



Next Steps

- 1] Set a goal to become a Trail Explorer this year
- 2] Go to www.bikethebadger.com to complete an application and obtain this year's scavenger hunt questions.
- 3] Ride! Remember to take plenty of water and snacks and follow good trail etiquette.
- 4] When you've ridden all the trails, go to www.bikethebadger.com to submit the answers to all scavenger hunt questions, photos and highlights of your rides and a \$8.00 patch fee.
- 5] The Trail Explorers committee will review your application and if it is determined to meet all program requirements will declare you an official Trail Explorer. You will receive your patch via U.S. mail.
- 6] You will be invited to attend the annual awards ceremony to celebrate your achievement.
- 7] Plan to ride the trails next year!

Why Become a Trail Explorer

There are a number of reasons people love to bicycle and ride recreational trails.

Explore the great outdoors - It is fun to be outdoors enjoying nature. Viewing wildlife, flora, and fauna in a peaceful setting far from noise, pollution, and congestion will sooth your soul and refresh your spirit.

Enjoy health and fitness – A consistent bicycling habit is a great way to get low impact exercise that will contribute to your well being and quality of life.

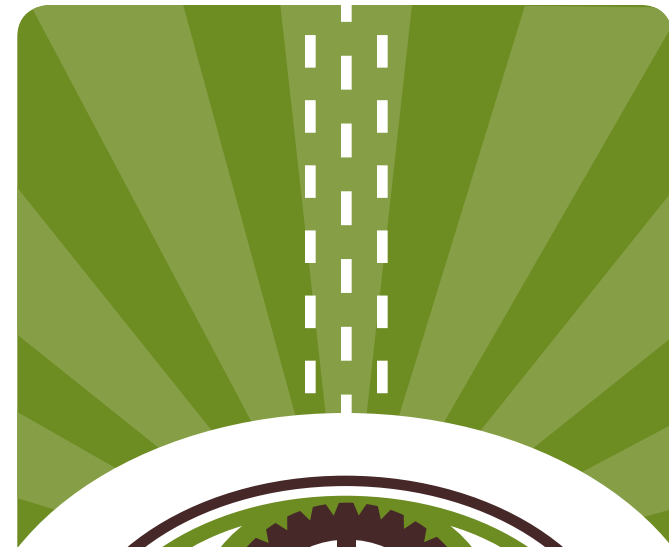
Get to know your neighborhood - If you live in the Stateline region, get to know the area right outside your own back yard. If you are a visitor, then come and enjoy the diversity and variety of the towns and countryside with its rolling hills, vast vistas, limestone bluffs, and native prairies.

Inspire others - Share your experience by having selected photos and reminisces of your trail experiences published on the internet. Whether you remember seeing a bounding deer, counted the number of trestle bridges, or sighted a turtle resting on a log on one of the many crossings of the Sugar River, others will be inspired and motivated to follow in your tire tracks and ride the trails to make their own discoveries.

If you need:

- Further information
- Answers to frequently asked questions
- Suggested itineraries
- To browse names and experiences of other Trail Explorers
- To register

Go to www.bikethebadger.com or
call (608) 897-8300



Bike The Badger And Become A Trail Explorer

Whet your appetite for travel, adventure, exploration, achievement ...all this and more on the recreational trails in Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois. Mark your achievement by becoming a Trail Explorer.



What is a Trail Explorer

A Trail Explorer is a person who has explored the Badger Trail and connecting trails, Sugar River and Jane Addams, a total of 73 miles, on a bicycle in a given year. Equal recognition is given for those bicycling the entire trail in one day and those who do it on multiple days within a year's time.

How it Works

Upon completion of the program requirements (answering scavenger hunt type trivia questions, submission of photos and a journal of experiences and paying a nominal patch fee) the bicyclist will receive a trail explorer's patch for that year, their name listed on the web site along with selected photos and remembrances they submitted, be recognized with a certificate at the annual meeting, and be eligible for a drawing of prizes to be awarded at an annual recognition meeting (i.e. gift certificates for overnight stays, dinners, bicycle tune ups).

Sponsors

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Trail Explorer Map



Know a different world on your bicycle

- Is there anything more beautiful than a ride late at night with the stars overhead and, from time to time, a falling star?
- Is there anything harrier than traveling through a dark tunnel on your bike when you can't see either the walls or the ceiling?
- Is there any greater satisfaction than to return to the place where another trip had ended, and go on?
- Is there anything more powerful than to realize after building up all summer that you can cycle all day without getting tired?
- Is there anything more wonderful than to turn your dream into reality?