

Trail Parking Permit – Trailhead Facilities Overview

In an effort to become self-sustaining and accelerate property improvements the City of La Crosse Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department recommends implementing a trail parking permit to collect fees from users accessing the properties by vehicle at parking facilities.

Users would pay a fee per vehicle, either daily or annually and those funds would be deposited into a special account that can only be spent back into the trail system. Parking permits will be available at the parking facilities, City Hall- Parks Department, over the phone or by mobile app (Park Mobile). The permits will expire at the end of each year.

City of La Crosse Residents:

Annual Parking Permit: \$10

Daily Permit: \$5

Non-Residents:

Annual Parking Permit: \$25

Daily Permit: \$10

Locations of Signs with App Information

- 1) Upper Hixon- **Will have cash option at site**
- 2) Lower Hixon- **Will have cash option at site**
- 3) Mathy Tract
- 4) Skemp 1 Tract
- 5) Hass Tract
- 6) Bliss Road (First Landing, Second Landing, & Aspen Trail entrance)
- 7) Gateway- **Will have cash option at site**
- 8) Grandad Road (First Loop, Pull off by gate)
- 9) Forest Hills parking lot

Grandad Bluff look out will have a 30-minute limit

City of La Crosse Municipal Code section 34-71

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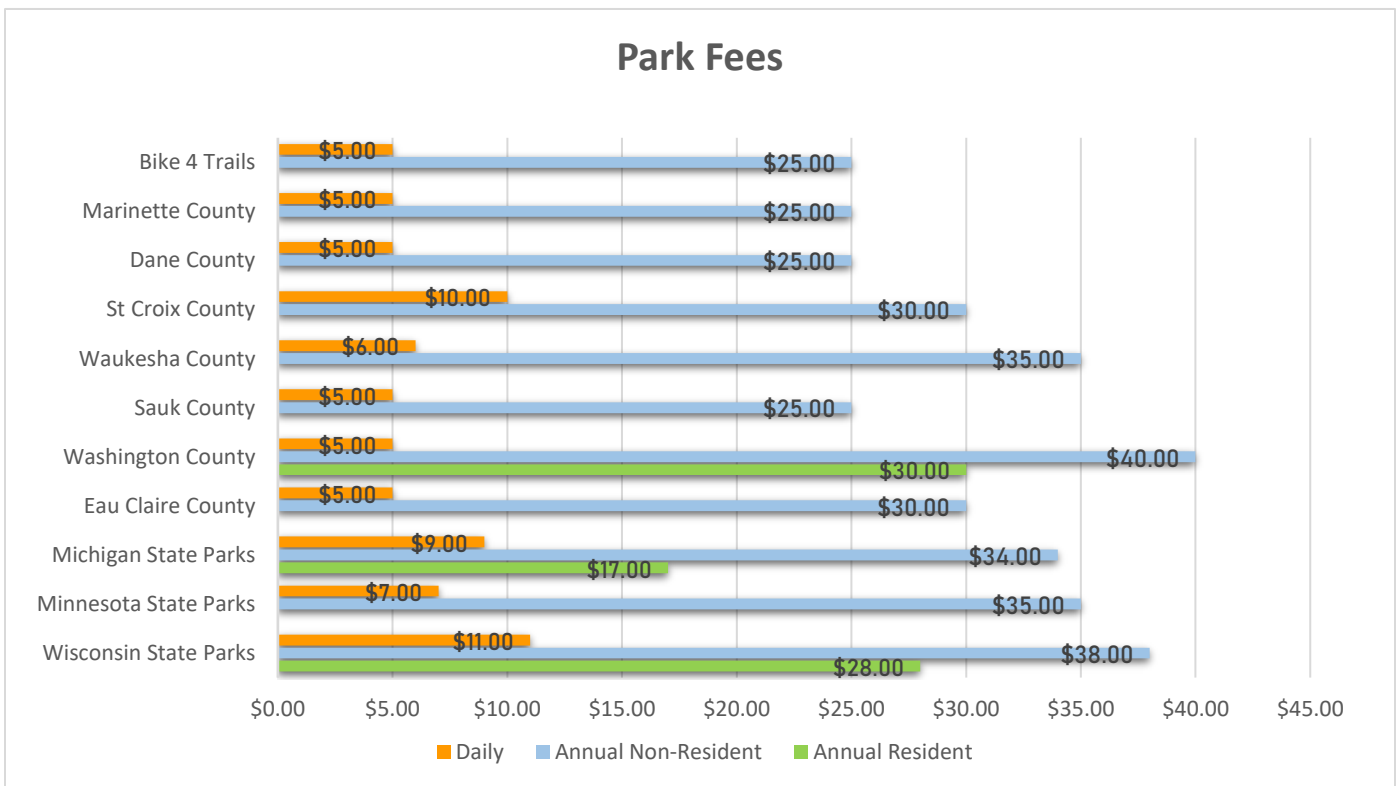
Brief inventory

