



## Kickapoo Valley Reserve Adopt-A-Trail

### River Trail Maintenance Guidelines:

Listed below are techniques and details for some of the common maintenance activities. The amount of trail maintenance & monitoring required and frequency will vary according to weather, river levels, conditions, usage and availability of coordinators/leaders. Trail maintenance should be performed within the volunteer's ability and experience, and should never be performed alone. Volunteers are required to provide their own safety gear including life vests.

#### Activities:

1. Remove downed trees that are able to be moved by hand. No cutting of standing trees is to be done by volunteers. Report tree falls to KVR Property Manager.
2. Prune trees that overhang the river, making sure to cut branches flush with the parent branch or tree trunk. Trimmings should be placed up the banks well out of the river. ***Do not leave dangerous stubs protruding from any tree or brush.***
3. Remove debris & trash from river bottom where possible
4. Remove debris & trash from river banks where possible
5. Remove debris & trash from campsites in your adopted section (s)
6. Report any other issues to KVR Property Manager.
7. Report any camping in non-designated areas to KVR Property Manager.
8. Identify report and eradicate invasive species working closely with KVR staff.
9. Perform hazard inspections— looking for such things rocks, blocking trees, hanging trees, hazard trees, bridge issues, washouts, major erosion, and missing or damaged signs. GPS locations of hazards are helpful. Report findings to KVR Property Manager.
10. Report large water trail issues/problems to KVR Property Manager as soon as possible. Water trails should be checked after a storm event when water levels are safe for passage. Report any river closures or blockages. Photographs and GPS locations are helpful but not necessary.
11. Identify, mark, and report dead or damaged trees that are a falling hazard into the river. GPS locations are helpful.
12. Identify, locate and report any river blockages smaller than 10 feet in width. GPS Coordinates are helpful.
13. Pick up litter.