



# News Release

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*Editor's Note: A map of the closure with suggested detour can be found online at this link:*  
[http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/ParksandRec/Parks/MKT\\_Trail/images/mkt\\_detour.jpg](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/ParksandRec/Parks/MKT_Trail/images/mkt_detour.jpg)

## **MKT Trail Closed for Bridge Construction**

COLUMBIA, MO - A portion of the MKT Trail between Twin Lakes Recreation Area and Scott Boulevard will be closed for construction beginning January 4, 2010 to facilitate the replacement of Bridges #12 and #13. Detour signs will be posted on the trail. The construction is scheduled during the winter months to minimize the impact to trail users. It is anticipated that the construction will be completed and the trail reopened in time for its busy spring season.

These 100-year-old bridges located on the western end of the trail have timber supports that have deteriorated over time, compromising their structural integrity and resulting in their being closed to vehicle traffic for the past several years. Replacement of these bridges will provide continued safe use by pedestrians, as well as re-open their use for emergency vehicles and service equipment needed to maintain the trail corridor. Portions of historic bridge #12 will be saved for future display.

The budget for the bridge replacement project is \$507,000, funded by the Park Sales Tax and a Recreational Trails Program grant. Funding availability for future major trail bridge renovations and/or needed bridge replacements will be largely dependent on the public's continued support of the Park Sales Tax.

For more information and trail bridge construction updates, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 874-7460 or consult the Parks and Recreation web site @ [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com).