



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 394
[2009 Senate Bill 266]

**Nonmotorized Recreation and
Transportation Trails Council**

2009 Wisconsin Act 394 creates the Nonmotorized Recreation and Transportation Trails Council (council) in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The Act requires the Governor to appoint and determine the number of members on the council. In appointing the members, the Act directs the Governor to seek geographic diversity in the membership and to consider appointing members from statutorily specified categories. These categories include, but are not limited to: water trails; pedestrian travel; equestrian trail riding; long-distance hiking; nature-based activities (e.g., bird watching, nature study, hunting, and fishing); snow sports (e.g., cross-country skiing and snowshoeing); bicycling; local forests and parks; tourism promotion; tribal lands; and persons with disabilities who engage in nonmotorized trail activities.

The council is directed to carry out studies and make recommendations to the Legislature, Governor, DNR, and the Department of Transportation (DOT) on all matters related to nonmotorized recreation transportation and trails, including matters relating to the categories specified above and other related categories and issues. DNR and DOT must seek the advice of, and consult with, the council regarding the planning, acquisition, development, maintenance, and management of these trails.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.