

Ordinance No. 96-22
(With amendments from Ordinance No. 97-21 included)

An Ordinance Regulating the Use of the Lone Rock to Richland Center Recreational Trail.

The Richland County Board of Supervisors does hereby ordain as follows:

1. Definitions

- (a) "The Commission" means the Richland County Parks Commission;
- (b) "The Trail" means the former railroad corridor, except where it crosses any public highway right-of-way, running approximately 13.5 miles between Lone Rock and the East right-of-way of County Trunk Highway "O" on the Southeast side of the City of Richland Center. This corridor has been temporarily abandoned for railroad purposes and it is now owned by Richland County. It has been converted to a recreational trail which will be managed by Richland County under the Federal Rails to Trails Act. This corridor is hereby named "The Pine River Trail".

2. Permitted uses.

- (a) The Trail shall be limited to the following uses: hiking, bicycling, snowmobiling, and hunting;
- (b) No person shall operate a motor-propelled vehicle on The Trail, including but not limited to, automobiles, trucks, all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, motor bikes and mopeds, but *except as provided in paragraph (d) herein, only the following motor-propelled vehicles may be operated on The Trail: snowmobiles, law enforcement and emergency vehicles, electric motor-powered vehicles transporting an elderly, disabled, handicapped or infirm person and authorized inspection and maintenance vehicles.*
- (c) No person shall ride or lead a horse, pony, donkey or mule on The Trail; abutters' livestock may cross The Trail at crossings authorized in writing by the Commission; all pets on The Trail shall be on a leash which does not exceed 8 feet.
- (d) *The Commission may grant written permits to individuals to operate a motor vehicle on The Trail only under the following circumstances:*
 - i. The vehicle is no larger than a one ton, 4 wheel drive pick-up truck with or without a tandem axle stock trailer;*
 - ii. The vehicle is being used for maintenance of livestock purposes;*
 - iii. The vehicle is being operated by the owner of land abutting The Trail or by a tenant of such an owner and the operator has been granted a written permit by the Commission;*
 - iv. This section applies only between May 1st and October 31st;*

- v. *The owner has supplied the Commission with a certificate of liability insurance with policy limits in amounts deemed appropriate by the Commission;*
- vi. *These permits shall be obtained from the County Resource Agent.*

That sections 3 and 4 are hereby created as follows:

3. *Crossing The Trail*

No person shall cross The Trail in a motor-propelled vehicle other than a snowmobile at a point other than a highway crossing except under the following circumstances:

- (a) *The crossing is at a crossing point authorized in writing by the Commission.*
- (b) *The crossing is by an agricultural vehicle being used for an agricultural purpose on behalf of the owner or tenant of property abutting The Trail.*

4. *Free and unimpeded use.*

Except when motor-propelled vehicles are being operated on The Trail or are crossing The Trail in accordance with this Ordinance, no person shall block the free and unimpeded use of The Trail.

5. *Time of Year*

The Trail is open for snowmobile use between December 1st and March 31st. The Trail shall be closed to any use except hunting during the gun/deer season as determined by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

6. *Fees*

The only fees applicable to The Trail are that each person age 16 years and over shall pay the following fee for bicycling on The Trail:

- (a) *\$1.00 for a one-day pass;*
- (b) *\$5.00 for a pass for the calendar year;*
- (c) *Persons 16 and over bicycling on The Trail without a valid pass shall be required to buy a pass for the calendar year.*

7. *Trail Signs*

- (a) *No person shall erect a sign on The Trail without written permission from the Commission.*
- (b) *No person shall remove, obscure or deface any trail sign erected by the Commission or any sign authorized by the Commission.*
- (c) *No person shall operate a snowmobile contrary to authorized trail signs.*

8. *Waste Disposal*

No person shall dispose of any solid or liquid waste on or along The Trail.

9. Stop Requirement

No person on The Trail shall refuse to stop when directed or requested to do so by an officer from the Richland County Sheriff's Department or by a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources warden or by any law enforcement officer.

10. Penalties

Any person convicted of violating this Ordinance, except for paragraph 6 herein, shall pay a forfeiture ranging from \$50 to \$500, plus Court costs, for each violation. The Circuit Court of Richland County is authorized to adopt the following bond schedule for these violations:

- First violation within 3 years \$ 50.00
- Second violation within 3 years \$100.00
- Third and subsequent violations within 3 years \$ 500.00

11. Administration

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Sheriff of Richland County, who is authorized to issue citations for violations of this Ordinance. Violations of the Ordinance shall be prosecuted by the District Attorney of Richland County.

12. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication..

Dated: October 29, 1996
Passed: October 29, 1996
Published: November 21, 1996

ORDINANCE OFFERED BY THE COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEMBERS OF THE
RICHLAND PARKS COMMISSION

Ann M. Greenheck, Chairman
Richland County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
Victor V. Vlasak
Richland County Clerk

	For	Against
Lawrence Sowle	X	
William Birkett	X	
William Seep	X	
James F. Patch	X	

Amended Ordinance No. 97-21 was Dated and Passed on September 23, 1997