40 Miles of trail

2,312 acres of public land in the Blufflands

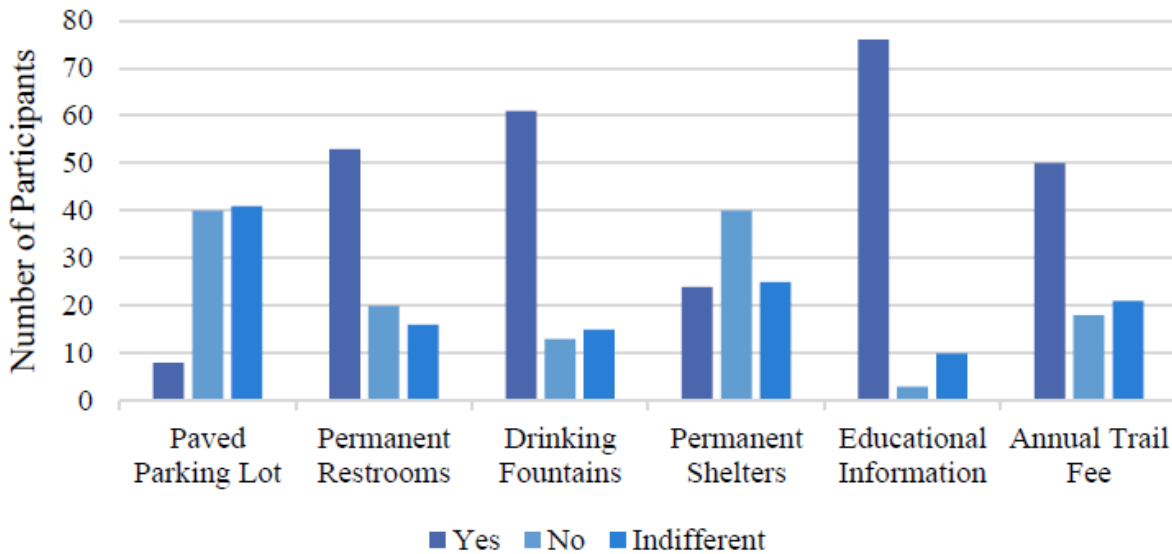
See Department Strategic Plan: Pages 69-83 for desirable property improvements

This table is a summary of some Wisconsin counties and state parks that have already implemented trail parking fees. For places that did not have a differing charge between non-residents and residents I listed them under non-resident.



Students from UWL did a small study for us on trail users and their thoughts on the trails. It was asked if people would be open to paying a fee and if so, what kind of improvements would they like to see. Below is the data table.















Figure 8:
Trail User Preferences (n=89)



We will be working with the La Crosse Police Department when it comes to enforcing the parking passes. If there are any violators the police department would receive the violation ticket fee.

Trail Parking

Parking Pass Signs

-  Grandad
-  Gateway 1
-  Gateway 3
-  Gateway 2
-  Bliss 1
-  Bliss 2
-  Bliss 3
-  Mathy
-  Upper Hixon
-  Upper 2
-  Lower Hixon
-  Lower Hixon 2
-  Skemp
-  Hass

Color Key

Teal: Park Mobile Sign

Orange: Cash Box & Park Mobile Sign

Pink: 30 Minute Limit

