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Columbia Parks and Recreation Bear Creek Trail

Phase One

Dedication
October 30, 1999



Bear Creek Trailhead Parking Lot and Trail



Bear Creek Trail Loop around the wetlands.

Bear Creek Trailhead
2799 N Garth
Columbia, Missouri

Bear Creek Trail - phase one

Bear Creek Trail, located in northern Columbia, when completed will link Oakland and Columbia Cosmopolitan Parks. The first phase, being dedicated today, is one of four phases. This phase of the trail is approximately one mile and extends from the north end of Garth Avenue to Creasy Springs Road.

Much of the trail was developed from access roads to the city's old wastewater lagoons off Garth Avenue. One of the lagoons has been transformed into a wetlands area that attracts an abundance of birds. In addition to the main trail a short loop trail has also been developed which encircles this wetland area.

The path is 10 feet wide with a crushed limestone surface. When complete this portion of the trail will include the development of a 275-foot boardwalk built on the face of a steep hillside and a bridge over Bear Creek. The anticipated completion date of the boardwalk and bridge is spring of 2000. A 20-space parking lot off Garth Avenue marks the trailhead.

The current funding available for the first phase is \$134,346, with \$65,482 coming from a federal grant. The City's portion of the project cost (\$68,864) was funded with revenues from the existing 1/4 cent sales tax. Labor for trail construction and the parking lot was provided by the Parks and Recreation and the Public Works Departments. The landscaping of the parking lot was a joint project of the Parks and Recreation landscape staff and the Columbia Treekeepers, a citizen volunteer organization which promotes the planting and maintenance of trees.

Dedication Program

- I. Welcome & Introductions - Mike Hood
- II. Remarks - City Manager, Ray Beck
- III. Remarks - Mayor Darwin Hindman
- V1. Ribbon Cutting - Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors

City Council

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