



Mountain-Bay Trail Poetry Walk

Where Art Walks in Nature

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Project Overview

The Mountain-Bay Trail Poetry Walk is a community arts project that brings together poetry, photography, nature, and local connection along the Mountain-Bay State Trail.

In its first year, the Poetry Walk will invite poets and photographers to submit work inspired by the theme of **Travels**, honoring both literal and figurative journeys. Selected poems and photographs will be displayed along the trail, creating an outdoor walking gallery for community members and visitors to enjoy.

The project celebrates the natural beauty of the trail while creating space for creativity, reflection, and shared experience. Participants do not need to be professional poets, photographers, or artists to take part. The goal is to encourage community involvement, highlight local and Wisconsin-based creative voices, and invite people to experience the trail in a new way.

Community members will be encouraged to walk the Poetry Walk installation while it is posted on the trail, from **Saturday, August 15, 2026, through Saturday, September 26, 2026**. The installation will lead into the **Friends of the Mountain-Bay Trail anniversary celebration** on September 26, where community members are also encouraged to attend, gather, and celebrate the trail.

A **Poetry Walk raffle** will be held during the Friends of the Mountain-Bay Trail anniversary celebration. Raffle prizes may include donated items or experiences from local businesses, artists, makers, and community supporters. Proceeds from the raffle will support the Friends of the Mountain-Bay Trail.

Basic Timeline

Submissions Open Friday, June 26, 2026	Poetry and photography submission forms will be available, and calls for submissions will begin.
Submissions Due Sunday, July 26, 2026	All poetry and photography submissions must be received by this date.
Poetry Walk Installation Open Saturday, August 15-Saturday, September 26, 2026	Selected poems and photographs will be posted along the trail for public viewing. Community members are encouraged to walk the installation during this period.
Friends of the Mountain-Bay Trail Anniversary Celebration Saturday, September 26, 2026	Community members are encouraged to attend the Friends of the Mountain-Bay Trail anniversary celebration. The Poetry Walk will be part of the broader celebration of the trail, community, art, and nature, and will include a Poetry Walk raffle.

Community Involvement

Volunteers, local organizations, artists, businesses, and community members are welcome to help support the first Mountain-Bay Trail Poetry Walk. Help may include spreading the word, reviewing submissions, preparing materials, supporting the trail display, contributing raffle items, or assisting with Poetry Walk-related activities connected to the September 26 celebration.

Those interested in helping may contact Rosie Rey at 715.304.1334 or RosieRey1328@icloud.com.