

October Trail News

Linn County Conservation Opens a New Part of the Grant Wood Trail

Trail Counts at Pandemic Levels - Almost!

Why is the LCTA Event Committee EXHAUSTED?!?

Thanks to all our amazing volunteers - can we add you to the list in 2024?

Trail Updates- CVNT, GWT, Morgan Creek to Covington

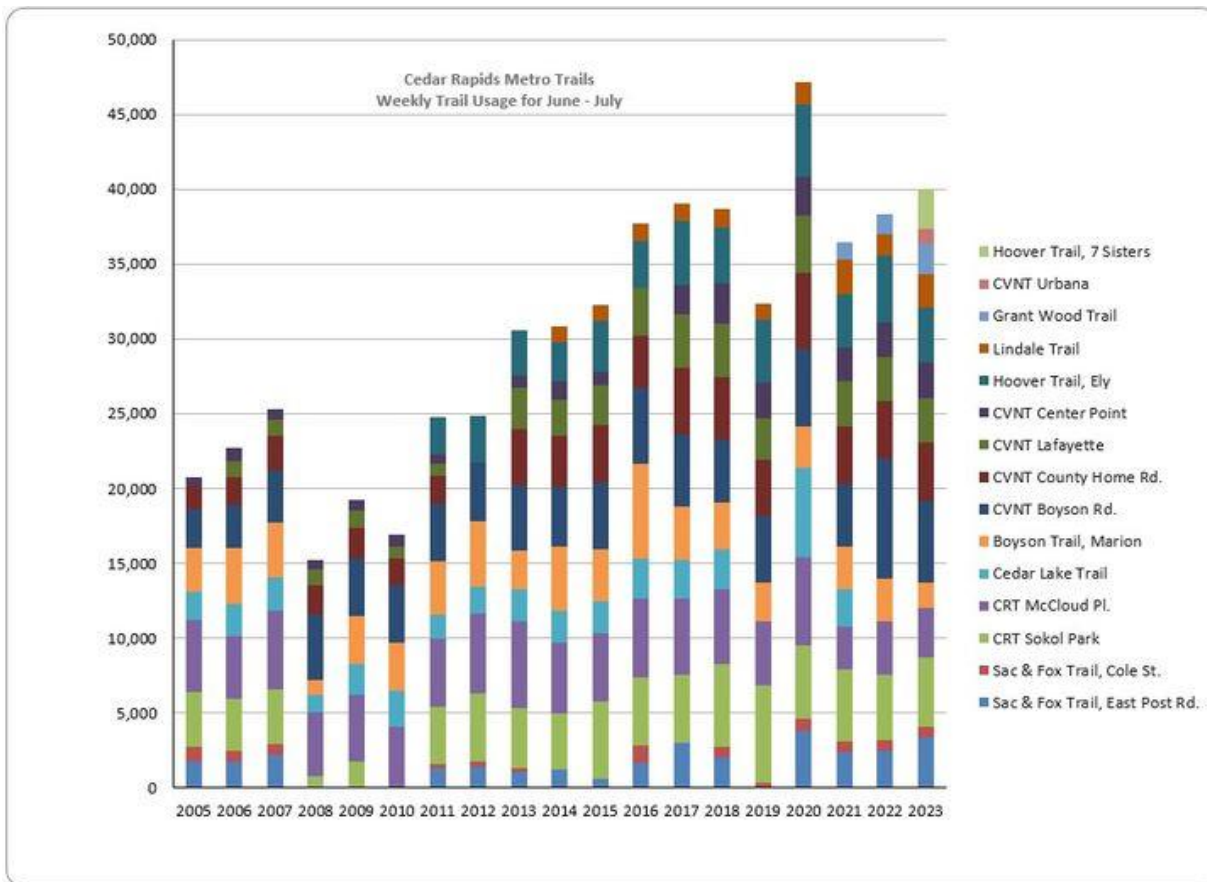
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Calendar of Events



Linn County Conservation opens a new part of the Grant Wood Trail!

Thanks Linn County Conservation for the work on the unpaved section of the Grant Wood Trail east of Springville! Fixed some culverts, addressed some wet areas, and started mowing - quite nice. Accessible from Alderson Rd (1 mile east of Springville Rd), Linn Grove Rd, and Taylor Rd. Photo courtesy of Jim Wing. Be sure to check it out.



June July 2023 Showed Historic Trail Count Data!

An average of 40,000 trips per week this year at locations where LCTA maintains trail counters!!

Not quite 2020 Pandemic level usage but a steady increase over the last couple of years, trending long term.

Special thanks to the Trail Counter Committee and those trail users who stopped and provided trail counter readings!



A big shout out to the Events Committee for representing LCTA in over 25 events in 2023! (Yikes... the year is not over yet!) Including 11 Farmers Markets, Ecofest, Marion Arbor Day, CMPO bike ride assistance, Bike to Work Week Kickoff, Bever Park Bike Parade, Hawkeye Bicycle Association Kids Bike Safety Training, Mount Mercy University Employee Health Fair, Trail Clean ups with AmeriCorps, Rotary and Kirkwood Community College AND gave trail presentations to several Rotary groups, Optimist Club, Kiwanis and bicycle associations. Wow! If you are ever bored, they'd love some help!

So if you can envision yourself helping LCTA in 2024 please let us know. We'd love to add a few more trail advocates to our volunteer call list. Respond by email to contributor@linncountytrails.org



A BIG Thanks to Paul Knapp of Marion who donated 16 perfectly built Trail Map boxes! (left)



Thanks to the Trail Counter Committee who tirelessly places and replaces trail counters. Trail counts are very important when requesting funds for trails! (above)

Trail Updates-

The Cedar Valley Nature Trail has reopened at Bear Creek. The bridge project at the Benton/Buchanan County line replaces a structure originally built 110 years ago on the WCF&N Railway.



**CEDAR VALLEY NATURE TRAIL REOPENS
Bear Creek Bridge**



The Morgan Creek to Covington Rd. Trail is still waiting for a bridge! Hopefully in October. Otherwise it's done!



The Grant Wood Trail Oxley Rd to Creekside is good to go- just some seeding that needs to start growing!

Morgan Creek Trail awaits a bridge!

LCTA Members are invited to our Board Meetings which are in person or on ZOOM. We meet the 2nd Monday evening of the month (often do not meet in July and December)

In person: City of Cedar Rapids Water Administration Building, 1111 Shaver Road NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403; drive through the gate and enter at the back of the building. The conference room is on the ground floor.

Zoom: You can receive the ZOOM link by emailing president@linncountytrails.org 3 days prior to the meeting.

- **October 9 - Board meeting at 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**
- **November 13 - Board Meeting 6 pm. - 7:30 p.m.**
- **No meeting in December**
- **January 8, 2024 - Board Meeting 6-7:30 p.m.**
- **February 12, 2024 - 6-7:30 p.m.**
- **March 11, 2024 - 6-7:30 p.m**