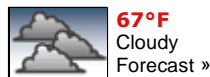


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# Area recreational trails chart new routes to fun

## Free weekend, longer rides in store

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The crushed gravel is down, the signs are up, and the rest station area and parking lot are almost complete. By the end of June, six new miles on the Fox River Trail will be open to the public.

This is just one of the many new features walkers, bicyclists and others can expect this summer on recreation trails in Brown County.

And this weekend, you can enjoy the county's three state trails — Fox River, Mountain-Bay and Devils River — for free in honor of National Trails Day, which is Saturday.

Eventually, the county hopes to connect all three trails, and the East River Trail.

"I think people would like to have an opportunity for recreation ..."



Shawn Graybeal of Allouez rides Thursday along a new gravel loop of the East River Trail. The loop runs near the East River and emerges onto the flowering meadow in Wiese Family Park in Allouez. Jim Matthews/Press-Gazette

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said Doug Hartman, assistant park director of the Brown County Park Department. "And also alternative commuter choices with gas prices so high."

Here's a look at what's new on area trails.

**Fox River Trail**

The 13.9-mile trail, which runs from downtown Green Bay to Greenleaf, will soon extend another six miles southward to the Brown County line making it about a 19.9-mile path.

The Brown County Parks Department received a \$200,000 state grant in April 2005 for the Fox River Trail expansion project, which started last summer.

Six months ago, the Brown County Board agreed, on a trial basis, to allow horse-drawn carriages south of Fair Road, which is just north of Greenleaf.

**East River Trail**

A half-mile of paved trail was added last year at the southern section of Allouez's portion of the East River Trail, which runs about six miles from Bellevue to Ledgeview. Allouez also added about three-quarters of a mile of crushed stone trail in the area, said Brad Lange, village director of parks and forestry.

The new portions of the trail are part of the Wiese Family Park, created last year along the East River at the east end of LeBrun Street.

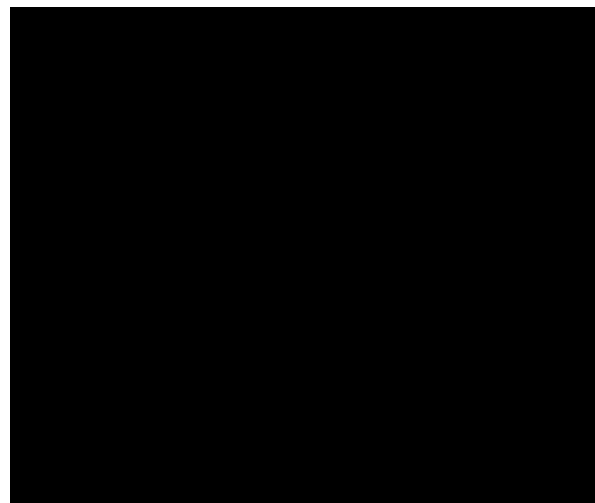
The 29-acre area, an extension of the East River Trail, has a parking lot, a 6-acre recreational area and a shelter.

The East River Trail is not a state trail and is always free and open to the public.

**Mountain-Bay Trail**

There's just a little routine maintenance on Brown County's 13-mile portion of this 84-mile path that stretches from Howard to Weston with a detour west of Shawano. One of the bridges is in need of a strip and paint job, Hartman said. "It looks pretty ugly."

Located on Cardinal Lane, the bridge and the abutments holding

**Fees to use the trails**

Construction and expansion projects will not impact daily use fees.

"Not at this point," Doug Hartman, assistant park director for the Brown County Park Department said of the \$3 daily fee. "We don't have any plans to increase the daily pass."

The state charges a \$15 annual fee for people ages 16 and older to use bikes, horses and in-line skates on the trails. The county collects 70 percent of the revenue, while the state gets the rest.

All fees collected are placed in a separate account and are used to manage the operations and maintenance of the trails. Although the county does not control the state charge, Hartman said he doubts a fee increase anytime soon. Passes can be picked up at several vendors throughout the area and are interchangeable among state trails.

There is no fee for walkers.

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the span will get makeovers this summer, Hartman said.

### Devils River Trail

Only 1½ miles, the Brown County portion, of the Devils River Trail are open.

The state gave the county a \$70,000 grant November 2004 to create its portion of the 14-mile trail stretching from Denmark to the village of Rockwood in Manitowoc County.

The county is working with Denmark to create a rest station. Hartman said the county is committing \$25,000 of its grant money to create a trailhead.

Denmark applied for two state grants to create the trailhead parking and a rest area, said Village Administrator, Gordon Ellis.

The estimated cost of the project is \$300,000, Ellis said, but size will depend on the amount of money the village receives.

A local historical society is working with the project in creating a walking tour historical guide to give trail users a more detailed look of their surroundings.

About 13 miles of the trail are being developed in Manitowoc County. The project began after the county received two state grants equaling about \$200,000 last year, said Mike Demske, director of planning and park commission for Manitowoc County. An additional \$200,000 is needed.

So far, in Manitowoc County eight-tenths of a mile has been surfaced with limestone screenings, which will eventually harden like concrete. Two bridges — one about 80 feet long, the other about 50 feet long — are up.

The DNR inspected the bridges two weeks ago, Demske said.

Rails and big rocks must be removed from the bridges so the decks can be properly inspected to make sure the bridges will hold pedestrians.

Demske said the building process is being done in sections starting south of Francis Creek. The trail should be complete and open to the public by next year, Demske said.

The Brown County Park Department is lifting daily fee charges Saturday and Sunday in celebration of National Trails Day. Bicyclists, inline skaters and horseback riders will have free access to the trails. (Walkers never have to pay the daily fee.)

The fees will be waived for the following trails:

- Fox River Trail for bicyclists, inline skaters, and horseback riders.
- Mountain-Bay Trail for bicyclists.
- Reforestation Camp for mountain bikes and horse trails.
- Neshota Park for horse trails.

For information, go to the Brown County Park Web site at [www.co.brown.wi.us/parks](http://www.co.brown.wi.us/parks) or call the Brown County Park office at (920) 448-4466.

More information on National Trails Day is found at

[www.americanhiking.org/events/ntd/faq.html](http://www.americanhiking.org/events/ntd/faq.html).

Source: Brown County Park Department Press Release

### The last five years

Brown County's sales trends for state recreational trail passes in the last five years

Daily passes

- 2005 4,327
- 2004 4,367
- 2003 3,167
- 2002 4,023
- 2001 4,867

Annual passes

- 2005 5,415
- 2004 5,886
- 2003 7,359
- 2002 7,277
- 2001 8,384



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