



Livingston Adopt-A-Trail/Park Program

Livingston Adopt-A-Trail/Park is an all-volunteer program that gives the public an opportunity to be actively involved in conserving and maintaining their favorite trail or park in Livingston.

Objectives for the Livingston Adopt-A-Trail/Park program are to:

- Ensure the continued enjoyment of trails and parks in Livingston;
- Unite those interested in responsible land management practices through maintenance of trails and parks;
- Promote public land stewardship, safety, physical fitness, and community; and
- Acknowledge the contribution of local individuals and groups in helping maintain the City's parks and trails through sponsorship signs.

The primary requirement to adopt a trail or park is to have a genuine concern for the well-being of our natural resources. Groups, students, families and private businesses are encouraged to be involved. Volunteers may adopt a favorite site, or the Parks & Trails Committee can suggest a trail or park needing attention. Volunteers who choose to adopt a trail or park receive training and instruction on proper maintenance techniques and needs.

A two-year commitment is required; longer commitments are encouraged. Adopt-A-Trail/Park volunteers must attend an orientation. Volunteers under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult when performing trail maintenance activities as part of this program.

Volunteers should provide their own gloves and tools. The city can provide trash bags and will pick up collected trash.

Once approved and as soon as feasible, the City will install an Adopt-A-Trail/Park sign at each adopted location, noting the name of the sponsoring team. As part of the Adopt-A-Trail/Park application, the applicant will note the name of the group to be included on that sign. Other wording, such as slogans, messages, phone numbers, dates, internet addresses, etc. are not allowed. Signs will be removed as needed for failure to follow the cleanup and reporting requirements.

Once trained, volunteers are expected to:

- Walk and observe the adopted section of trail or park at least three times per year, including once in the spring;
- Remove litter, sticks and debris from the trail or park;
- Report cleanups to the Parks & Trails Comm. (cityparkstrails@livingstonmontana.org), noting:
 - the date of the cleanup;
 - number of bags of trash left for pickup;
 - number of volunteers and hours worked; and
 - any areas of concern.
- Assist with reporting of invasive plants if they have received Livingston Parks and Recreation weed identification training.

Livingston Parks and Recreation Department will:

- Orient groups to the Adopt-A-Trail/Park program;
- Provide basic trail maintenance and weed identification and reporting training; and
- Install Adopt-A-Trail/Park signs.

Livingston Parks & Trails Committee will:

- Review applications for the Adopt-A-Trail/Park program;
- Communicate with the approved Adopt-A-Trail/Park teams; and
- Accept Adopt-A-Trail/Park reports and relay that data on a regular basis to the City Commission.

Trail volunteers must submit an application to become a trail volunteer with Livingston Parks and Recreation, including a signed volunteer liability waiver form.

You can also donate materials, equipment, time, and funds to carry out Livingston Parks and Recreation Department plans for your site.

CITY OF LIVINGSTON
ADOPT-A-TRAIL/PARK APPLICATION
AND
VOLUNTEER LIABILITY WAIVER

TRAIL/PARK VOLUNTEER NAME: PLEASE PRINT

☐ I WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT A TRAIL SEGMENT/PARK AS AN INDIVIDUAL (complete Liability Waiver Form Option A)

☐ I WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT A TRAIL SEGMENT/PARK AS PART OF A GROUP OR ORGANIZATION (complete Liability Waiver Form Option B)

GROUP AFFILIATION: IF ADOPTING AS A GROUP, PLEASE SPECIFY GROUP NAME OR ORGANIZATION

YOUR ADDRESS: PLEASE LIST STREET, CITY AND ZIP CODE

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS: PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT AS LEGIBLY AS POSSIBLE FOR ACCURACY

YOUR CONTACT PHONE:

ALTERNATIVE CONTACT PERSON FOR GROUP OR ORGANIZATION NAME, PHONE AND EMAIL:

WHY WOULD YOU (OR YOUR GROUP) LIKE TO ADOPT A TRAIL OR PARK?

TRAIL/PARK PREFERENCE

The City of Livingston's trails and parks are diverse in nature and may be situated in a natural or neighborhood setting. Some are multi-use, paved trails, while others are more primitive nature-oriented trails. Please specify your preference below.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE TRAIL OR PARK YOU'D LIKE TO ADOPT? PLEASE IDENTIFY.

IF NOT: DO YOU WANT TO ADOPT ☐ A TRAIL OR ☐ A PARK?

WHAT TYPE OF TRAIL/PARK DO YOU PREFER?

