

DANE COUNTY PARKS

INFORMATION & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

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Indian Lake County Park

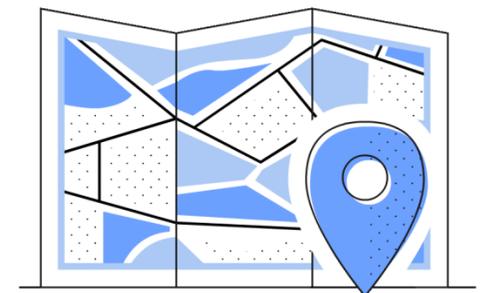
CAPITAL CITY TRAIL RESTORATION

One mile of the Capital City Trail between Seminole Highway and the Bike Roundabout will close on Tuesday, September 8th for asphalt pavement resurfacing. The work is expected to be completed by November and will include drainage improvements, ADA road crossing improvements and wayfinding signage. This is the third phase of a multi-year, multi-phase restoration project by Dane County Parks to improve the safety and ride of approximately 10-miles of the Capital City Trail.

Cyclists and pedestrians will be required to use alternate routes of travel during construction. A detour via the cannonball trail will be signed.



Examples of restoration from previous phases.



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SIMPSON STREET FREE PRESS

This is the fourth summer that we have been able to host student writers from the Simpson Street Free Press, a nonprofit newspaper and youth center that teaches critical thinking and writing skills in hopes of bridging Madison's achievement gap.

Simpson Street Free Press works to cover a variety of environmental topics, and has a special series focused on stories about Dane County. Read the articles they have written by clicking the link below.

[Learn More](#)



Festge County Park

Courtesy Simpson Street Free Press

LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Anti-racism in National Parks Webinar

On August 25th, 2020 The Joy Trip Project hosted a distinguished panel of experts who shared their thoughts and lived experiences and explored the long history and future of Black people as stewards of our public lands.

A recording of the webinar is now available online and offers an excellent opportunity to learn and grow as we think about our parks and natural spaces.

[Learn More](#)



Credit: The Joy Trip Project

SUNFLOWERS AT SILVERWOOD

The Friends Of Silverwood Park invite you to enjoy the yellow of the sunflower fields! The sunflower seeds will be harvested soon for organic health food bars.

To protect the sunflower crop, please do not walk, hike or ride in the sunflowers fields. You are more than welcome to take photos and enjoy the view from the trails

Visit their website to learn more about what they do: www.silverwoodpark.org



Courtesy Friends of Silverwood County Park

Seed THE NEED



*Pheasant Branch Conservancy
Shan Bartus*

Help the **Friends of Pheasant Branch** create a Platinum Prairie at Pheasant Branch Conservancy! In 2019, Dane County added 160 acres on the north end of the Pheasant Branch Conservancy. The Friends, along with other local partners, are raising money to help with restoration and purchase a Platimun (over 100 species) seed mix. Starting with a Platinum seed mix is crucial as evidence suggests that later overseeding of an established prairie with a more diverse seed is ineffective. Click below to learn more or donate to the cause.

[Learn More](#)

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Mike Bernards

Facilities Crew Leader

Mike works on many projects throughout our park system. He keeps projects such as roofing, boardwalk patching, fencing, electrical repairs, and cement work moving forward. Mike handles ordering of supplies for repairs and building projects.

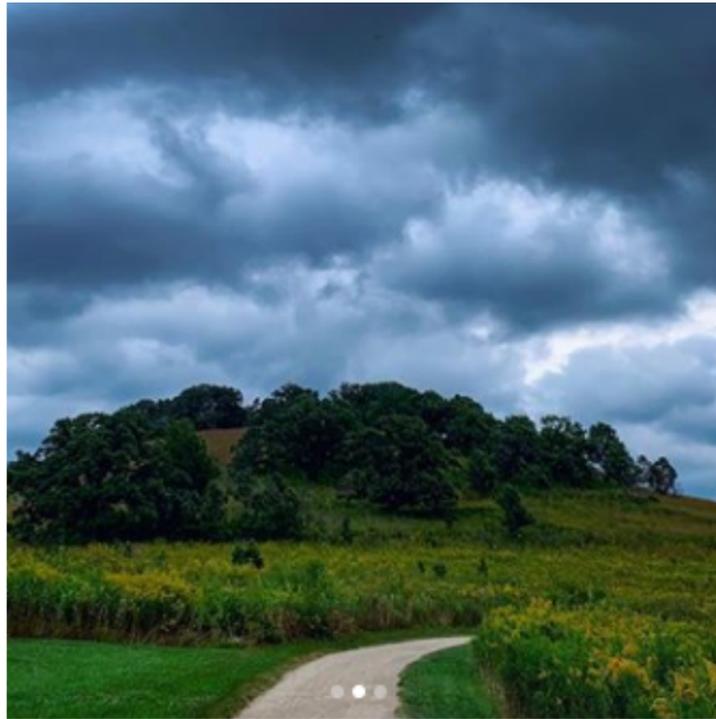


Chad Haanen

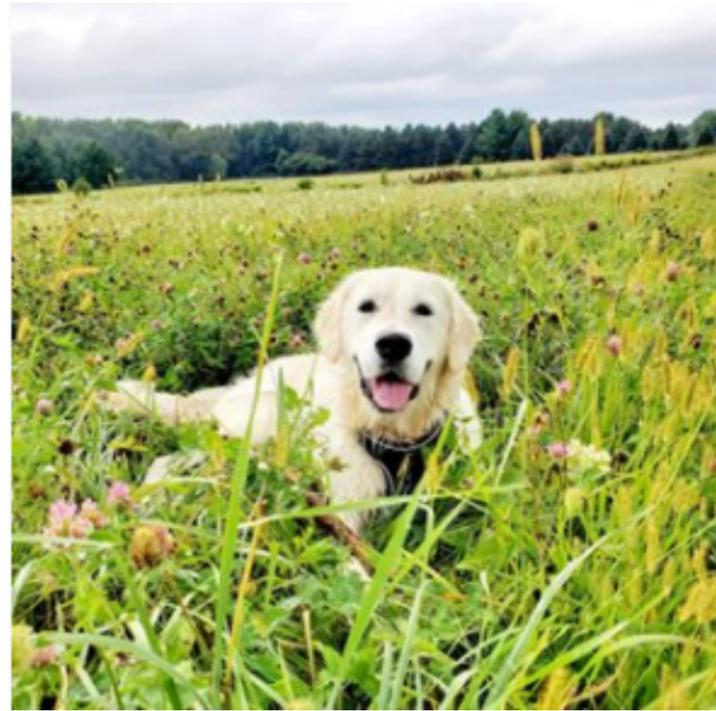
Park Ranger

Ranger Haanen covers the southwest portion of the county overseeing summer park staff and checking in at the parks. He helps keep the parks safe, monitors for any trail or maintenance issues, and checks to make sure people have the appropriate activity permits.

SOCIAL SPOTLIGHT



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