

ROCK TRAIL COALITION



Some of the 20-mile youth riders

GREATER BELOIT YOUTH CYCLING By Rick Barder

In the Spring of 2022 two employees of the Wisconsin Bike Federation came to Beloit and spent 6 hours with 12 Adult Cyclists from the Stateline Spinner Riding Group on how to teach Safe Cycling to young people. In January of 2023 with the help of Lon Haldeman and 5 other adults we visited McNeel Intermediate School and “tuned-up” 30 bikes with shifters. In March & April of 2023 we re-visited McNeel and over a one-week period we taught over 120 6th/7th/8th graders how to shift the gears on a bike by using trainers in the gym. In May of 2023 we returned to McNeel and chalked up the parking lot into a bike safety course—over 50 students went through the course and later in the day we had a drawing and gave away 2 very nice bikes that were donated.

In June, we organized a 20-mile bike ride for 6 young cyclists. They rode from Brodhead to New Glarus, where we enjoyed a Pizza after the ride. In June, July and August of this year we had weekly bike rides @ 9:30am every

Thursday where we took young people on bike rides around the City of Beloit.

The culmination of our summer rides was a 20 mile ride from Sharon, WI to Darien, WI (ice cream rest stop) and back to Sharon. The Ice Cream ride was led by Rick and Rita Barder and Craig Gronau.

Overall, we had over 15 students participate in these cycling activities and 10 adult volunteers to assist our youth cyclists.





New Mile Markers Along the Peace Trail

Rock Trail Coalition is funding mile markers from Monterey Park in Janesville through Big Hill Park in Beloit. Thanks to City of Janesville Parks and Rock County Parks for installing them for us.

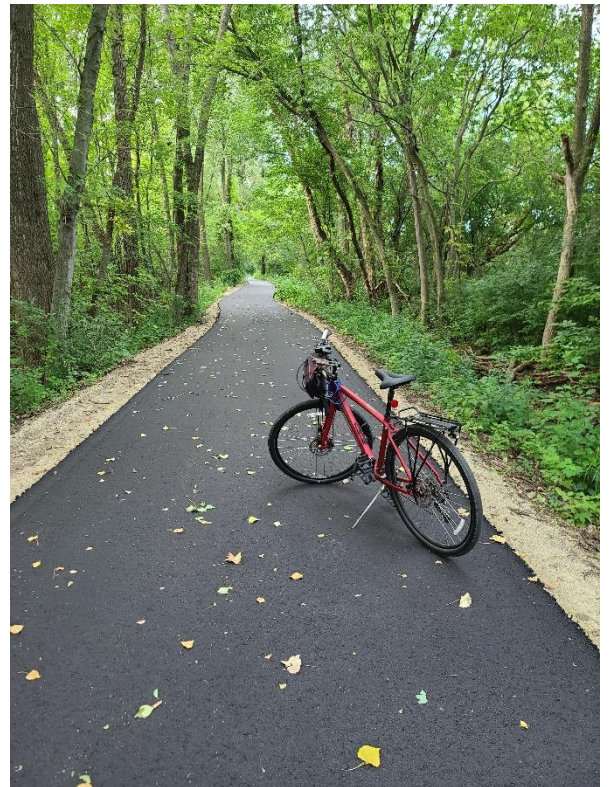
When the Big Hill Park to City of Beloit is completed in 2025 there will be a total of thirteen markers.

A Match Made for Rock County Trails!

Anonymous Challenge establishes endowment fund at Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin

An anonymous donor has offered to match up to \$10,000 to create a permanent agency endowment for Rock Trail Coalition at the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin. Our board of directors was so enthusiastic about the idea that we voted to give the first \$5,000 from our treasury to the fund. We hope our members and friends will be equally generous and match the other \$5,000.

Members like you are vital in manifesting a sustainable and eco-friendly outdoor experience. You can help secure Rock County's trails for future generations by making a donation to The Rock Trail Coalition Endowment Fund. The deadline for matching gifts is December 1, 2023.



Donate securely online at: https://cfsw.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=6829

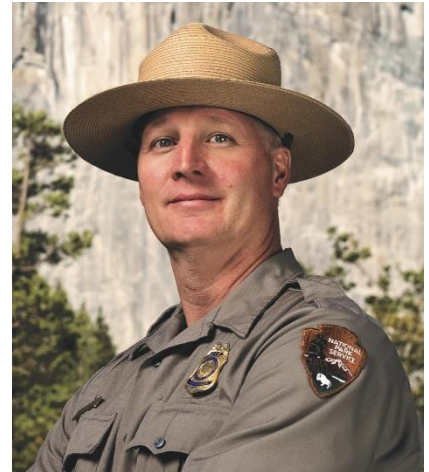
The Rock Trail Coalition is 501 c3 non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible.

(Fundraising for the CFSW match is separate from any membership renewal)

Rock Trail Coalition Speaker Meeting – October 12

Eric Gabriel National Park Service Superintendent for the Ice Age National Scenic Trail will give us tales of his career in the NPS at Yosemite, Glacier, Grand Teton and many other national parks. .

Teaser: “Yosemite National Park Conducts Rescue on El Capitan “
“Yosemite Valley District Ranger Eric Gabriel, made the decision to attempt to extract the climber via short-haul. This is a technique where Park Rangers are suspended from a rope below the helicopter to remove the climber from the wall.”
You will have to attend the meeting to hear the rest of the story.



Thursday, October 12, 6pm Beloit Public Library

Scoopie Night!

Tuesday, October 3 Rock Trail Coalition will hold a Scoopie Night at the Culvers on Milton Avenue in Janesville.

We work from 4p to 8pm and RTC gets a great financial benefit. Come on out for dinner. Bring your friends. Bring your relatives. Bring your co-workers. Bring everybody.

**Tuesday, October 3, 4-8pm
Culvers 2633 Milton Avenue.**

Want to help? Sign up for a two-hour shift. It's easy and fun.



2023 Peace Rides – Success



The Rock Trail Coalition is pleased to announce that the Pedal the Peace Rides held July 23, 2023 raised over \$2,200 for trail projects in Rock County. Ridership numbered 93 participants which is significantly higher than in the past due to the addition of two new riding events to our annual time trial race. Seventeen wonderful volunteers helped put on a first rate event. We are grateful for our sponsors, volunteers, and riders (especially those who added a donation to their registration). See you next year!

Thank You Peace Ride Sponsors

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Renew Your Membership for 2024

Rock Trail Coalition memberships run from January through December. Renew today!

\$20 Individual \$30 Family \$50 Builder \$75 Blazer \$100 Trekker

\$250 Sustainer \$500 Lifetime Membership

Mail your check to Rock Trail Coalition, PO Box 8101, Janesville, WI 53547-8101

Memberships and Donations 2023 (as of 8/29/23)

(Memberships received since October 15, 2022 are credited for calendar year 2023)

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