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Little Miami Safety Improvements Will Close Portions of Trail Next Week *State Parks, Friends' Group partnership funds bridge paving project*

CORWIN, OH – Improvements for the safety of bicyclists and hikers who use the Little Miami State Park trail will close portions of the trail next week. The safety improvements are being funded by a partnership between the Friends of Little Miami State Park and Ohio State Parks.

Trail improvement construction will take place beginning Monday, June 1 between Hedges Road and the village of Morrow (mile markers 3.0 and 26.0). Work is expected to take place throughout the week and be completed by Friday, June 5.

The contractor plans to begin work at the north end of this portion of the trail and work southward. The bridge surfaces will be prepped and the asphalt on each side of the bridges cut out to ensure smooth transition with the new asphalt surface.

Eleven of the trail's fifteen wood deck bridges will be paved during this project. The wooden planking on these bridges becomes dangerous resulting in spills when they become wet. Many are in shaded sections of the trail and are damp much of the time. The bridges will be paved with asphalt which sheds water much more effectively.

Advisory signs have been placed on the trail this week informing trail users of the closures.

The improvement and safety project is being funded by a partnership between the Friends of the Little Miami State Park, a private non-profit group formed in the last several months, and Ohio State Parks. The friends' group is made up of users of the trail, business owners located along the trail and citizens interested in the betterment of the trail.

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