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National Trails Day to be Marked With Ribbon Cutting at Chestnut Grove Bridge

The American Hiking Society's National Trails Day[®], the country's largest celebration of trails is fast approaching. National Trails Day events will take place in every state across the country and will include hikes, biking and horseback rides, paddling trips, bird watching, geocaching, gear demonstrations, stewardship projects and more. In Fairfax County, locals will celebrate the completion of the Chestnut Grove Trail Bridge with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. The ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at Lake Fairfax Park located at 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive in Reston, Va.

Due to the rugged nature of the adjoining mountain bike trails, the ceremony will be held between sites 27 and 23 in C campground near a similar bridge located by the nature trail. Visitors should drive to the C campground at Lake Fairfax Park. Signage will guide you to the ceremony and a guided hike to the actual bridge will be held afterwards.

The Fairfax County Park Foundation (FCPF) recently secured a generous \$25,000 grant from Dominion to purchase and install a new fiberglass bridge, place interpretive signage and upgrade a portion of natural surface trail along the Chestnut Grove Trail in Lake Fairfax Park. Park Authority staff has worked with these partners to develop the project scope and identify additional funding to complete the project. Total project costs were \$60,000.

This is a popular project with support from the community who hope to enjoy improved access and linkage of the Chestnut Grove Connector Trail with other established park trails and facilities. A fiberglass bridge is required to make this connection and will provide much needed park access to users of the Washington and Old Dominion Trail and residents of Reston and surrounding communities.

For more information contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.



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