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“Get Out There” Hikes on October 2 and October 9

Seen Neabsco Boardwalk lately? Come explore the most accessible trail in Prince William County on **October 2**, 1:00-3:00pm. There’s a 1/4 mile flat paved trail connecting to the 1/2 mile boardwalk. Please register at https://tinyurl.com/59m55hm5 *in case Hurricane Ian forces us to cancel* so we can notify you. Meet at the pavilion at the edge of the parking lot, 15125 Blackburn Rd, Woodbridge, VA 22191.

Our monthly Second Sunday hike is on **October 9**, 1:00-3:00pm. We will explore part of the 3+ mile trails network in Blooms Park in Manassas Park. Trail is steep going down to the historic railroad bridge over Bull Run.

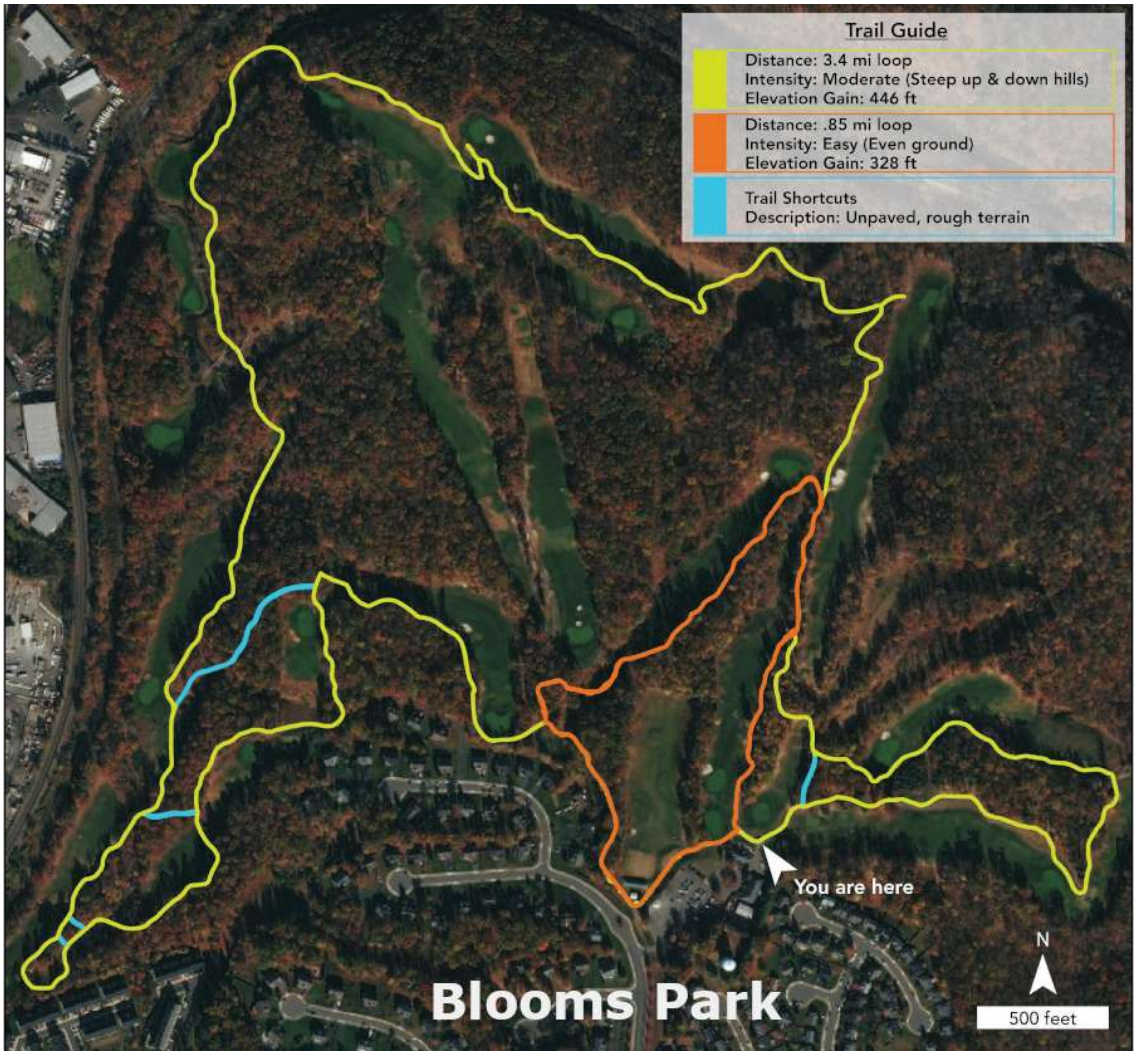
The city is thinking about a new bike/pedestrian bridge connecting to the Bull Run Occoquan Trail in Fairfax County - plus a trail parallel to the railroad track to Clifton, and maybe adding mountain bike trails too. Please register at https://tinyurl.com/3adrn9bp, in case bad weather forces cancellation of the hike. Meet at 9701 Manassas Dr., Manassas Park, VA 20111.

