
ROCK RIVER TRAIL INITIATIVE

Key Objectives ...

The Rock River Trail is a local initiative to establish along the 300-mile river course through Wisconsin and Illinois a multi-use trail of recreational, scenic and historic interest and significance. The proposed national Rock River Trail is a two-state, 11-county comprehensive effort, begun in 2010, which integrates public-private partnerships and intergovernmental cooperation to:

- Establish the Rock River Water Trail and achieve designation as a state and national recreation water trail,
- Establish a scenic, recreational and historic road route within the river corridor,
- Promote ecotourism and recreational opportunities throughout the river corridor, including safe portage of the dams from Waupun, Wisconsin to Rock Island, Illinois,
- Protect, preserve and educate about our native American peoples, settlement cultural heritages and contributions of the river valley's industrialists, agriculturalists, statesmen and visionaries to the American experience,
- Enhance the river ecosystem through natural resource conservation, stewardship and environmental planning and design,
- Support economic development and revitalization of our river communities, and
- Enhance community recognition using unique signage, markers and public materials to conserve and promote the natural, recreational, scenic and historic assets of the trail for present and future generations.

