History & Overview

The Constitution Trail is a dirt trail named to celebrate the 150th birthday of the United States Constitution, established by the Illinois State Parks and Recreation Commission. The trail was officially dedicated on September 17, 1962, in Springfield, Illinois, by the late Senator Abraham Lincoln.

Because of the popularity of the trail, the Illinois State Park system developed plans for future development. The 15-mile-long trail serves as the connecting link of employment centers, schools, parks, and homes.

In 2000, Constitution Trail was designated a Millennium Trail by the White House Millennium Council.

Share the Trail!

Do Courtesies

Be courteous. Smile, wave, allow other trail users to pass, and listen to the sounds of wildlife. If the path is busy, slow down or stop, and wait for other trail users to pass before you proceed. Keep Right

The right-of-way is a path for Continuing users. By keeping to the right of the path, you provide a safer ride for both equestrian and pedestrian users. Use Sidewalks

Use sidewalks at trail crossings, especially, around businesses, parks, schools, and homes.

Clean Up Utensil

Please place all in-transportation containers in trash baskets. Don’t litter it is a great way to show your respect for the trail and the environment.

Paws

Pets are always welcome. Be sure to clean up after your pets.

On the Trail

City of Bloomington

Bloomington trail users meet the dawn of a new century with the dawn of the new Constitution Trail. This trail will soon create a new chapter in the history of Bloomington with an exciting new community trail. In celebration of the 175th anniversary of the United States Constitution, the Bloomington Public Library will unveil the “Constitution Trail” during 2008-2009. The trail will be dedicated to the Constitution Trail during a special ceremony in June 2009.

The Bloomington trail system consists of a main north-south route, connecting to the Constitution Trail at several points. The trail winds through the city’s historic downtown area, including the Old Courthouse, the Bloomington City Hall, and the Old Park. The trail also passes through the beautiful McFarland Park, where you can enjoy the sounds of birds chirping and the rustling of leaves.

Friends of the Trail

Volunteer to help

Volunteer for a cause you believe in. Our trails are maintained by volunteers. Help us keep the trails clean and safe. Sign up for a volunteer shift at www.constitutiontrail.org.

Trail Garden

Get Interested in Our Trail

Became a Friend of the Constitution Trail

Trail Rules and Safety Guidelines

Be courteous at all times. Respect other users, regardless of their mode of travel. Be quiet.

Enter trail at trail access points only.

Give public warning signal when passing, by voice, bell, or horn.

Have you noticed the trail? If you or your family has enjoyed a ride on the Constitution Trail, we would love to hear your thoughts. Please fill out the feedback form at www.constitutiontrail.org.

Please Join Us!

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City of Normal

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