

# Trails Master Plan Update



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## Project Information

The Lake County Parks & Trails Division recently began the process of updating its Trails Master Plan, which originally was adopted in 2008. This update is a chance to review the progress made and work together to identify new opportunities for multi-use trails in Lake County. The plan is being updated in conjunction with the Lake County Parks & Recreation Master Plan to take advantage of the synergy between the two projects.

## Project Tasks

Updating the Trails Master Plan includes four tasks:

- > Development of a **Needs Assessment**, which includes a review of existing facilities, analysis of population trends, assessment of regional connectivity, and a look at special and other events.
- > **Community Outreach**, which is integral to development of the plan and includes meetings with local groups in each area of the county to get input; input from the MPO and committees will be critical.
- > Development of a **Draft Plan Update**, in which specific trail enhancements, maintenance, and funding opportunities will be recommended.
- > A **Final Plan Report**, which will capture the vision of Lake County and its diverse populations for their countywide trails system.

## Project Progress

To date, the project team has been gathering information on existing conditions and background data to assess progress and start the discussion about future opportunities.

Communities contacted so far include Umatilla, Lady Lake, Fruitland Park, Eustis, Mount Dora, Tavares, Leesburg, Astalula, Howey-in-the-Hills, Mascotte, Groveland, Mineola, Montverde, Clermont, and the Lake-Sumter MPO.

These communities will continue to be engaged in the process of developing the updated Trails Master Plan.

*Image sources: [www.viewfromthetrail.net](http://www.viewfromthetrail.net); [www.lakecountyfl.gov](http://www.lakecountyfl.gov)*

## Next Steps

The project is just getting started, and a lot of work needs to be done over the next few months. Next steps include:

- > Creating existing conditions maps.
- > Creating progress maps.
- > Assessing regional connectivity.
- > Identifying conceptual trails that should be considered.
- > Continuing outreach.
- > Conducting fieldwork.

We will continue to need your help to ensure that we have a good foundation for moving into the identification phase and will be reaching out to you for input throughout the process.



*South Lake Trail*

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# Draft Schedule

Lake County Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update and Trails Master Plan Update - Draft Schedule 09/14/16	2016						2017					
	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
<b>COUNTYWIDE TRAILS MASTER PLAN UPDATE</b>												
Task B1: Needs Assessment						★						
Task B2: Recommendations & Draft Plan Update											★	
Task B3: Agency & Community Outreach								●				
Task B4: Master Plan Update, Project Management & Deliverables												★
	Proposed Public Meetings ● Revised/Final Deliverable ★											