

Hello,

I am a coach for the Adventure Team and the La Crosse Mountain bike team focusing on 9 and 10 year olds and 6th graders. The idea behind both organizations is to teach youth how to overcome adversity, build themselves as people and get them outside in a world more focused on screen time. Riding with the younger folk, it can be challenging to find trails with topography suited to their skill level and strength. We are blessed with amazing topography for stronger riders but it can be challenging for those getting started. Adding Birch to the available trails would give a nice loop for the kids to learn on.

There are no bike only trails in the trail system at this time. Shared use trails allow for multiple activities on the trails and allows us to teach respect and good manners. Last night at the adventure team we came upon a hiker from out of town. She marveled at how well our kids presented themselves and how courteous they were. She even took our picture to remember the moment. It seems like bikers and hikers can coexist on our trails.

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