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Bit by bit: More than 10 miles of Fox River Trail have been paved

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DE PERE — Smooth pavement now covers about 10½ miles of the state's Fox River Trail.

A weekend ceremony on the state's most widely used trail that extends from Green Bay to Hilbert christened the newly paved sections of the path in De Pere and just south of the city. The trail hosts everyone from dog walkers and runners to bicyclists and inline skaters.

A small crowd gathered Saturday near the trail's intersection with Heritage Road in De Pere to celebrate the completion of several recent [construction](#) projects aimed at making the path more accessible for a variety of users.

A project to lay asphalt and build fencing along a 2-mile stretch between Midway and Rockland roads in De Pere wrapped up late last week, and an effort to pave another section farther south took place about a year ago.

"The ultimate goal is to get all the way to Klaus (Street) in Greenleaf," about 3 miles from where the paved trail now ends, said Cliff Wall, president of the trail advocacy group Friends of the Fox River Trail.

That group raised about \$120,000 in donations and grant money to pave a nearly 2-mile stretch of trail last year from Midway Road to Lasee Road in Rockland, Wall said. The money raised by the group also helped build a small rest stop along the trail near Heritage Road.

Broadway Automotive Inc., which operates two automobile dealerships in Green Bay, donated about \$75,000 to last year's project that paved about a mile of trail and helped [fund](#) construction of the trailside rest stop. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources pitched in about \$20,000 in grant money to help fund the project, and local donors contributed about \$25,000, Wall said.

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A rider is framed through a newly erected railing as he rides Wednesday along the freshly paved surface of the Fox River Trail south of De Pere. (Jim Matthews/Press-Gazette)

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The costs of a state trail pass for bikes and inline skaters is \$3 a day for people 16 and older; \$20 a year for people 16 and older. Information about getting a pass is available by calling (920) 448-4466 or going online to [www.dnr.state.wi.us/Org/land/PARKS/fees](#).

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