



Adopt-A-Trail / Sponsorship Agreement Member Terms and Conditions

- Adopt-A-Trail members must be 18 years old or work with a consenting/responsible adult at all times.
- Members are expected to hike adopted trail(s) at least 4 times a year during the months of April, June, August, and October) as well as after storm events and fill/submit a report identifying: trail use observations, trail condition, hazards (down trees or erosion), signage issues, observations, and other observations or concerns.
- Members are expected to pick up trash along trail(s) or report larger debris items for removal.
- Members are asked to commit to maintaining/monitoring designated section for a minimum 2 years / maximum 5 years at discretion of Chisago County Parks Department Adopt-A-Trail Program.
- Members will be provided trash bags upon request.
- Members will need to provide proof of liability insurance.
- Minimum of 2 year annual commitment requires a \$250 non-refundable payment per year for each Trail Segment Adoption Sponsorship payable January 31st.

The Chisago County Parks Department and/or Park Board reserves the right to limit the number of successive years of adoption and/or refuse, cancel or revise this agreement if in its sole judgment the nature of the group or its sign is political, controversial or in questionable taste, or if the sponsors is not meeting the terms and conditions of this agreement. By signing this agreement, the sponsor acknowledges the hazardous nature of the work and agrees to comply with the terms and conditions herewith to the satisfaction of the Chisago County Parks Department.

Except for any negligent acts of the County, its agents and employees, the members or their agents shall assume all liability for, and save the County, its agents and employees, harmless from, any and all claims for damages, causes or action arising out of the work to be done herein.

Any and all members of the sponsor or other members involved in the activity while engaged in the performance of any work or service performed under this agreement shall not be considered employees of the County, and any and all claims that may arise under the Worker's Compensation Act of Minnesota on behalf of said members or other persons while so engaged, and any and all claims made by any third party of the group's members or other persons while so engaged on any of the work or services to be rendered shall in no way be the obligation or responsibility of the County.

Adopt-A-Trail Sponsorship shall be considered on a first come first served basis. In acknowledgement of the trail segment adoption sponsor, member, and/or organization uniform and recognizable "This segment adopted by..." signage will be placed within the assigned trail segment at the full discretion of Chisago County Parks.



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Renewals

Sponsors who do not respond to a renewal letter by returning the renewal form by the due date should understand that their Agreement will be terminated.

Renewals may be validated with a sponsor's ink signature, faxed signature or emailed to the Chisago County Parks Director.

All renewals (same sponsor, same segment) keep the original agreement number.

Signs

Adopt-A-Trail signs will be constructed of sheet aluminum.

Used signs are recycled and are not available to sponsors requesting an Adopt-A-Trail souvenir.

The master design will be a 9" x 14" sign, to include a limited number of characters, (including spaces and punctuation).

Every effort will be made to place signs at each end of the adopt segment. Due to variability in the existing conditions, signs placement may vary.

Sponsors may expect sign installation with 120 days of approval of the application acceptance.

Chisago County Parks Department will replacement or repair the signs in cases of vandalism or damaged.

Chisago County discourages sponsors from changing the name of their sign, though exceptions can be justified (e.g. Business name change). Chisago County reserves the right to approve or deny and request for a name change.

Sponsor's Names

Chisago County reserves the right to edit names that are too long or are controversial.

Adopt-a-Trail signs may not promote any message, whether social or political. *Specifically:*

- No member groups supporting a candidate for office
- The name of political groups (Republican Party) is fine but not specific candidates
- No business logos, special lettering, or additional colors
- No messages
- No product names, colors, or slogans
- No political candidates in office or running for office
- No advertising directions of business addresses
- Individual names are acceptable, but not titles (i.e. John Smith, not Senator John Smith)
- No signs shall be controversial or offend residents and/or business.