

DIRT TRACKS



T.H.O.R. is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to developing and maintaining sustainable off-road recreational trails in Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa, through partnerships with local land managers and trail users, by providing expertise, manpower and resources.

We would like to invite each and every one of you to join T.H.O.R today! You can see through our mission statement above, that we are dedicated to the advancement of our off-road trail systems. The trails we enjoy today were brought about by early members of our organization, and we are very proud of that. While riding these trails brings great enjoyment, knowing you help create and maintain them brings about enjoyment that follows you long after the ride. Join T.H.O.R today and feel the pride of knowing you are giving back to the sport you love! We look forward to meeting you soon at one of our Trail Day events.

Sincerely,

Kent McNeill & Ryan Feagan
Co-Chairs, T.H.O.R.

T.H.O.R. CALENDAR

Sat May 5	Swanson River City Shootout - Race
Wed May 9	Platte River SP Trail Work Day
Sat May 12	Platte River Battle Royale - Race
Sat May 26	Branched Oak - 12 Hour Mountain Bike Relay
Sat June 2	National Trails Day
Sat June 2	Lewis & Clark Kaneshville Krusher - Race
Sat June 30	Swanson Park Weekend - Demos
Sun July 1	MetrO! Mountain Bike Challenge - Race
Sat July 7	Lake Manawa Bike Mayhem - Race
Sat Aug 25	Swanson Xtreme - XC State Championship
Sat Sept 15	Lake Manawa 12 hr Weekend - Race

Trail Conditions

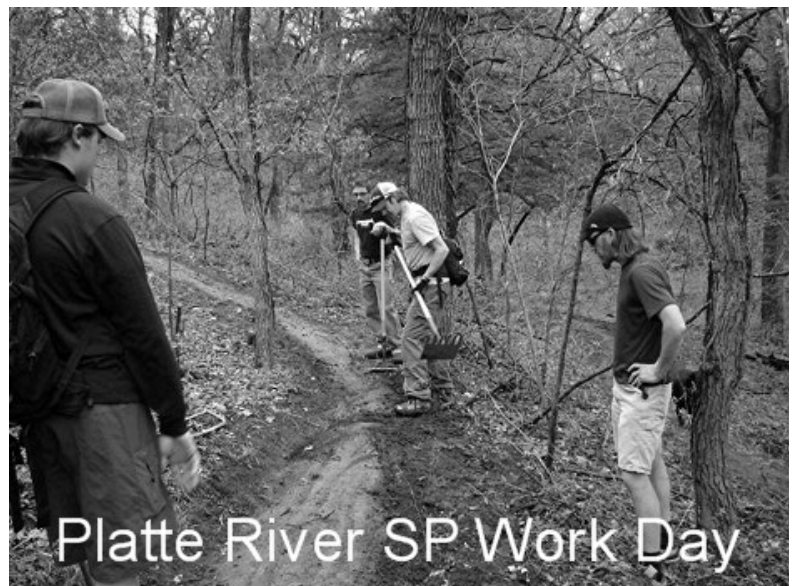
Platte River SP Trail Day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9th. A lot of work has already been done in the past month, but there are still some branches to trim and dead wood to move off the trail.

Swanson's looking great for 2007. We've already had one group trail day to smooth out Fireman's Hill in the back. Plans for this year include trail markers, replacing the short bridge in the Back Yard and a re-route around Tetanus Swamp. Keep an eye out for upcoming trail day!.

T.H.O.R. took part in the **Lake Manawa** Clean-Up Day. All manner of items—not belonging on the trail—were collected.

T.H.O.R. TRAILS

BRANCHED OAK SRA
JEWEL PARK
LAKE MANAWA STATE PARK
LEWIS AND CLARK MONUMENT
PLATTE RIVER STATE PARK
SWANSON PARK
TRANQUILITY PARK
WILDERNESS PARK

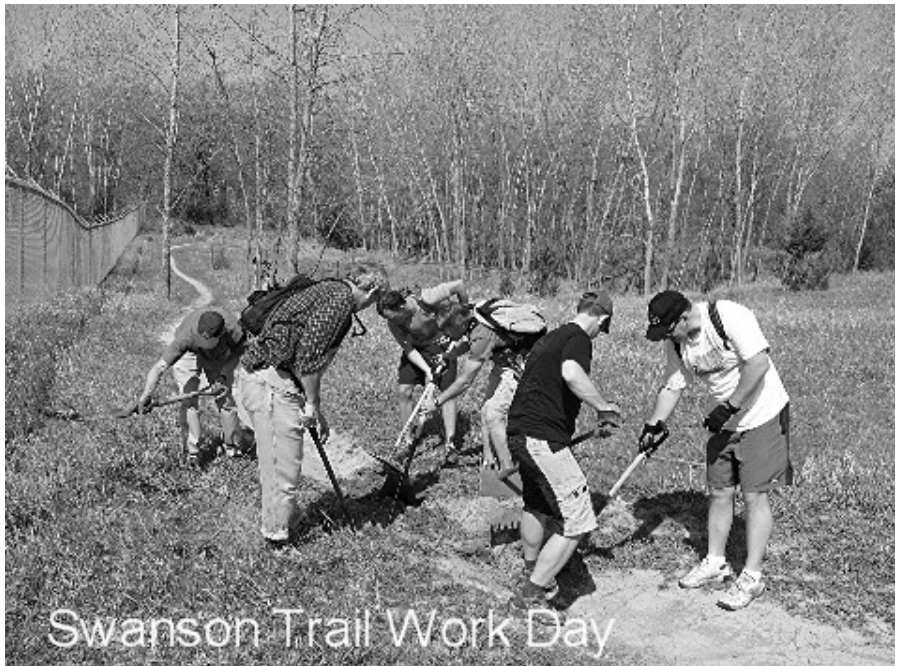


Swanson Park Trail Naming Auction

Everybody describes Swanson by turns, jumps, stumps, trees, log-crossings, downhill sections, bridges and creek crossings. Swanson has a proud history of trail tales and racing lore that should not be forgotten.

The proposal is that folks can name certain pieces of terrain or obstacles after someone or significant social indiscretion or blatant act of stupidity. There is a catch, naming is a T.H.O.R. fundraiser. Think of it as Ebay for trail names.

Recommended names will be posted in the Kiosk for a period of time and on the website so folks can anonymously suggest a name, recommend changes, and place a bid. Names will have to receive greater than 50 percent concurrence from the THOR board of advisors to become permanent and posted.



Web Wanderings

The T.H.O.R. web site has been undergoing an update. On the surface you may not see major changes, but there are new features and more content.

The calendar is attempting to capture all events at T.H.O.R. trails. There are plans to have photo galleries for Trail Work Days, pics of the trails, and folks enjoying the trails. We are contemplating adding a Trails Blog.

Trail maps have been added. When a Wilderness Park map is posted, all of the T.H.O.R. trail maps will be available on the web site. Directions to the trailheads have been added.

There is still lots to do. Most of our committee are new to *content management* software. Watch for changes and additions. Please use the Contact Us form on the web site to give us feedback.

See you on the trails!

What would we do without trails?

Do you enjoy riding sweet singletrack, honing your skills at TTFs, even just hiking in the woods? **T.H.O.R.** is for you.

Trails just don't happen. They are built and maintained by volunteers. It takes time and money to keep the trails in shape. **T.H.O.R.** trails are a cooperative effort by the organization and land managers. No tax dollars are used to fund these trails.

Consider joining **T.H.O.R.** Membership applications are available on the web site and at local events. When you join, you are helping to bring more, improved trails to the area. You will get e-newsletters about upcoming trail events and club events.