



Turtle Tracks



Official Newsletter of the Maah Daah Hey Trail Association

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President's Message

Hello to Trail users:

The snow has quit, time to get another issue of *Turtle Tracks* published so here goes. First I hope that the winter has been short and that you are doing well. Our NDSU Bison football team won another National Championship so the year has started off on the right foot. The time change (spring ahead) has already occurred so Spring is around the corner, meaning our MDHTA **Annual Meeting** is close. It is scheduled for April 21, 2018 at the Eagles in Dickinson, with 5:00 pm social and 6:00 pm meal; then meeting and silent auction. We hope you enjoy the opportunity to hear from various agencies, groups, and speakers lined up for this year's meeting. Also we will be electing three Directors, so if you want a job please contact me or a current board member with your wishes. **Please RSVP by April 6** to help us plan this event. See the article inside this *Turtle Tracks* for details.

THANK YOUs go out to our **members** that have renewed their memberships, and to our **NEW members**. Our New Life Members are Chad and Emily Mitzel Brackelsberg. I think we are up to date with the gifts that new members get with their selected level of membership, if you have not been contacted, please contact me. If you have not renewed, please check the date found on the mailing label of this issue of *Turtle Tracks* for your membership renewal anniversary. We will be erecting a kiosk at Sully Creek Campground to recognize current and future life members.

The **MDH Trail** was mentioned on 26 out of the 136 pages in the new **2018 Travel Guide** for North Dakota, and the **MDH Trail** was named the **Most**

Romantic Place in North Dakota on MSN under the Most Romantic Place in Every State.

We have had requests for donations that do not include memberships, so we are working on our website to handle these donations along with other changes, if you have any ideas on how to improve the website please contact Roger Ashley. Activities planned for this summer carried over from last fall, included installing the benches provided by the **Doug and Diane Stoltz Family and REC Roundup** funds. **Bruce Bishop** has been the driving force here and when the ground thaws out we will be placing them along the Trail. **Bruce** has the **MDH Challenge** on board to start this year. The challenge is to walk, ride or bike miles on the MDH trail, and record them on the challenge sheet and mail or email to Bruce for issuing the patches. We have special patches available for traversing **25, 50, 100, and 150 miles** of MDH trail, look at our website (**MDHTA.com**) and **Facebook** page for details. Installing additional location marker posts where the MDH trail crosses major roads will also happen next season.

Our semi-annual meeting with the Forest Service, March 6, got cancelled due to the weather but we hope to get with them before our annual meeting and iron out the details of where we fit into their trail program this summer.

MDH Trail merchandize is still going out the door with over 25 orders since Christmas, the MDH Trail and LMNG maps are still big items. Enjoy what is left of winter and here's to a great spring on the MDH Trail. See you at the annual meeting.

Happy Trails, Curtis Glasoe, President

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Special point of interest:

- *The Great Plains Trail will cover 2200 miles from Guadalupe Mountains National Park in Texas to Canada's Grasslands National Park*

Annual Meeting Scheduled—April 21, 2018—Eagles Club, Dickinson

The MDHTA annual meeting will be held Saturday, April 21, 2018 at the Eagles Club Dickinson. The Eagles Club in Dickinson is located at 31 1st Avenue East. The social will begin at 5 pm MT, dinner at 6 pm MT followed by the meeting.

The menu includes a salad bar, roast beef, roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and vegetable, with a price of \$20 per plate, price includes tax and tip.

There will be a cash bar, silent auction and door prizes.

Please bring an item for the silent auction. **Please RSVP by Friday, April 6** to Rod Mitzel at rfmitzel@yahoo.com or call 701-227-4543 or 701-690-9195. Or you can contact Curt Glasoe at curtglasoe@ndsupernet.com, phone 701-225-5796. Let Rod or Curt know the number in your party attending.

Annual Meeting Program

Trail reports from the organizations that support the Maah Daah Hey Trail System will be given. An election of three members to the board will be conducted. In addition to these reports we will have a special presentation from Jesse Kolar, Outreach

Biologist, North Dakota Game and Fish Department. Jesse will give a presentation on the “Birds of the Badlands.”

