.
- 16. Partisan political groups (groups of people with common political opinions and purposes organized for gaining political influence, governmental control and for directing government policies) shall not be permitted to participate in the Adopt-A-Trail program.
- 17. Additional Terms or Conditions:

# Adopt-A-Trail



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Individuals or groups may adopt a trail or segment of a trail in Kenosha County Parks by volunteering their time to help keep the trail clean and safe.

As representatives of the Kenosha County Parks Division, Adopt-A-Trail sponsors can:

- Collect litter and perform minor trail maintenance.
- Assist with the control of invasive species and planting of native species.
- Record and report to Kenosha County Parks staff any major or hazardous trail obstructions.
- Properly dispose of recyclable materials.
- Gather and return any "lost and found" items to the Kenosha County Parks office.
- Inform visitors about regulations and available facilities.

#### How to Adopt a Trail

- 1. Fill out the attached "Adopt-A-Trail Application and Permit."
- Mail the completed permit to the Kenosha County Parks office at 19600 75th Street, PO Box 549, Bristol, WI 53104-0549.
- The General Manager of Parks will review the permit and notify you of approval.
- After your permit is approved, you can begin working on your trail. Discuss with the General Manager of Parks the dates and times you will be out on the trail.
- Kenosha County Parks will post two Adopt-A-Trail signs to recognize your sponsorship.



For more information, please contact Kenosha County Parks: 262-857-1869