

# Rock Trail Coalition Newsletter April 2010

## Peace Trail Progress



City workers spread fill on the Peace Trail.

The new portion of the Peace Trail south of Cemetery Road had been mined of much of its gravel by previous owners. The new construction at the Janesville Wastewater Treatment Plant created excess fill material which was spread on the trail to raise the base. When the fill dries out it will provide a much more level surface and reduce flooding on the trail.

**April Speaker Meeting – Steve Dean** Thursday, April 15 JOBS Center – Room K, 1900 Center Avenue, Janesville

**Family Trails:** Whether biking, hiking, tubing, or climbing, Steve and Kathy entertained their five children in the great outdoors. Lots of pictures from lots of trails to prove it! As they relive their adventures through this slide show, you'll see some trails you recognize as well as some you just might not. Have you ever biked or hiked the "Hennepin Canal"? Real aqueducts and working locks—not far from Rock County!

## Upcoming Events

- April 15 — Speaker Meeting: Steve Dean “Family Trails” JOBS Center 6:30 pm room K.
- April 21 – 25 Ice Age Trail State Conference at Rotary Gardens. Hikes every morning.
- June 12 – Canoe Outing led by Clara Marr
- August 24 – outing to be determined
- October 14 – Speaker Meeting: Tom & Rosie Kautz “European Hiking Trails” JOBS Center 6:30 pm room D&E.
- December 2 – Speaker Meeting: Lon Haldeman & Susan Notorangelo “Long distance cycling” JOBS Center 6:30 pm room D&E.

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## **Thank You to Our 2010 Workday Volunteers**

### **February 20 (buckthorn)**

Jayne Paynter  
Dean Paynter  
Tom Kautz  
Wayne Tiffany  
Mike Tiffany  
Carolyn Brandeen  
Clara Marr  
Russ Marr  
Jerry Stankus  
George McRoberts  
Lou Gebler  
Tom Schaefer

### **March 13 (buckthorn)**

Wayne Tiffany  
Mike Tiffany  
Dean Paynter  
Jayne Paynter  
Jim Douglas

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Tom Kautz  
Lou Gebler  
Jerry Stankus  
Russ Marr  
Clara Marr

### **March 17 (buckthorn burn)**

Martha Morehart  
Wayne Tiffany  
Dean Paynter

### **April 3 (clean up)**

Dean Paynter  
Jayne Paynter  
Mike Tiffany  
Larry Reimer

### **Welcome New Members 2010**

Mary E Buelow  
Victoria Damron  
Jim & Pat Douglas  
Steve & Nancy Ellis  
Patti Emerson

Bill Emerson  
Sandy Hendricks  
Bob Jenson  
Margaret McGrath  
Larry & Martha Shea



### **More Peace Trail Progre\$\$**

The rail crossing just north of Afton will be installed this spring. The active rail line is the DME which is a subsidiary of Canadian Pacific. Our deal with the railroad is that they will design and install the crossing and Rock Trail Coalition will pay the cost of installation and materials. Their bill comes to \$6,028.

Rock Trail Coalition also has a commitment to the City of Janesville to help acquire the last remaining parcel of land blocking our path to Afton. Rock Trail is contributing \$10,000 to aid this purchase. We retired out fund at the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin to pay these expenses.

### **Visit our friends in Afton**

The Peace Trail is progressing to Afton thanks to the cooperation and assistance of Afton businesses. [Skip's Friendly Village](#) and [the Afton Pub](#) donated easements which allow the trail into the village. "Best Burger in Town" is claimed by both establishments. Check them out for lunch, for karaoke at the Pub or for Skip's famous Friday Fish Fry.

Also, [Afton Family Market](#) offers homemade breads and sweets, plus coffee, cold drinks, snacks and more. [Bass Creek Espresso & Catering](#) has coffees, and wonderful sticky cinnamon rolls.



## Hike the Ice Age Trail - April 22, 23, 24 & 25

The 2010 Annual Conference & Membership Meeting of the Ice Age Trail is being held at Rotary Gardens April 21 – 25. Each morning we will hike a segment of the Ice Age Trail in Rock County. The public is invited to join our hikes and programs.

Meet at Rotary Gardens each morning to join the group.

Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:30 – 11:30 *Janesville to Milton Segment*  
Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:30 – 11:30 *Storrs Lake Wildlife Area Segment*  
Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 8:30 – 11:30 *Devil's Staircase Segment*  
Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 12:30 – 3:00 optional hike at Rockport Park.

For more information on the Ice Age Trail Conference and evening programs featuring Scott Craven, Dave Bendlin, Skip Drew, and Michael Royce, visit

[http://www.iceagetrail.org/PDF/News\\_2010\\_Annual\\_Conference\\_Info.pdf](http://www.iceagetrail.org/PDF/News_2010_Annual_Conference_Info.pdf)

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\_\_\_\_\_ Basic individual \$15

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Trail Builder \$50      \_\_\_\_\_ Trail Blazer \$75

\_\_\_\_\_ Golden Trekker \$100      \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime \$500