Silent Auction

A silent auction will be held during the Annual Meeting. This is a fun way to support MDHTA activities held during the year. Support and fun can be found in bringing a small item as well as purchasing. In 2017 the Silent Auction brought in \$541 that was used to help match grants MDHTA received to support trail events as well as to help sponsor National Trails Day.

We hope to see you at the MDHTA Annual Meeting!



Bench Update

by Bruce Bishop and Curt Glasoe

This spring when it warms up enough to work outside the Maah Daah Hey Association will begin placing benches at the trailheads and at three other locations along the trail.

Last year a donation by the Doug and Diane Stolz family was made to the Association to purchase and place three benches along the trail. One bench will be located at the midpoint along the MDH Trail, another will be located above the switchbacks near Wannagan Campground and the third will be placed south of Sully Creek Campground. The remaining four that the Association has on hand will be placed south of Medora at MDH trailheads: Tom's Wash, Bear Creek, Plumely Draw and Bully Pulpit. In addition to the locations identified above, the Association is planning

to place benches at four other trailhead locations for a total of 11 benches.

In addition to the three donated benches, the MDHTA has purchased four benches through grants from Roughrider Electric Charitable Fund and membership dollars.

As funds become available to purchase additional benches for the Third Creek trailhead and the trailheads north of Medora, these benches will be installed at Elkhorn, Magpie, Bennett and Wannagan. We worked with the Forest Service to come up with a logical order and placement of the benches.



Membership Recognition—Thank You!

Life Members:

Roger & Pat Ashley
Glenn & Jolene Baranko
Chad & Emily Mitzel Brackelsberg
Tom & Sherri Dickson
Ken Eberts
Curt & Carol Glasoe
Jesse Hanson & Lisa Kudelka
Dale & Jennifer Heglund
Christa Kron
Mark Liebig
Ron & Aileen Luethe
Don & Susan Mayer
Medora Convention & Visitors Bureau
Rodney & Carolyn Mitzel
John R. Olson
Mike Parke
Charles & Sandra Peterson
Brian Selland
Doug Stolz
Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation
Dwight & Loa Tober
Glennys Ulschak
Nick & Lindsey Ybarra

Trail Boss:

Tim & Tammy Bohn
Heidi Heitkamp & Dwain Lange
McKenzie County Tourism
Chuck Picard
Stephen & Janet Wieser

Founding:

Curtis Alkire
Bruce & Roberta Bishop
Kim Callahan
Paul Conrad
Dickinson Convention & Visitors Bureau
Matthew Hays
Andrew Howick
Patrick McBride
The Printers, Inc., John Nelson
Hiram Rogers
Eric Selle
Robert Stein
Freida Tebelius
Mark Zimmerman

Thank you Roughrider Electric Charitable Foundation!

MDHTA through the leadership and efforts of Rod Mitzel was able to secure a \$1280 grant from Roughrider Electric Charitable Foundation to assist with the purchase of benches and to help in defraying some of the costs associated with producing, printing, and distributing a brochure. The brochure contains information on regulations, safety and answers to frequently asked questions and is circulated widely throughout North Dakota and mailed to others throughout the USA upon request. The donation from Roughrider also provided enough money to purchase

an additional bench so now the organization can place six benches at strategic locations along the trail.

If you would like a copy of the brochure please contact the MDHTA.



MDHT 2018 Challenge

by Bruce Bishop



The Maah Daah Hey Trail Association (MDHTA) is encouraging hikers, bikers and horse riders to discover, use and enjoy the Maah Daah Hey Trail. As a reward for doing so the Association is sponsoring a 150, 100, 50, or 25 mile trail challenge.

A trail user who hikes, bikes or horseback rides 25, 50, 100 or 150 miles on the MDHT or on any of its affiliated trails during calendar year 2018, in aggregate or all at once, will be eligible for a patch. For more information about the MDHT Challenge and to download a Challenge Log go to: <http://mdhta.com> (found under the “News” tab) or the Maah Daah Hey Trail Association Facebook page.

If you prefer to obtain your 2018 Challenge Log by mail contact us via email or mail to MDHTA, PO Box 156, Bismarck, ND, 58502. Copies of the Challenge Log can also be picked up at the Annual Meeting on April 21. We encourage participants in the challenge to post their

pictures and their stories to the Facebook page or send them to MDHTA so they can be posted to the MDHTA website.

