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Waterfall Under Construction at Stephens Lake Park

Trail users at Stephens Lake Park will need to take a slight detour for the next few weeks due to the construction of a new waterfall and bridge. A portion of the trail surrounding the lake is temporarily closed.

Detour signs are posted for alternate routes via the boardwalk and the trail surrounding the park. Columbia Parks and Recreation staff estimates the bridge will be completed in mid-September.

The new waterfall will be located on the hill north of the lake trail. The waterfall will flow approximately 200 feet downhill over native Missouri limestone boulders into Stephens Lake. Water from the lake will be pumped through a recirculating system to feed the waterfall.

The bridge currently under construction will allow lake trail users to travel over the water flowing into the lake at the bottom of the waterfall. The waterfall will add to the beauty of the park, as well as improve the water quality of the lake by aeration and natural filtration.

The project is being funded by a \$50,000 gift from the estate of Russ and Mary Nall. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 874-7460 or go online at www.GoColumbiaMo.com.