

**OUR CAMPUS
NEEDS A
NATURAL AREA
SANCTUARY
AWAY FROM**

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**CARS
TRUCKS
BICYCLES**



OUR MISSION

*To create a safe environment
for enjoying the beauty and
history of Picnic Point by all
pedestrians, including:*

- *Children*
- *Families*
- *Bird Watchers*
- *Nature Lovers*
- *Joggers*
- *Picnickers*
- *The Elderly*
- *The Physically Infirm*



Families must be
on guard for bicycles.

**RESTORE
PICNIC POINT
AS AN URBAN
SANCTUARY
FOR
PEDESTRIANS**



THE PROBLEM



THE PICNIC POINT PATH IS NOT SAFE FOR BICYCLES AND PEDESTRIANS

The Picnic Point Path was originally designed for pedestrians and was closed to bicycles. It still is a “Pedestrian Path” on Campus Natural Areas maps.

The Path was inadvertently opened to bicycles when the turnstile was removed to permit wheel chair access. The Path no longer is a place where persons of all ages can leisurely enjoy nature. It now appears as a bicycle path on some campus maps even though it does not meet safety standards for bicycle-pedestrian paths (10 ft. wide with 2 ft. shoulders). Signs encouraging bicycle parking at the entrance and slow riding have failed. Some bicyclists still use the path as a speedway.

Bicycle paths that meet safety standards are available, including a newly opened one through Shorewood Hills. It no longer is necessary for bicyclists to rely on Picnic Point for exercise or recreation.

The use of the Path by bicycles and pedestrians is hazardous for everyone, especially for children riding or walking. Evasive action on slippery gravel surfaces can throw cyclists into bushes and trees. The bicycle traffic also contributes to hazardous erosion ruts that require periodic repairs.



Recurrent ruts on the Picnic Point Path

The death of a faculty member led to dividing the paved Willows path with good visibility into bicycle and pedestrian lanes that were improved in 2004. It is ironic that the Picnic Point Path—which is not paved and has blind spots—remains open to bicycles. Thus far, reported accidents have not been life threatening, but it is only a matter of time until they are. Because of bicycles, Picnic Point is “off limits” to Madison programs for young children.

We believe that the Picnic Point Path should be restored to its original purpose—a sanctuary where persons of all ages and physical capacities can enjoy the flora and fauna and learn about its 12,000 year history. As it now stands, pedestrians cannot safely and leisurely enjoy one of the most treasured resources on campus.



Hills and turns limit visibility and increase the risk of collisions.

HELP US

Please give us your opinions on the following questions:

The Picnic Point path should be for pedestrians only.

- I agree
 I disagree
 I have no opinion

I have witnessed an accident on the Picnic Point Path.

- Yes
 No

I have had a “close call” on the Picnic Point Path.

- Yes
 No

My use of Picnic Point has been affected by bicycles.

- Yes
 No

Comments:

OPTIONAL:

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