Both hikes are free, and dogs on a leash are allowed.
Check the Greater Prince William Trails Coalition calendar for other events, and let us know at info@gpwtrails.org if you have a trails-related activity to add to the calendar.

Hot Off the Press: Trails Planning in Prince William County

On September 28, the Prince William County Planning Commission postponed the public hearing on the Mobility Chapter of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Included in that chapter is a Trails Plan identifying blueways plus bike, pedestrian, and equestrian trail segments that, in theory, should be completed by 2040.

The public hearing is now scheduled for November 9 - so it is still timely to submit your comments.



Manassas Park Initiates Active Transportation Plan

Manassas Park has kicked off an Active Transportation Plan thanks to technical assistance funding obtained through MWCOG's Transportation and Land Use Connections Program.

Mead & Hunt was the selected contractor and will be working closely with City Staff and relevant stakeholders to create the first such plan in the City's history. Initial efforts include information gathering and a field assessment. Available data such as existing plans, GIS, and aerial imagery will be reviewed.

A field assessment of the study area and immediate environs will be conducted to include all relevant roadways, trails, and sidewalks. This inventory will assess existing conditions of sidewalks, gaps in coverage, and ADA issues. Intersection details will be analyzed with a focus on pedestrian and bicycle-friendly improvements. Existing and planned paths and trails will also be studied.

The Team will work in close concert with a stakeholder team of both internal and external players. Items to be gathered include preferences for pedestrian and bicycle routes, knowledge of the local and regional trail system, opinions about design

treatments, etc. The City is committed to ensuring all stakeholder voices are heard through this project.

Based on information gathering, field assessments, and stakeholder input, information will be synthesized and draft recommendations will be developed. These recommendation will include planning-level estimates for consideration in local budget discussions and potential future grant applications. It is envisioned the recommendations will be actionable and measurable with such details as facility type, location, cost estimate, etc.

A final Active Transportation Plan report will be developed and include the analysis and recommendations along with a map in GIS and PDF formats to highlight the data set of existing road, sidewalk, trail, and intersection conditions with recommended improvements. These materials will be a baseline for the City to progress into the future with a plan for its internal and external pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.

Point of contact is the Manassas Park Transportation Program Manager, Steven Hall.

Pump Track Planned At Rollins Ford Park

The Prince William Parks Foundation will launch soon a $300,000 fundraising campaign for constructing a “pump track” at Rollins Ford Park. Unlike the NOVA BMX track next to Pfitzner Stadium, at a pump track riders generate momentum by up and down body movements rather than pedaling.

On the eastern side of Prince William County, the Charlie Boone Trails Memorial Foundation is raising funds to build a Bike and Skateboard Park at 12490 Everest Peak Lane, Woodbridge VA.

Hiking/Biking and Health

The Virginia Walkability Action Institute (VWAI) promotes health and safety through walking and bicycling, and seeks to increase access and physical activity at the local level. The VWAI is now accepting applications for the 2023 cohort of 30 people that will get training. For more details, check out the webinar on October 3.

VWAI also offers a free monthly workshop series starting in November, and recordings from previous workshops are online

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