Welcome to the 2026 WIKI MTB Club Fall Newsletter. There are so many things to be proud of from this season, so let's jump right in!

2026 WIKI FALL VOLUNTEER, DONOR AND MEMBER CELEBRATION

What a Superb Good Time we had at The Garage Bikes and Brews last Wednesday night! It was two packed hours of socialization, pizza, bevs and a celebration of our accomplishments, volunteers and financial supporters. During our presentation time, Tom Gujer pointed out that each and every one of us is part of a community that made 46+ miles of mountain bike trails a reality. It was nice so see high fives flying around the group!

Thank you to everyone who made it a reality:

To **The Garage Bikes + Brews** for providing the space to host our party
To the **Mayer Family** who sponsored the fantastic The Garage Bikes and Brews beverages!
To **Kelly Ott**, who baked the delectable treats to cure our cravings for sweets!
And to **YOU**!

2026 WIKI ACCOMPLISHMENTS RECAP

Have you been out to ride at Willow River and Kinnickinnic State Parks this year? If not, here's a recap of the improvements we rolled out this year.

Kinni

- Pink Disco opening
- Bike Park Launch Pad expansion
- New Line unlocked at the Bike Park



Willow

- Two bike parks (Beginning and Intermediate) opening
- Opening of the Chaddahoochee down hill trail
- A significant improvement to Brook Trout, including rollers, berms and a more gentle climb
- A flowy reroute to Buck Snort
- Several rebuilt berms on Coyote Downhill, Rabbit Run, and Hawkeye
- Eagle Scout Brook Trout Feature
- Eagle Scout Trailhead Kiosk and Bike Rack

2026 GIVING TUESDAY DECEMBER 1

Have you heard of Giving Tuesday? It's a global day of giving, and it's a great opportunity to make a difference in your community by donating to the causes you care about. This year, join us at WIKI Mountain Bike Club as we rally with people around the world to raise money for our favorite causes.

Giving Tuesday is the Tuesday after the U.S. Thanksgiving, (so, December 1 this year). With your help, WIKI Mountain Bike Club will work to raise $272,000, which will go toward building new trails and features in the 2027 and 2028 build seasons.



Willow River State Park

- Bass Trail rehab
- Wild Turkey reroute
- Screen Owl black technical trail (new build)
- Kingfisher Trail (new build)

Kinnickinnic State Park

- Stinkhorn Trail addition
- Parasol Enhancement

Learn more about these important additions and enhancements at our 2027-2028 Fun-Raising Campaign page.

100% of your support goes to the equipment and materials used in building and refurbishing trails. No support comes from the State of Wisconsin or the Wisconsin DNR! Your donation makes a difference.

Make a donation HERE or contact Tom Mayer, "Volunteer Fun-Raiser" at 612-708-8448 or tomwmayer@gmail.com!

🚵 WOW – WOMEN OF WIKI | YEAR TWO! 💗

Two years of getting more women on bikes, building friendships, finding confidence, and having FUN on the trails!

We kicked off our season May 6th and introduced Pedal & Pearls — wearing pearls as a symbol of grit, strength, and showing up for ourselves and each other. We welcomed new riders and celebrated the ladies who joined us week after week!



WOW is about more than riding bikes. It's about encouraging women to try something new, supporting one another, and discovering just how much fun we can have along the way. No pressure, no drop — just good people, good trails, and a whole lot of girl power!

And we're not putting the bikes away just yet! ❄️ We'll keep the fun rolling through winter with fat biking, snowshoeing and, who knows, maybe even a little cross-country skiing!

Wear your pearls. Find your grit. Ride with WOW! 💪💗

NEW MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

WIKI rolled out our reimagined membership program in 2026. 100% of the proceeds were used to fund a summer hire and the tools needed to weed whip our trails at Willow River and Kinnickinnic State Parks. 111 new individual, family and trail sponsor members signed up to help WIKI sustain the over 46 miles of purpose-built mountain bike trails, and the first season was a success!



Your ongoing support will help us expand the program in 2027! We're hoping to have two seasonal hires and to purchase a brush mower, which we found reduces trimming time by 75% on certain trail segments.

Head over to our Membership Page if you're interested in becoming a member and experiencing clear trails in 2027.

SHOUT OUT TO OUR FANTASTIC VOLUNTEERS!

Trails don't just build and run themselves, and WIKI is incredibly fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers who give, give, and give some more. Throughout 2026, a total of 1200 hours were donated by our volunteers to help build the new trails, whip weeds and remove fallen trees. Thanks to the generous volunteer recognition program supported by The Garage Bikes and Brews, anyone who volunteered 10 or more hours in 2026 received a discount coupon, good for any purchases in the bike shop. We recognized our volunteers at the 2026 Fall Party, where each one received a printed certificate. Thank you to our top volunteers!!

Name	Hours Worked
Tom Gujer	539
Rick LaPorte	138
Kirk Jacobson	83
Mark Jennings	81
Doug Helm	72
Rick Hinz	52
Jimmy Diaz	43
Dave Klumb	41
Andy Stapleton	36
Kris Keller	29
Kelly Stapleton	30
Colton Curtis	25
Cal Stenso	26
SuzAnn Stenso-Velo	19
William Sikorski	19
Bruce Blair	15
Ted Bliven	10

FALL DEER HUNTING TRAIL CLOSINGS

Mountain bike trails will be closed November 15-December 15 for the period of time deer hunting is allowed in the parks. Trail closure is 24 hours a day during this time. Trail reopening (pending trail conditions) will be December 16.