

Jefferson City Trail Users

Meeting Summary from May 10, 2023
Last Flight Brewing Co.

Attending: Kathleen Henley, Mike and Jane Lester, Rick Thom, Janeen Osborne, Les Fortenberry, Julie Allen, Molly Bryan, Kevin Schwartz, Ben Hinz, Brandy Bergthold, Celeste Koon, and Aaron Mealy.

1. Treasurer Kathleen reported there are 20 paid members for the coming year and there is \$715.30 in the checking account. Some of the members who donated dues are new members. Kathleen also filed tax information for the group. The form was due after May 1.
2. There are 965 Facebook members. Thanks to Molly Bryan for letting people know about the Trail Users group!
3. Molly reported that about 125 people have already signed for the Trails Less Traveled Challenge, and people can still register.
4. There will be a Get Acquainted Hike to Prairie Garden Trust near New Bloomfield on Saturday, May 20, 2023. Bring water, and binoculars or a camera if you wish. Those wanting to carpool or caravan, will meet in North Jefferson City at the commuter lot on the EAST side of Highway 54 at 10:00 am. Or people can meet at Prairie Garden Trust at 10:30 am. To get there, take Highway 54 north to the New Bloomfield exit. Turn right when you exit and then turn left immediately on the outer road going north (Platinum Road). Turn right when you reach County Road 430 and continue to County Road 431. Turn right again and proceed to the parking lot at the Prairie Garden Trust building.
5. The next Community Hike will be on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at the Deborah Cooper Riverfront Park. Meet at 1:30 pm at the Lewis and Clark statues just east of the Capitol. Bring water if it is hot and wear shoes with tread for the mulch trails. The hike will last about an hour and provide scenic views of the Missouri River. If you want to picnic in the new pavilion, bring snacks.
6. The group will not host a hike for National Trails Day on June 3rd, but will encourage everyone to go to a trail. Then the next Community Hike will be held on Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 10:00 am on the Problem Child loop at Binder Lake.
7. Kevin Schwartz updated the group on the trail maps that Parks intends to have made. Specifications are being developed and professional assistance finally seems to be available. If possible, maps of the Jefferson City trail network might be available in the fall. The Trail Users group plans to contribute to the cost of kiosk improvements for both Binder and Frog Hollow and this may include printing of the maps.

8. Ben Hinz has been working hard on the Frog Hollow trail to get rid of invasives and open up the trail. While he is doing this, volunteers may also do some more lopping at Frog Hollow. Contact Celeste if there's a time you can go lop for an hour.
9. The group discussed whether any trail work is needed on the trail at Green Berry Acres. No one knew for sure. Rick Thom will go look.
10. The Missouri Legislature is forcing the state to return money that could be used to develop the Rock Island Trail. The legislature will not authorize money to be spent on the trail even though the funds have already been awarded. This is a big setback to the small rural towns along the Rock Island Trail who were hoping to improve their local economic situations.
11. If anyone has good nature and outdoor photos, or photos of famous places in Missouri, send them to the Trail Users website or to celestekoon@hotmail.com.
12. The next trail meeting date will be Wednesday, June 21, from 5-6 pm at Last Flight Brewing.