

Trail Committee BOD 6-16-2021

Overview; We have 8 committee members, Bod McLeod of BOD, POA staff includes (Terry Wiley, Michael Bynaker, Sarah Downey, Norman Meredith, Stephanie Heffer?) We're up to 42 miles of trails that we oversee.

Purpose; To advise POA staff, within the policies and guidelines of the Board of Directors, on all matters relative to planning, promoting and, programming for the Hot Springs Village trail system.

Each committee member is assigned 4-6 miles of trails they are responsible for. At least monthly, but several members are on their trails more often, we inspect our trail for any problems. Down trees, erosion, overgrowth, safety concerns and report them so maintenance can correct the problem. Maintenance responds quickly to our requests.

Yearly we do a thorough trail inspection/assessment and type up a report. This includes; benches, bridges, other structures, culverts, parking area, stairs. We have detailed maps with waypoints of everything that needs looked at.

Events; We have started getting help form our FOVT (Friends of Village Trails) group. We have work days monthly in the spring and fall. We skip summer d/t heat, ticks and chiggers.

March; We had a photo contest, which we do every year alternating spring and fall. Several photos were submitted and we had outstanding winners. We did Magellan Beaver Dam trail clean up. Picked up trash, washed down bird blind and bridge to prepare for staining. 16 people helped.

April; Mostly got rained out, but some members were able to clear the new trail to Pineda dam. April 15, Dam-to-Dam hike had 66 participants.

We'll resume events in the fall. September is kayak and 5K run event. Full moon walk, 9-30-21. I'll let you know more at my next presentation in September.

Projects; The woodworkers group came to us and they want to repairs any broken benches. We are compiling a list and will share that with them.

Signage is always a concern, so we are looking at collecting donations at trail events to help fund our projects/signage.

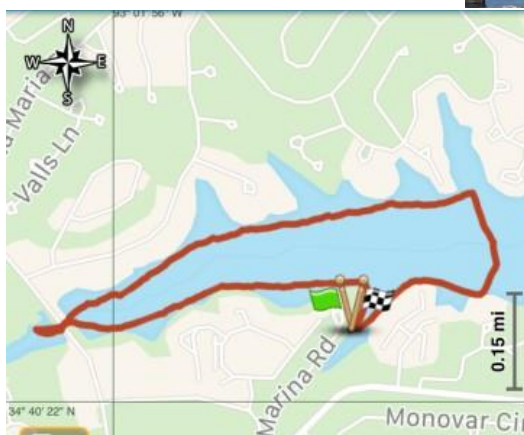
New trails added;

Coronado Spillway Trail

A 3/4 mile footpath was constructed below the Coronado Spillway on POA owned land. There are numerous vistas of waterfalls along the creek and open woods in the remaining part. Very scenic area.

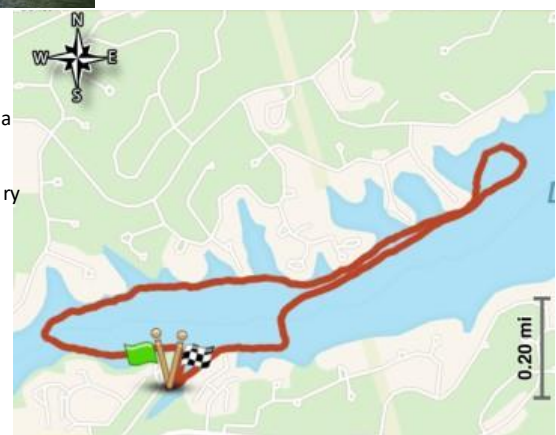


1st Water Trails in HSV- Lake Desoto



SILVERSIDE TRAIL - 1.71 mile trail
40 minute Kayak trip

Maps will be at the rental shed at Waypoint with approximate time to kayak a trail. Points of interest are given as well. The bluegill trail goes around Sister Mary Island.



BLUEGILL TRAIL - 2.3 mile trail
53 minute kayak trip