



# Friends of HENDERSON PARK

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## Friends of Henderson Park New Park Trail Map Announcement

Greetings from the Friends of Henderson Park 2018 Leadership Team!

Our project, supported in part by a 2017 Park Pride Community Building Grant (funded by The Home Depot Foundation) is winding down, with only three steps to go.

First, a review of our many accomplishments: We have a professional design for all the trails in Henderson Park. The white trail around Lake Erin now includes four crossing bridges and stairs planned in several places that will make it easier to maneuver the trail. There are pet-waste stations along the trail and three new information signs with kiosks. Thanks to the generous support from the DeKalb County park bond monies, these bridges were constructed and added to the trail this past fall.

The new park map with hiking trails is posted in the kiosk signage. The map identifies parking, kiosk location, restrooms, playground, picnic shelters, parking areas, and clearly identifies entrances on both sides of the park. The new trail map makes hiking the park easier to maneuver with the specific trails marked inside the park. Currently the park has over four miles of hiking trails with red, white, or blue markings.

The Community Building Grant from Park Pride awarded last year included funds to cover a new trail design for the entire 121-acre park. The current red and blue trails will be constructed to the new design over the next three years. The current map notes the red and blue trails without new design. The FOHP will continue our volunteer efforts to bring the red and blue trails in line with the new design depending on funding and volunteer muscle power. Our goal is to complete the full trail project by the end of 2020.

### **Spring events for the Friends group include (<https://friendsofhendersonpark.org/>):**

1. Announcement of the new trail map added to kiosks in the park and the website March 8
2. Trail Marker installation volunteer work day -- Sat. March 24 from 9 a.m. to noon
3. Earth Day and White Trail Dedication Celebration -- save the date for Sat. April 21 (We invite you to join us!)