The Maah Daah Hey Trail is a 144-mile National Recreational Trail in the western North Dakota Badlands. It is a non-motorized multi-use trail and goes from the Burning Coal Vein Campground just north of Amidon on the south and ending at the CCC Campground south of the North Unit of the Theodore Roosevelt National Park on the north. The trail travels through National Grasslands, the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Sully Creek State Park, North Dakota State Trust Lands, private land and generally follows the Little Missouri River.

The Maah Daah Hey Trail Association is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the promoting and maintaining the Maah Daah Hey Trail and telling its story.

National Trails Day on the MDHT – June 2, 2018

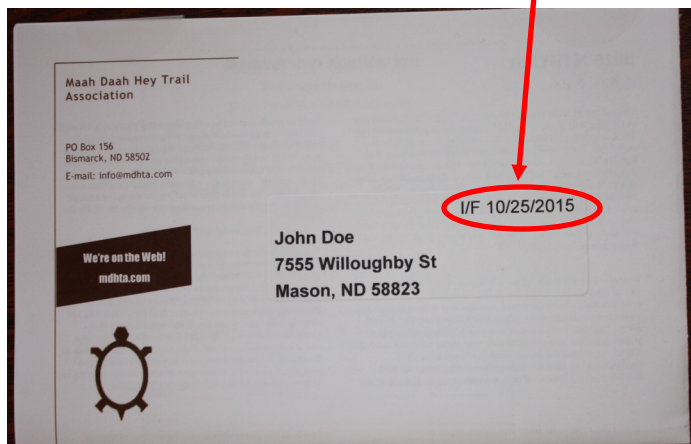
The Maah Daah Hey Trail Association will be hosting the National Trails Day event on Saturday, June 2. Though the MDH Trail is nearly 20 years old, National Trails Day will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Last year National Trails Day on the Maah Daah Hey Trail System drew 42 participants on a beautiful day. See additional information about last year’s program under the News Tab on MDHTA.COM. Additional information about this year’s Trails Day program will be published in May. Save

Saturday, June 2, for a fun and rewarding day on the trail.



Membership Renewal – It May be Time!

“When do I renew my membership?” All memberships are one year in length except the three year Individual/Family Memberships and Life Memberships. To determine when your membership is up for renewal check the upper right corner of the mailing label on your newsletter.



Your current membership level (I/F = Individual or Family; F = Founding; T = Trail Boss; M = Mile Marker; and Life) as well as your membership expiration date is given. If your membership has expired please complete the membership application form found in this newsletter or go to mdhta.com/membership to complete the requested information. Include a check made out to MDHTA or if you wish to use a credit card go to mdhta.com/membership.

Moving? Changing your Email address?

Don't forget to contact us with your new postal address or email address. Stay connected.

Thanks to all those that have renewed to date!

Membership Application

Yes! I want to join the Maah Daah Hey Trail Association

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Individual/Family Member - turtle pin | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Post Marker Member - wood sign on post or for home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$70 Individual/Family Member for 3 years - turtle pin | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 Life Member - turtle sign & name on kiosk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$75 Founding Member <input type="checkbox"/> Cap or <input type="checkbox"/> T-shirt S M L XL | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 Trail Boss Member - Denim shirt S M L XL | |

Make checks payable to: MDHTA, P. O., Box 156, Bismarck, ND 58502

PLEASE PRINT

Date: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Email newsletter: Yes No

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The Maah Daah Hey Trail Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing and maintaining a linear, non-motorized, sustainable, recreational trail system in southwest North Dakota, through voluntary and public involvement, and in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service.

Dates to Remember

April 6, 2018	RSVP for Annual Meeting
April 21, 2018	MDHTA Annual Meeting, Dickinson
June 2, 2018	National Trails Day
July 28, 2018	MDH Trail Run (experienceland.org)
August 4, 2018	MDH 100 MTB Race (experienceland.org)
August 7-8, 2018	North Dakota Trails Conference, Lindenwood Park and Rheault Farm, Fargo
September 22, 2018	MDH 150 (experienceland.org)

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