

# March 2024 Newsletter

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## 2024 State Trail passes:

It's a new year, so you need a new pass if you use the trail on wheels. The funds generated from the sale of trail passes are used for the day-to-day maintenance of the trail. Brown County retains 70% of the revenues from its sales of daily and annual trail passes for maintenance of the Fox River and Mountain Bay Trails.

## Purchase State Trail Pass:

Annual and Daily Trail passes are available for sale on the Brown County Parks website, the FFRT website, at the Venmo machines and shops along the trail. \$25 annual passes are the same price as 2023.



New Parking lot at Midway Road

## Message from Matt Kriese, Brown County Parks Director:

We want everyone to enjoy the trail and have a safe experience. At road intersections from the Town of Rockland and south, we are rebuilding the gates and will plan to have closed gates. The closed gates will provide a layer of advance notification for users when approaching intersections. Seeing as this is a change from past years, please be observant while using the trail and use caution going around these gates.

This is being done to improve safety at these intersections. There has been reports of abuse by motorized UTV's and multiple complaints from bikers and other users not stopping at the required stop signs located at each intersection.

This summer (April-September) a fulltime Park Ranger will be stationed on the trails. Enforcement levels will be increased, and Violation Notices will be issued for anyone stopped without a valid Trail Permit. If you receive a Violation Notice you will have 5 days to pay the \$10 penalty AND purchase an ANNUAL permit. If payment is not received after one warning, citations may be issued. Remember, the trail is not tax levy funded and user fees are imperative for BC Parks to continue maintenance on these trails.

## Save the date:

Next general membership meeting, Thursday, April 25, 6:00 pm. Someday Farms, Hwy 57, De Pere.

## Capital Campaign Update:

Special thanks to Cycling Brews for hosting our Feb 21, Brews for a Benefit. Thank you to all who attended and our sponsors, including Brown County Parks Dept, Bay Maps, WE BIKE, etc., and The Bike Hub.

## Trail Improvements:

The campaign funded the new trailhead/parking lot at Midway Road. Watch for additional improvements this spring. Necessary culvert work was also completed to allow for the northern section of the trail to be repaved starting this summer.