

April 2025 Trail News

Greenlights for CEMAR Trail

CEMAR – Connecting two cities!

Interurban Trail updates

ConnectCR -starting soon!

Indian Creek/CEMAR/GWT segment in 2025!

Singletrack Mountain Bike trail update

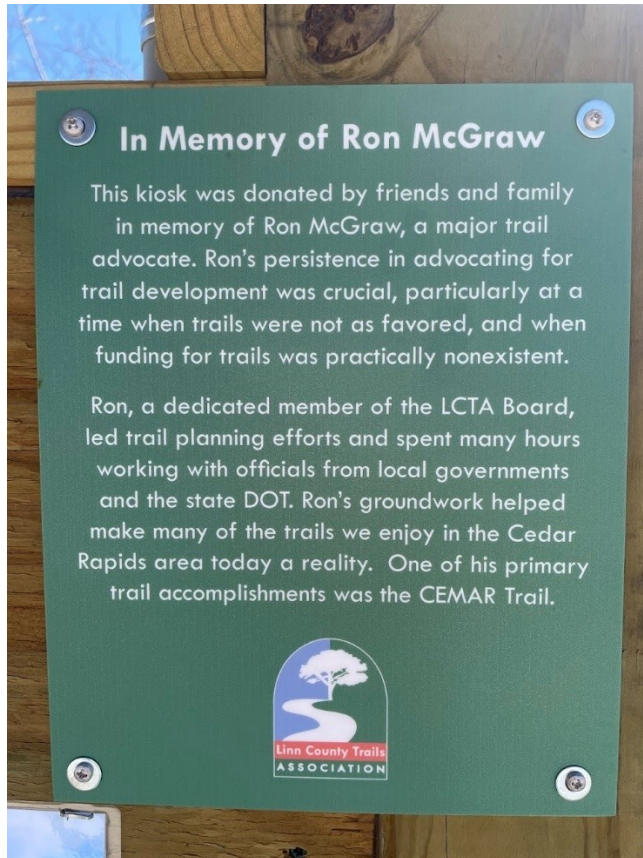
Have we got a LOT of events for the Spring, Summer and Fall

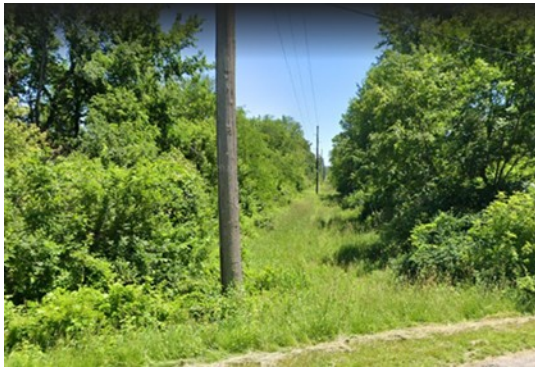


CEMAR looking south towards HWY 100, Indian Creek and Cedar Rapids



CEMAR is a go! All property easement and acquisitions are complete. Environmental studies are done and cleared. The IDOT letting is June 17, 2025. Timeline will be set depending on bid and workload. We are so excited to see this trail connect Marion and Cedar Rapids! Ron McGraw was a tireless advocate for this trail. We just placed this plaque at the new CEMAR Kiosk by 20th Street NE and again thank Bryce Hoyt and family/friends and Boy Scout group 766 for constructing the kiosk.





The SE Cedar Rapids portion of the Interurban Trail will be built in two Phases. The first phase is from the Forest Dr SE and Cottage Grove SE intersection to East Post Rd SE. The second phase is from East Post Rd SE to Mt Vernon Rd SE where it meets up with the Sac & Fox Trail. Design work on both Phases is expected to begin in 2025. The City will select a Consultant for the design this month. With your help, LCTA is contributing \$100,000 towards the design of Phase II.



ConnectCR- Construction on the bridge will start this month on the south side of the river and is expected to be completed in 2026. With your help, LCTA contributed \$50,000! Yeah!



Indian Creek to CEMAR and Grant Wood Trail - The hard surfacing for this short trail link will proceed. It was delayed due to bridge work and environmental work. Completion date is currently set for November 2025. With your help, LCTA donated \$35,000 to make this connection.



Check out the fun singletrack trails at Wanatee Park, Pinicon Ridge, Beverly Park, Sac and Fox and Seminole Valley. **Linn Area Mountain Bike Association LAMBA** volunteers build and maintain these trails in cooperation with the city and county. The trails are in great spring condition for bikers, hikers and trail runners. Check out <https://www.linnareambt.org/> to learn more.



SOKO Fundraiser for Trails. Climbing weekend was a tall order success!

Calendar of Events- a very busy trail season is ahead. LCTA will be at these activities distributing trail information and answering your questions.

- April 26 – EcoFest at New Bo Market
- May 10 -Pedal for Pancakes at Manhattan Pavilion Robins Lake 8:30 – 10:30 (LCTA Bike Parking) and MPO Bike Ride
- May 12-16: Bike to Work Week, with bike to “Work Day” May 16, prizes and fun!
- May 13 – Bike Rodeo
- May 14- Ride of Silence
- May 31, June 7, June 21, July 5, July 19, Aug 2, Aug 16, Sept 6, Sept 20 – Downtown Farmers Market
- June 7 – National Trails Day
- September 14- Treasures on the Trail Event sponsored by Hall Bicycle and Big Grove
- October 10- Pint Night at Soko

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