



# DICKINSON COUNTY TRAILS BOARD

## APPLICATION FORM FOR USE OF MOTORIZED VEHICLE ON TRAILS (see attached policy)

The Dickinson County Trails Board (DCTB) encourages the use of the trail system by all individuals. The DCTB will grant permission to use certain types of motorized equipment to allow utilization of the trail system if the need exists.

With each request, the DCTB requires documentation establishing the individual's need for assistance to use the trail system. This can be a copy of the individual's disabilities parking permit or a letter from your physician stating your need for assistance.

After review of the documentation, the DCTB will determine whether the application meets the requirements for a motorized vehicle permit and contact the applicant. Upon approval of the trail permit, an emblem will be issued to the applicant. This permit must be in your possession and visible at all times when operating a motorized vehicle on the trail.

Send the application and required documentation to: [dctrails@co.dickinson.ia.us](mailto:dctrails@co.dickinson.ia.us) or  
Dickinson County Trails Board  
PO Box 304  
Okoboji, IA 51355

### Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Street Address*

*Unit #*

*City*

*State*

*ZIP Code*

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Permittee: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe type of \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle to be used: \_\_\_\_\_

Total width of Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight of Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_

Max Speed of Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_

### Required Documentation Attached (check where appropriate)

- A copy of state-issued handicapped parking permit       Letter of disability from a doctor

**Applicant's Certification:** I certify that the foregoing information is current, true and correct. The applicant is hereby notified that, should the permittee at any time fail to qualify for or comply with the Motorized Vehicle Policy the DCTB shall revoke the permit free of all claims by the applicant.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **Dickinson County Trails Board Policy Governing the Use of Motorized Vehicles on Recreational Trails**

An assessment of the use of motorized vehicles on the county's recreational trails was conducted and included the following factors:

- Engineering limitations of trail construction
- Safety of all users of the Iowa Great Lakes Trails
- Desire to encourage the use of the trail system by all individuals

That assessment included technical data supplied by the engineering firms of Beck Engineering and J&W Engineering. This data revealed the following data that determines the limitations for motorized vehicles that are permitted on the DCTB trails:

- DCTB trails are designed to federal and state standards that allow for maximum speeds of twenty (20) miles per hour
- To permit safe passage of two vehicles on the ten foot wide trails, a maximum width of any motorized vehicle should be no wider than 4'- 8"
- The trails are designed to carry a maximum load of 10,000 lbs. but only for occasional maintenance purposes. The maximum weight limit for recreational vehicles shall be 950 lbs.

To qualify to use a motorized vehicle on the recreational trails DCTB requires the following documentation be provided to the executive director.

- A copy of a state-issued handicapped parking permit
- A letter from a physician stating need for assistance

Upon documentation review, the DCTB will contact you with determination of permit issuance.

Upon being issued a trail permit, an emblem indicating that permission has been granted will be issued to you.

1. Trail permit must be in your possession at all times when operating a motorized vehicle on the trail.
2. Permit holder must be either the operator or passenger of the vehicle while on the trail.
3. Motor vehicles used on the trail cannot exceed 4'8" in width.
4. Motorized vehicles used on the trail will be governed not to exceed 20 mph and not weigh in excess of 950 lbs.
5. A slow moving vehicle sign will be in plain view and attached to the rear of the motorized vehicle.
6. Operation of a permitted vehicle will be from sunrise to sunset only.
7. Vehicles will stay on trail surface and use the right side of the trail only.

8. Persons operating motorized vehicles on the trail will yield right-of-way to all other trail users. Caution and courtesy will be shown to other trail users at all times.
9. It is the responsibility of the person issued the permit to assure that he/she or the person who is driving the vehicle for them is capable and will operate the motorized vehicle in a safe and cautious manner.
10. The permit is only for the sections of trail that are designated for trail use only. All trail segments that are located on city or county roads are not covered by this permit. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to obtain permission from the proper authorities to operate his/her vehicle on these areas.
11. Failure to comply with these rules and regulations will result in revocation of permit and all privileges pertaining to the same.

Please contact the Dickinson County Trails Board with any question regarding the Motorized Vehicle Policy at the following:

[dctrails@co.dickinson.ia.us](mailto:dctrails@co.dickinson.ia.us) or (712) 330-7776