

Driving on Trails as a Dane County Park Volunteer

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Park visitors do not expect to see a vehicle driving on trails and this activity is not normally permitted. The following is a list of policies and guidelines when driving on trails:

- Only drive on park trails when you are volunteering, not in your personal time.
- Avoid driving when it isn't truly necessary. Walk or carpool if possible to minimize damage, traffic, and potential for conflict on county lands.
- Do not drive on trails when damage may occur due to wet or thawing ground.
- Always yield to other park visitors and watch for dogs.
- Do not exceed 5-10 mph and be cautious when taking corners with low visibility.
- When parking, pull the vehicle out of the way so as not to block access for park visitors and other vehicles.
- Display a door magnet or an orange Dane County Parks Volunteer card to let staff and others know that you are authorized to be in the park.
- Close gates behind you.
- Do not drive on groomed ski trails when snow is present.