

## What does NIMBA Do?

It is an easy question with a few different answers.



Simply - NIMBA works to locate potential areas for trails, develop new trails, maintain existing trails, help riders find trails and to inform responsible use of mountain bike trails.

NIMBA is involved with the development and

maintenance with several regional trails. We have helped to build and maintain trails in several locations across Northern Indiana in the past several years.

We organize rides, special events (such as the Rum Village Annex Spring Kick Off! Join Us - It is a Blast!), Halloween and Thanksgiving rides, a time trial series, and more as our members are willing to organize and attend.



## What Have Our Members Done?

- Developed & expanded trails at Potato Creek State Park and Rum Village Annex in South Bend and North Liberty.
- Hosted nationally recognized IMBA Trail Care Crew visit at Potato Creek State Park.
- Received a IMBA & CLIF Bar 2006 Trail Grant.
- Provide and update a list of legal trails to local shops and riders.
- Quickly repaired damaged trails due to severe storms
- Helped develop and expand trails at Winona Lake trail system located at the Old Boys Club in Winona Lake
- Helped to build the trail in Goshen
- We're working with other groups such as the IBC (Indiana Bicycle Coalition), the HMBA (Hoosier Mountain Bike Association) as well as local groups such as the Outback Trailblazers to promote cycling (and mountain biking) in Indiana.



## What is NIMBA's Vision?

- To teach proper trail development, maintenance, and management through providing our members and others with information developed from a national network of trail user groups.
- Promoting trail availability for all levels of riding
- Having influence on the area's recreation sites to enhance and expand trails.
- Encouraging people to develop and take care of the trails they ride.
- To work with other trail users to create a unified and louder voice.
- Helping out other groups and organizations that are also promoting trail access.
- Promoting responsible riding that keeps and creates more trail access.
- Providing a higher quality of life for riders by creating the opportunity to ride more and feed their spirits.



## Membership Application / Renewal Form

- New Membership  
 Family \$25  
 Renewal  
 Change of Address  
 Individual \$20  
 Patron / Shop \$50  
 Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 I still want a paper newsletter. Opt out of email.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First \_\_\_\_\_  
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City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about NIMBA?  
 NIMBA Event  
 Newsletter / Brochure  
 Bike Shop  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Web Site

**General Release** The undersigned hereby releases, on behalf of myself and all other persons, the Northern Indiana Mountain Bike Association, Inc. (NIMBA) and its officers, members, and agents from any and all claims and causes of action which may accrue as a result of any accident or event which may occur as a result of the undersigned's participation in any event sponsored by, or promoted by, NIMBA or its officers, members or agents, or which may occur as a result of the undersigned's use of any property or equipment owned or obtained through NIMBA, its officers, members or agents.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## Why Join NIMBA?

Have you wondered if the best places to ride in Northern Indiana are not **IN** Northern Indiana? When you think of your usual ride, do you expect to travel, possibly even to another state? Have you ever driven past a section of woods and wondered if insider there was a good, no a great, place to ride, only to then see the new housing development on the other side?



If you ride in Northern Indiana, you most likely know and share these frustrations.

### **Help us stop the frustration!**

We can make, and have made, places to ride right here. We can spread the feeling that comes only with cutting, building and riding a new section of trail. We can drool over images in magazines of epic rides in exotic location, or we can work to create those places right here in Indiana.

We can put our pictures, our memories, from our local rides in the photo album next to the ones from Moab and Tsali. It won't be the same feeling as Slickrock, but one better.



**"I made that trail, I made it possible!"**

### **The Mountain Biker Responsibility Code**

- Wear your helmet.
- Yield to other trail users in a kind manner.
- Slow down or stop when encountering other trail users.
- Ride in control, manage speed at all times.
- Stay on trail to minimize impact and avoid widening trail.
- Pack out litter.
- Respect public and private property.
- Be sensitive to disturbing wildlife and livestock.
- Investigate local trail regulations posted at trail heads, or ask the park manager.
- Avoid riding in large groups, and plan beforehand.
- Report obstructions on the trail too large to fix immediately to park authorities.

## **Why?**

That question is as important to our members as it is to a land manager. The question is simple, but very important. The best answer is actually not an answer to this, but the answers to the other questions a land manager will ask.

- Who are you?
- What is your history?
- How many people do you represent?
- How involved are your members?

Our best assets are our members and our reputation. Our members have proven their dedication by helping open and maintain trails in the area, and that history will let us continue developing trails in Northern Indiana. A membership means **YOUR** voice is heard, that **you** will stand up and want to be involved. You want a stake in the outcome!

The **Northern Indiana Mountain Bike Association** is **YOUR** voice in local and regional trail access issues. Without your support NIMBA can not exist. Your membership funds efforts to improve trail access and maintenance in Northern Indiana. Thanks to our members support we have opened trails in several locations, and the re-opening of the Rum Village Annex was done in a few short weeks instead of months.

Keeping our members informed and aware of the challenges and opportunities allows us to develop new trails in the area, but our greatest asset is keeping the trails under our watch maintained.

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We need your memberships and donations to help with our costs, but NIMBA's needs are not all financial. Join, attend a meeting, and see where your unique talents can be utilized.



The **Northern Indiana Mountain Bike Association** is dedicated to creating and expanding mountain biking trails through active participation and education in partnership with the public, area cyclists, other trail users, park and elected officials.

### **Benefits of Membership**

- A voice in trail access and riding in the region.
- Updates on special events and hot news affecting trail riding.
- Involvement in an organization working to open access to more trails.
- Knowledge that you have stood up and your voice will be heard.
- One year subscription to NIMBA News for staying informed of regional and local trail access issues.
- Discounts at local bike shops.
- Nifty Water Bottle with our logo.
- Identification card and bike/car logo decals.
- Admission to events such as the Annual Spring Kick off at Rum Village, the Halloween Ride, and Thanksgiving rides.
- An chance to meet people who enjoy the outdoors, and are as dedicated to riding and preservation as much as you are.