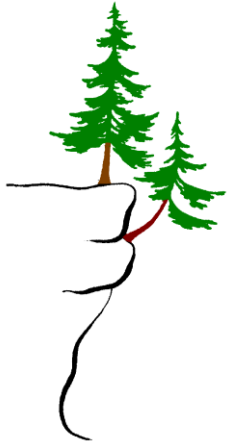


KICKAPOO VALLEY RESERVE

ADOPT A TRAIL



Looking for a way to give back to the KVR? Enjoy being out on the trails? The KVR Adopt A Trail Program is for you! Volunteers will monitor a section of assigned trail and report any issues back to the Program Coordinator. Trail maintenance & monitoring techniques are efficient and easy to learn. Periodically maintaining trails is necessary due to the amount of traffic the trails get in a given year, along with natural environmental impacts. By adopting a trail on the Kickapoo Valley Reserve you can support the efforts of the KVR staff and take pride and responsibility for the protection & preservation of this truly unique and amazing place.

Objectives: The object of trail maintenance is the upkeep of a trail system to provide for safe use, protect resources, preserve trails and provide users access and enjoyment of the Kickapoo Valley Reserve.

Goals: The Adopt-A-Trail program is intended to provide opportunities for citizens and groups to help maintain the trails on the Kickapoo Valley Reserve. The Kickapoo Valley Reserve is a unique 8589 acre tract of land that is under joint management by the State of Wisconsin and the Ho-Chunk Nation. The property is open and available for public use. By delegating some duties to willing and capable volunteers the Reserve can promote citizen involvement, accomplish more tasks, and keep the trail system in good condition. Volunteers will be recognized as adopters of the trail.

Adoption Criteria: Any individual or group may sign on for maintenance of a trail segment with a commitment for a minimum of 1 yr. Agreements are renewable each year in March. One person needs to be designated as a contact for each trail segment. The contact person is responsible for overseeing, and training the other members of the group. Scouts, youth groups, and school groups are all welcome to adopt trails; however, an adult coordinator is required for every 10 juveniles.

Volunteer Responsibilities: Volunteers are assigned to appropriate trail maintenance jobs suitable for their skills and interests. The trails available for adoption are predetermined routes and maps including mileage are available to program volunteers.

Adopt-A-Trail volunteers are required to:

- Attend a Maintenance Skills Session provided by the KVR, prior to beginning work on the adopted trail. Training times and dates determined per case basis.
- Complete the Adoption Application available at the Kickapoo Valley Reserve Visitor Center
- Perform maintenance no fewer than 3 times per year, with the preferred times to be May, July, and November. We encourage volunteers to inspect trails before and after high traffic weekends and/or storm events.
- Submit written reports of maintenance accomplished. A logbook is available at the Kickapoo Valley Reserve Visitors Center. Photographs of work completed are appreciated. Before and after photos are the best.
- Work closely with KVR staff and volunteer coordinators/leaders to maintain open lines of communication.
- Adhere to standards of Kickapoo Valley Reserve trail maintenance guidelines.
- Perform all work to protect the environment, natural resources, and the recreational experience of all users.
- Be courteous to all trail users and Reserve visitors.
- Bring your own tools. A limited number of maintenance tools are available through the KVR and will only be loaned out by special arrangement. Don't forget your gloves.

Recognition: Adopt-A-Trail participants are generous people and deserve more recognition than they may get. Dedicated adopters are eligible for awards and publicly thanked for their efforts.

Taking on a stewardship of a trail is a privilege and it is important that the adopter take the responsibilities of maintaining the trail seriously. Remember, if you want to get involved you don't have to go it alone, encourage family and friends to assist in the maintenance of the adopted trail, or form a work group, there is strength in numbers. Remember there are no motorized vehicles permitted on the Kickapoo Valley Reserve. If materials are needed for a repair, contact the KVR staff.

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