

Louisville Loop Single Track Master Plan

Background

This document provides a direction for the Louisville Kentucky area to realize its goal of being a destination city for living, working, and playing. This document's purpose is to catalyze action by all stakeholders in the effort to realize 100 miles of single track natural surface trails inside the proposed Louisville Loop paved trail. These trails will be open to people powered sports including mountain biking, trail running, hiking, and the like.

Platform

- Create a critical mass level of multi-use natural surface trails open to human powered sports such as mountain biking inside the Louisville Loop trail.
- All natural surface trails would be connected by either the Louisville Loop or an existing Louisville Parkway.
- 100 miles of single track is the reportedly minimum amount of trail to qualify a city as a natural surface trail destination.
- The combination of 100 mile paved path in-circling 100 miles of single track would aid in the effort of drawing young professionals to Louisville. This in turn provides incentives for forward thinking companies to do business in the Louisville area.
- 100 miles of single track in combination with trail systems just outside metro Louisville (O'Bannon Woods, Fort Duffield, and Otter Creek) has great potential to draw sports minded people to Louisville for Sport/Adventure Tourism which drives revenue for local business.
- Natural surface trails open to people powered sports promotes volunteer work and funds for under resourced public parks.

Value Proposition

Building a concentrated amount of natural surface trails open to people powered sports in the Louisville Metro area provides superb opportunities for healthy activities and adventure tourism at a relatively low cost to the community.

Action Plan

1. Build network core – 6 to 12 team members
2. Achieve quick wins to build momentum
3. Identify property manager decision makers and build relationships
4. Garner publicity and build a critical mass with stakeholders
5. Kick-off fund raising activities to fund natural surface trail planning and construction
6. Assign specific action items for key proponents
7. Finalize mileage targets and negotiate commitments from property managers
8. Build Trails
9. Provide Maps and Signage
10. Maintain and patrol trails

Trail Plan

Location	Current Miles (Planned)	Total Miles Target	Property Manager	Status	Notes
21 st Century Parks	0 (110)	25-30	21 st Century Parks	D√	Total mileage open to mountain biking under consideration
Cherokee/Seneca Parks	9	10-12	Olmsted Parks, Metro Parks	A*	Reroutes and additional trail work being planned – Heavy use year round – Diverse user groups
E.P. Tom Sawyer State Park	0	5	Kentucky State	F	
McNeely Lake	0	5-8	Metro Parks	F	
Eva Bandman Park	0 (2)	2	Metro Parks	D	
Iroquois Park	0	6-8	Olmsted Parks, Metro Parks	E	High priority due to existing potential and infrastructure
Waverly Hills Park	7 (8)	9	Metro Parks Natural Areas Division	A*	Trail reroutes under construction
Jefferson Memorial Forest	0	25-30	Metro Parks Natural Areas Division	D√	800 Acres open to possible mountain bike trails on the Master Plan. Need funding for Trail Head facilities
Levy Trail	0	2-4	US Corps of Engineers	F	
Shawnee Park	0	2	Olmsted Parks, Metro Parks	E	Community outreach potential

Status Legend

Symbol	Description
A	Trails Complete
B	Construction Phase
C	Final Trail Design and Planning
D	Master Plan complete
E	Initial Planning and Discussions
F	Advocacy Hotspot (Need engagement)
*	Upgrades or Reroutes underway
√	Anchor Trail System capable of Regional or National exposure

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