

## August 2024 Trail eNews

What's Going on with the Cedar Lake Trail?

Sac and Fox Trail - the Granddaddy of Iowa Trails!

Cedar Valley Nature Trail News – Let's Celebrate October 4<sup>th</sup>

Opportunity to Make your Voice Heard

How do we find out about all the trail closures?



Bridge over McLoud Run by Shaver Road

Still work to be done, but progress on Cedar River Trail along McLoud Run to Cedar Lake. The section from 10th St. NE to Shaver Rd. may be done as early as this fall. The section on around Cedar Lake late 2025 or early 2026!



This month's trail highlight is the Sac and Fox Trail. Opened in 1975 it was the first designated National Recreational Trail in Iowa. Located in Southeast Cedar Rapids, the Sac and Fox Trail is seven miles of crushed limestone. Starting at the Prairie Park Fishery and moving east along the Cedar River and north along Indian Creek to finish at East Post Road. This trail takes user through miles of forest and prairie, providing a great immersion into nature. Additionally, there are five single-track mountain bike trails off the main crushed limestone trail. Consider the Sac and Fox Trail for your next outdoor adventure!





The Cedar Valley Nature Trail was opened in 1984. Forty years later we will celebrate the entire 52 miles from Cedar Rapids to Waterloo being hard surfaced. Developed from a rail right of way abandoned in the 1970's the trail has gradually changed from a crushed limestone to hard surface trail for almost year-round use. Join Linn County Conservation Department in celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this important trail! This will take place at the Community Center in Urbana at 1:15 pm.



Make your voice heard!

The regional trail and bikeway system will be getting a refresh with new wayfinding signage and trail branding. Part of the process is getting input for the project team to understand how to update these crucial items to our regional trail and bikeway system.

Learn more about the project and take the survey, open through August 26, at the link below. It should only take 5 - 7 minutes. The [Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization](https://www.cedar-rapids.org/local_government/departments_a_-_f/community_development/mpo/wayfinding_and_branding_plan.php) looks forward to hearing from you!  
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Plans made and the bike is loaded, almost to the destination when your cycle buddy calls and says the trail is closed for repairs! How could you have known this before? Well check out the LCTA Facebook page where we try to keep up with closures and detours, new trail openings etc. Thanks to all the helpers who add information. Check it out.  
<https://www.facebook.com/lctrails>

**Calendar of Summer Connections**

**August 17 – Downtown Farmer’s Market**

**September 9 - LCTA Board Meeting**

**September 21 – Downtown Farmer’s Market**

**October 4 – Cedar Valley Nature Trail Celebration, Urbana Community Center 1:15 pm**

**October 5-6: Iowa Trails Summit**

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