

Jefferson City Trail Users

July 15, 2025 Meeting Summary

Last Flight Brewing Co.

Those attending were Les Fortenberry, Julie Allen, Celeste Koon, Rick Thom, Mike and Jane Lester, Kathleen Henley, Ben Hinz, and Kevin Schwartz.

1. Kathleen reported that the treasury has \$581.30 and she filed a required report with the Secretary of State's Office. She donated the \$10 fee. There are currently 17 members who have paid dues for the year which started April 1. There was discussion about how to increase the number of paid members.
2. There are more than 4,100 followers and 1,285 visitors for the group's Facebook page. (We don't know how Facebook determines these categories.)
3. Ben Hinz from JC Parks reported on the Community Hike last Saturday in North Jefferson. He was in charge of the hike and it was well attended. He reported people stayed afterwards and visited for a while. The next Community Hike will be held at 9:00 am on Saturday, August 9, at Green Berry Acres. Meet at the parking area. Ben will lead the hike again. He will check on the ladder to go down to the river.
4. Dates have been selected for the next Community Hike. The dates will be advertised in the Fall and Winter program guide. The group decided on the following hikes, though these can be changed. If you have comments or alternate suggestions, please send them.
 - Sunday, September 14, 1:30 pm, Adrian's Island/Riverfront Park
 - Sunday, October 12, 1:30 pm, McKay Lake
 - Saturday, November 8, 1:00 pm, Binder Lake Veterans' Hike. Meet at the Bait Shop and hike some of the disc golf course.
 - Sunday, December 14, 1:30 pm, County Park Nature Trail and greenway lake trail
 - Saturday, January 3, 1:30 pm, Department of Conservation Headquarters trails
 - Sunday, February 1, 1:30 pm, Lincoln University Historic Foot Area and Lincoln greenway
 - Sunday, March 8, 1:30 pm, new greenway behind the buildings on Creek Trail Drive
5. A Get Acquainted Hike will be held on September 3, at Three Creeks Conservation Area. Meet at the main parking lot. Directions will be given later.
6. The Committee working on the Fall Festival photos will meet at Celeste's house at 1:00 pm on July 27 and August 10. August 17 will be used if needed.
7. Kevin Schwartz from JC Parks reported that he and Ben have been working hard on the trails at Binder and hope to do enough now that the trails will be fine for the NICA race in early September. They have chainsawed a lot of trees and weedeated more at Easy Street and

other trails since the weeds keep growing from the frequent rain. They also hope to work on Mind the Gap since part of it has not been done. At this point they are not requesting volunteer work.

8. The group looked at the thank you letter to Stacey Landwehr, the head of Parks beautification and landscaping. Jane and Mike Lester signed the letter. She was commended because the city's Parks are very well kept up, and attractive with many native plants.
9. JC Parks night will be held next week on Thursday, July 24, at Last Flight Brewing Co. People are invited to come talk with Parks staff from 4-7 pm.
10. A second trip to YoYums with walking downtown will be planned if possible. Celeste will consult with Cindy Adkins.
11. The next meeting will be **TUESDAY**, August 19, from 5-6 pm at Last Flight Brewing.