

- F. Impact on interior bird species habitat shall be a consideration when evaluating any proposed activities within the forest.
- G. Rattlesnake awareness and education shall be promoted to visitors of the forest.

RECREATION

- A. No motorized recreational vehicles shall be allowed within Hixon Forest. Motorized vehicles shall not be permitted for recreational purposes within Hixon Forest. Motorized vehicles shall be permitted for emergency purposes and maintenance authorized by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- B. Addition of new trails within Hixon Forest is highly discouraged; however, ultimate authority rests with the Park Board. Parties requesting new trails shall be required to consult with representatives from the Hixon Forest Nature Center prior to approaching the Park Board.
- C. Additional trails should not be approved on non-disturbed or relatively non-disturbed lands. Reconstruction, rerouting, and other maintenance activities on pre-existing trails shall be allowed.
- D. Trails in identified sensitive areas (such as remnant prairies) shall be evaluated for possibilities to provide access without damaging the resource. Closure and rerouting should be considered in order to protect the resource.
- E. Efforts shall be taken to establish the Hixon Forest Nature Center, Human Powered Trails, or other similar entity to act as a trail clearinghouse, posting trail closure and opening information in order to protect the condition of the trails during poor conditions.
- F. No overnight camping shall be allowed within Hixon Forest.
- G. Recreational activities that significantly increase threats to personal safety or potential for negative impacts on habitat, promote erosion, reduce tranquility, etc. shall be prohibited. This includes activities such as paintball, use of recreational motor vehicles, rock climbing, etc. Any proposed races shall be required to go through the consultation process with the HFNC. Per official City approval, the La Crosse Skyrockers, Inc. shall be allowed to perform their annual New Year's Eve fireworks display from atop Grandad's Bluff.
- H. The City shall develop and post signage that clearly identifies boundaries of Hixon Forest.
- I. All signage within Hixon Forest shall be of uniform theme and design. All signage other than trail signs shall include the words "Hixon Forest" and shall be approved by the Board of Park Commissioners. Existing signage shall be grandfathered, and shall adhere to this policy as signs are replaced.
- J. Management activities which are intended to promote the health of the forest shall have priority over all other activities within the forest.
- K. Increasing ADA accessibility within the forest shall be pursued by the City as trails are reconstructed, modified, and maintained. In order to protect herps, accessible routes shall be of natural or other, non-paved surface.
- L. Human Powered Trails, Inc. shall enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the La Crosse Board of Park Commissioners regarding privilege of use of the forest for mountain biking. Said memorandum shall be completed within one year of adoption of the plan.