



ROCK TRAIL COALITION

Newsletter **20 YEARS OF ROCK TRAIL ADVOCACY** April 2013

Next Meeting – Thursday, April 18

6:30 pm - Jobs Center, 1900 Center Ave, Janesville

Topic: Best Dam (MS) Bike Ride – Many local riders ride the MS Bike Ride each year.



Ryan Williams and Curt Sauser describe their MS bike ride experiences. Curt has MS and is the organizer of Team CCC. Read more at teamccc.org.

- **Also on the agenda:**

- Beloit-Janesville Trail Update – exciting things are happening along the trail.
- Spring hikes - opening NEW TRAIL
- Big Hill Park bridge fundraiser – Leadership Development Academy
- Volunteer opportunity – Spring trail user survey

Some 2013 Events

- April 18 Rock Trail Speaker Meeting - MS Bike Ride
- April 20 Earth Day Booth at Rotary Gardens 10 am to 3 pm.
- April 20 New Trail Discovery Hike and Trail Fundraiser for Big Hill bridge
 - 2 pm hike and 4 pm hike and fundraiser at Afton Pub.
- April 27 Ice Age Trail rummage sale Austin Farm - Hwy 11 west
- May 11 Amped Up Adventure Race Beloit
- October 17 Rock Trail Speaker Meeting Hiking Hawaii – Neil Deupree
- December 5 Rock Trail Speaker Meeting tbd

Trail Updates

Morris Segment – City of Janesville section runs from Tripp Road near the Wastewater Treatment Plant south to Eau Claire Road. This 1.7 mile segment is a railroad gravel trail suitable for walking, running, and mountain bikes. Paving, most likely crushed limestone, is not planned yet.

Afton Segment – This one-third mile segment from Eau Claire Road goes south to Afton. Rock Trail Coalition installed a railroad crossing in this section. It is cleared for walking, running and mountain biking. It ends in Afton across from the Afton Pub. The trail continues on a wide bike lane through Afton.

Bass Creek Segment – We will be on road south of Bass Creek on Bass Creek road to Duggan Road. As soon as easements are signed between Rock County and a major landowner we will begin clearing an off-road grass trail south to Beloit-Rock Townline Road. Appraisals for easement donation have been completed and property descriptions are being worked on by Rock County.

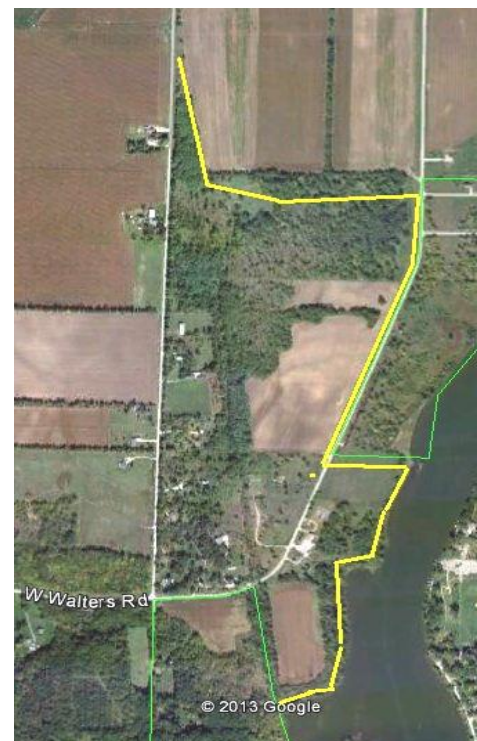
Beloit Township Segment - this segment just south of Townline Road on Duggan Road goes east through grasslands to Walters Road then south to the Town of Beloit wastewater facility and follows the Rock River to Big Hill Park. The April 20 Fundraiser at the Afton Pub is to raise funds to replace the bridge into the park. The old railroad abutments still exist. The Leadership Development Academy hopes to raise \$30,000 for this project.



Big Hill Park bridge site looking south into the park.



Tom Presny, Janesville Parks Director, with Mike and Mary Ellen Morris



Beloit Township segment from Duggan Road to Big Hill Park.

Fundraiser and Hikes April 20

Rock County Leadership Development fundraiser for the Big Hill Park bike trail bridge.

- **2 pm** meet at Afton Pub, *carpool* to Beloit Township Trail – 5 mile out-and-back hike to Big Hill Park. See the bridge project up-close.
- **4 pm** hike the Afton section of the Peace Trail.

Rock County Leadership Development Academy

Let's Build a Bridge Fundraiser!

Raffles!

Live music by Karl Bell!

Show your support to connect Beloit & Janesville Trails...
Saturday, April 20
4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Afton Pub
4910 Jefferson St., Afton

\$15 for a bottomless cup of Miller Lite

Fun for adults!
Fun for families!

100% of donations benefit the Rock Trail Coalition

Can't make it to the fundraiser?

Send a check to Rock Trail Coalition, PO Box 8101, Janesville 53547-8101

Volunteer Opportunities Abound

April 20 – attend the Ice Age Trail/Rock Trail Coalition booth at Rotary Gardens. Can you help cover an hour or two between 10 am and 3 pm? Contact Dennis at djames84@hotmail.com .

April 20 – Rock Trail Coalition/Leadership Development Academy fundraiser – at the Afton Pub. Hike Beloit Township segment of trail at 2 pm . Hike the Afton segment a little after 4 pm. Fundraiser is 4 to 8 pm.

April 27 – Ice Age Trail fundraiser rummage sale at Beth Austin’s farm on Hwy 11 west. Donated items may be delivered to Russ & Clara Marr, 741-1375.

May 11 – Rock Trail Coalition will benefit from entry fees at the Paddle and Trail **Amped UP Adventure Race** in Beloit. Volunteers are needed for aid stations or directions on the course. Easy, but important, volunteer work. <http://ampedupadventure.com/races/beloit-wisconsin/> We need you! Contact Dean to volunteer dpaynter2002@yahoo.com or 608.289.5672

Do we have your **email address**?

- Routine communications for meetings, work parties and events are sent by email. Do we have your email address? Send it to VP Carolyn at volunteerRTC@charter.net
- Do you want future newsletters by email?



Welcome New Members 2013

Mark Hoppe, Deb & Rex Kolste, Mark McCluskey, Lee Meyer, Terry Nolan, Leigh Thorson, Steve Vavrus.

Raise money for Rock Trail Coalition just as you search the Internet at www.GoodSearch.com (powered by Yahoo)

Follow us on  Facebook - search Rock Trail Coalition or visit us online at <http://rocktrail.wordpress.com/>

Visit our Friends and Supporters

Michaels Cycles, Mocha Moment, Bass Creek Espresso, Skip’s Friendly Village, Afton Pub, and Afton Family Market.

Check the mailing label for membership status and renew for 2013

Dues for 2013

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Mail to: Rock Trail Coalition, P.O. Box 8101 Janesville, WI 53547-8101

_____ Basic individual \$15

_____ Family \$25/no t-shirt or _____ \$30 w/t-shirt

_____ Trail Builder \$50 _____ Trail Blazer \$75

_____ Golden Trekker \$100 _____ Lifetime \$500

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