- ☐ In a natural setting
- ☐ In a neighborhood park setting
- ☐ Paved or multi-use trail
- ☐ I have no specific preference

IF A TRAIL, WHAT LENGTH OF TRAIL WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADOPT?

- ☐ .5-.9 mile in length
- ☐ 1-2 miles in length
- ☐ More than 2 miles in length
- ☐ I have no specific preference

RECOGNITION SIGN

Once approved and as soon as feasible, the City will install an Adopt-A-Trail/Park sign at each adopted location, noting the name of the sponsoring team. Please indicate the name of the group or individual to be included on the sign. Names are subject to approval of the Parks & Trails Committee and must fit on a 12" w x 6" h plaque. Other wording, such as slogans, messages, phone numbers, dates, internet addresses, etc. are not allowed. Recognition signs may be removed for failure to follow the cleanup and reporting requirements.

NAME FOR SIGN:

PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT YOU BELIEVE IS PERTINENT TO YOUR REQUEST TO BECOME AN ADOPT-A-TRAIL/PARK VOLUNTEER.

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY EITHER A SIGNED LIABILITY FORM FOR INDIVIDUALS (OPTION A) OR A SIGNED LIABILITY FORM FOR GROUPS OR ORGANIZATIONS (OPTION B), WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE.

This application should be returned to:

Livingston Recreation Department, 229 River Drive, Livingston, or emailed to Livingston Parks & Trails committee at cityparkstrails@livingstonmontana.org.

LIVINGSTON ADOPT-A-TRAIL VOLUNTEER LIABILITY WAIVER

OPTION A - FOR INDIVIDUALS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Participants in the Livingston Parks and Recreation Adopt-A-Trail Program ("Program") are advised that working on city trails is an activity with associated risks of physical injury and hazards. Each participant is further advised that the risk of harm is present even if all safety precautions are followed.

Each participant shall exercise due care in performing assigned Adopt-A-Trail volunteer duties, such as picking up debris and litter and clearing the area of sticks. Adopt-A-Trail volunteers must receive safety training provided by the City of Livingston utilizing materials and training aids furnished by the City prior to participating in any trail volunteer-related activities.

PARTICIPANTS AGAIN ADVISED THAT THE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE DO NOT GUARANTEE THEIR SAFETY WHILE A PARTICIPANT IN THE PROGRAM.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND HOLD HARMLESS. By choosing to participate in the Program, I assume all risks associated with my participation in the Livingston Adopt-A-Trail Program. On behalf of myself, my heirs, and assigns, I hold the City of Livingston, its officers, employees and volunteers harmless from any and all claims, injuries, damages, losses or suits including attorney's fees, arising out of in connection with my participation in the Adopt-A-Trail Program, except for injuries and damages caused by the sole negligence of the City.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read this form completely; that I understand its contents and meaning; that I have had an opportunity to discuss it with advisors of my choosing; that I understand the responsibilities, hazards and privileges associated with my participation in the Livingston Adopt-A-Trail Program; that my participation and signature are of my own choosing and constitutes my voluntary act and deed; and that by signing this document, I maybe be waiving my legal right to a jury trial to hold the City of Livingston legally responsible for any injuries or damages resulting from risks inherent in the recreational opportunity or for any injuries or damages I may suffer due to the City of Livingston's ordinary negligence that are the result of the City of Livingston's failure to exercise reasonable care.

APPLICANT NAME:

APPLICANT SIGNATURE:

DATE: _____

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OPTION B - FOR GROUPS OR ORGANIZATIONS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

I recognize that because of the inherent hazards of this activity of performing assigned Adopt-A-Trail duties, such as picking up debris and litter and clearing the area of sticks, that I may sustain some injury. I release the City of Livingston, its Parks and Recreation Department, and its employees, agents and assigns for any and all claims for personal injury and/or property damage that may arise from, or be in any way connected to, my participation in this activity. I understand that this release applies to both present and future injuries, and that it binds my heirs, executors and administrators. I have read this release and understand all of its terms. I sign it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance, and recognize that by signing this document, I maybe be waiving my legal right to a jury trial to hold the City of Livingston legally responsible for any injuries or damages resulting from risks inherent in the recreational opportunity or for any injuries or damages I may suffer due to the City of Livingston's ordinary negligence that are the result of the City of Livingston's failure to exercise reasonable care.

Volunteer Sign-up and Waiver Form

Group Name:

Trail or Park Project:

Date: _____

<i>Name</i> <i>(first and last)</i>	<i>Signature</i>
Team Lead:	