

EVENT RULES

Fred Meijer Mid-West Michigan Rail Trail Network

Permission to use any part of the Fred Meijer Mid-West Michigan Trail Network for an event will only be given if the following rules are adhered to. Permission and evaluation of the event will be preformed by the Friend's group which has authority over the trail section being used.

Rules:

1. Donation of time or money may be required by the Friends group.
2. Application to hold an event must be made 45 days prior to the date of the event.
3. Permittee is responsible for contacting public safety and municipalities of event and seek any permits needed.
4. Events are responsible for clearly marking or signing the courses. Only flour, sidewalk chalk, or removable signage is allowed to direct participants. NO PAINT OR CHALK PAINT IS ALLOWED on trail. Do not attach markers to trees, structures, and/or signs.
5. The Event may be required to have an individual at road crossings and/or to notify public safety of route and crossings.
6. Events are required to have a "sweeper" who makes sure all the participants have cleared the course and any garbage and all signage is removed.
7. It is "strongly" encouraged to set a "cut off" time for events at the half marathon (13.1 miles) distance or any other longer distances.
8. This permit does not give exclusive use of the trails.
9. Permittee is responsible for safety procedures and first aid.
10. Permittee is responsible for clean-up. EXAMPLE: water cups, all course markings, etc
11. Permittee is responsible for any damage done to the trails, trees, grounds, or infrastructure.
12. Insurance coverage is required in accordance with the MDNR Insurance Requirements for the users of State Land. A copy of the insurance policy endorsement/rider must state the names of the appropriate Friends group (exp. Friends of the CIS Trail), the Mid-West Michigan Trail Authority, and the "State of Michigan, its departments, boards, agencies, commissions, officers, and employees are included as additional insured."
13. Liability insurance requirements will be determined pursuant to the DNR insurance risk guidelines. .
14. The Friends Group that governs the trail section associated with the event may refuse any event based on type of use, condition of the trail and or conflict with other events.

The Mid-Michigan Trail authority and associated Friends groups do not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age national origin (ancestry), political affiliation, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations, to include the issuance or denial of trail event permits.