

March 2025 Trail News
New Trail Connections and Celebrating the Old!



LCTA's Annual Report is here!

Trail Updates

- Edgewood Rd Trail Bridge
- Grant Wood Trail
- Lucore Rd Bridge and side paths
- Indian Creek to Cemar/Grant Wood Trail
- CEMAR Trail

Sac and Fox - a very special trail

Calendar of Events

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Annual Report! Click the link, check it out, share with family and friends! Learn how your donations are used for trail development, President's message on health as well as recreation benefits of trails, messages from individual Trail Users, individual and business donor recognitions, descriptions of current 2024/2025 Capital Campaign projects.

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Trail Updates

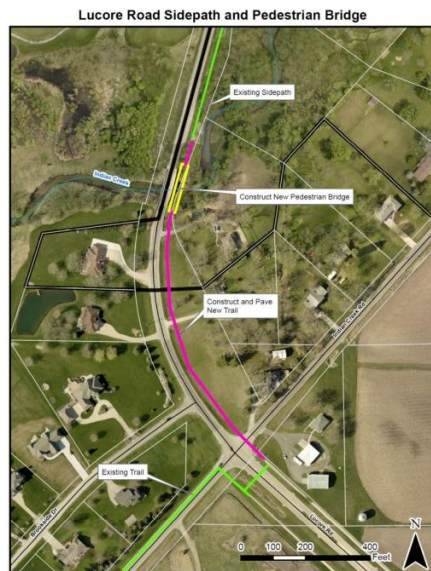
Edgewood Road Trail Bridge -The walkway is now complete on the Edgewood Road Bridge, bringing safe passage for walkers and bicyclists. Check out the video link Edgewood Trail Bridge 2025 by Steve Sovern. <https://linncountytrails.org/videos/>



Grant Wood Trail- Draper Park along the GWT in Marion is complete! It houses the famous red caboose. Expect an early summer ribbon cutting.



Lucore Road and bridge side paths -Expect contract letting late summer. Expect winter construction spring/summer 2026 completion.



Indian Creek to Cemar/Grant Wood Trail hard surface- LCTA continues to monitor the schedule for paving this short portion of the trail as it meets the GWT. Bridge and embankment improvements need to be completed. Hopeful for summer!



CEMAR – Final plans are underway for trail construction with contract letting this summer. Expect winter construction spring/summer 2026 completion.



Buddies Overlooking Indian Creek the Sac and Fox Trail photo by Nichole Plagge

Last month, the Sac and Fox Trail celebrated the 50th year anniversary recognized as a National Recreation Trail, the oldest such designated trail in Iowa.

The Sac & Fox was the vision of then Cedar Rapids Parks Commissioner Don Gardner at a time when no one knew whether trails would be used or appreciated. The initial section along the Cedar

River from Cole Street to Indian Creek was gradually constructed in the mid-1970s as the first public trail in Linn County. Construction was driven by then Parks Director Elmer Delaney using manpower and equipment when available. Crude by today's standards, "dirt surface and huge mud holes," people began using the trail almost immediately, proving that Eastern lowans would use trails.

Now the 7.2 mile Sac and Fox Trail extends from the Cole Street Trailhead to East Post Road Trailhead and has a crushed limestone base. LAMBA, the Linn Area Mountain Bike Association has created singletrack bike trails alongside. A great use for a recreation and transportation corridor!



Henry enjoying single track fun!

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March 28, 29, 30 SOKO Outfitters is working with LCTA to sponsor a Climbing Wall event to raise money for trails! \$5 per person recommended for anyone 5 and over! Soko's professional staff will assist climbers on four different routes: easy, medium, hard or challenging! Join LCTA for fun and support trails at the same time! Friday and Saturday 10 am to 6 pm, Sunday 11 am- 5 pm

September 14 Treasurers on the Trail Scavenger Event sponsored by Big Grove and Hall Bicycle, more details to follow

October 10 Pint Night with Sokol Outfitters, more details to follow

Cedar Rapids Farmers Market booth throughout the summer June 7, June 21, July 5, July 19, Aug 2, Aug 16, Sept 6, Sept 20

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