

# Carter County Multi-Use Trails

## Trail Status as of January 5, 2012

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### January 2012 Activities

Mike Oppenheimer is working with the Brooks heirs to re-start development of acces to the Hayes Property east of Olive Hill. Mike is close to a final plan for access to the old Brooks Cemetery.

### County-wide Trails

Our Kentucky First lady, Jane Beshear, has obtained a tentative commitment from CSX for a long term lease of CSX-owned railroad right-of-way for multi-use trail development. If successful, this will add some 8-9 miles of trail. Excellent!! Thank you Mrs. Beshear!!

### Olive Hill Downtown Loop

(Between downtown and the Tygart)

The old CSX Depot has been acquired by the City of Olive Hill and has been re-modeled as a trail head facility. A plan for five day a week staffing of the Depot is being developed. An Open House was held Sept. 5, 2009.

The trail connecting the Depot with the Shrine Park has been completed and was inaugurated Sept. 5, 2009.

The City of Olive Hill has purchased 3.66 acres adjoining Tygart Creek and west of the Depot for use as a park and as a segment of our Tygart Valley Rail Trail.

Mountain Enterprises Companies has given us permission to route our Brookside Park trail along the northern boundary of their parcel.

The Brooks heirs are donating their property to the County. The new park will be named "Brookside Park", and that it be kept in a natural state, in perpetuity. This park/trail area totals some 19 acres, in two parcels. Trail length: about 1.5 miles. A side trail connecting US 60 with Brookside Park via an abandoned portion of Cold Springs road is being developed.

### Hanging Rock Trail

A trail connecting the Shrine Park with the Brookside Park Trail will be completed by labor Day weekend. Trail length: .5 mile

### Greenhill Hollow

This is an abandoned county road connecting US 60 with the CSX ROW near Sammons Hollow. Trail length: .5 mile

### Sammons Hollow to Three Pine

(east of the Tygart near Olive Hill)

This ROW segment is at least partially CSX owned. A low-water bridge across Tygart Creek will be constructed. A minimal "no bridge" trail is planned in the next few weeks. Trail length 1.2 miles.

### Three Pine to Grahn

Right-of-way ownership issues must be resolved. May be largely CSX-owned. Trail length: 2.5+ miles.

### Grahn to Fultz

We have a verbal commitments for ROW donations from the owners. Est. cost: \$50k. Trail length: 3.7 miles.

### Fultz to Leon

This trail is available for use. Trail length: 2.1 miles

### Leon to Goodale

This trail is available for non-equestrian use. We will be applying for 2010 grants to begin resurfacing the three bridges. A major side trail segment north from the Goodale Bridge will be developed as time permits. Estimated cost of re-decking the remaining the three major bridges: \$500k. Trail length: 1.7 miles.

### Goodale to Hitchins

This trail is adjacent to the old SR-773 roadway. The Hitchins Museum is our trail head. Trail length: 1.3 miles.

### Hitchins to Denton

No ROW ownership issues have been addressed. Most of the ROW is overgrown weeds. Some ROW may be CSX owned. Est. cost: \$25k-\$50k. Trail length: 3.6 miles.

### Denton to Williams Creek

Denton tunnel ROW segment will not be used. A county owned bypass has been identified and will be developed as a trail. The new routing will be steeper than the original. Est. cost: \$25k-\$50k. Trail length: 4 miles.

### Williams Creek to Rush

Trail will parallel CR-1654 ROW. No ROW commitments have yet been requested. Community support along the proposed ROW has been forthcoming. Est. cost \$25k-\$50k. Trail length: 6 miles. May be substantially CSX-owned.

### Olive Hill to Carter Caves

Formal posting of this trail for public use is expected to be accomplished by the end of the summer.

### Greenhill Canyon Trail

Trail development has been in approved by the County. A low-water bridge across Tygart Creek has been proposed. This trail connects US-60 in Olive Hill to the Sammons Hollow – Three Pine trail and is one of the "Olive Hill Loop" routings. Est. cost: \$15k. Trail length: 1 mile

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## Future Trail Development Opportunities

### Olive Hill to Lawton Rail-trail

Trail may bypass substantial portions of the old CSX ROW due to property owner resistance. Trail will use an existing County ROW in the Limestone area. Many portions of the ROW are in small parcels under private ownership, but several key property owners are supportive of the trail. Estimated cost: \$25k to \$50k

### Reconstituted Jenny Wiley Trail

A trail south from US-60, through Soldier and on to the south, possibly routed along Trumbo Hill Rd., Mocabee Creek Rd. and W. Brinegar Rd. Local equestrian trail users have indicated that an informal trail already exists.

### Sheltoewe Trail Link-up

Local equestrian trail users have indicated that a informal trail connecting the Carter Caves to the Sheltoewe Trail already exists.

### SR-2 North of Olive Hill

This would be a trail segment from Olive Hill along Henderson Branch to the Smokey Valley Truck Stop. A request to the Kentucky Highway Maintenance Office to share their ROW will be made. An informal trail already exists.

### Carter City Area Trails

Mr. Jack Cales has agreed to make some 60 miles of equestrian trails on private lands available for the general public, with advanced reservations. This is the Lazy Gait Camp trail area.

### Goodale Loop Trail

This loop would begin at the eastern-most bridge near the community of Goodale, follow the abandoned County owned road ROW north to Vincent Rd., parallel Vincent Rd. northeast to SR-773, parallel SR-773 southeast to EK Railroad Dr. at Goodale, then continue west along the established trail to the beginning point. Est.: \$25k

### Grayson Trail Link

This trail segment would parallel SR-773, SR-7 and old SR-7 ROW's to create a trail terminating at Main St. in Grayson. Residents have expressed interest. No property owners have been contacted. The Commonwealth of Kentucky Highway Maintenance Department has requested that any proposals for shared ROW use be submitted to their District 9 office in Flemingsburg, Ky. Estimated cost: \$25k

### Carter City to Carter Caves

A re-routing of an existing trail is expected to be completed by this Fall. Trail length: 14 miles.

### Smokey Valley Farm Trails

Mr. Bob Coleman has agreed in principle to public access (with advance reservations) to several miles of trails on private lands in the Smokey Valley - Carter Caves area.

### Informal Trails

There are scores of miles of unimproved County roads, as well as abandoned road rights-of-way through-out Carter County. Using existing public access rights, an extensive informal trail network can be established.

## CSX Mileage Marker Readings

### Carter Co. (west to east)

Triplett Tunnel MP 569  
Triplett MP 568.2  
Bradmyr MP 567.9  
Hayward MP 567.4  
Montague MP 566.9  
Shay 566.8  
**Enterprise** MP 565.7  
Tavern Rock MP 564.7  
**Lawton** Junction MP 564.2  
Tygart MP 563.8  
Berry MP 563.4  
**Limestone** MP 562.3  
Oppenheimer MP 560.6  
Koblitzell MP 560.3  
**Olive Hill** MP 559.4  
Brown's MP 558.6  
Summit Switches MP 556.7  
Corey MP 555.5  
**Grahn** MP 553.5  
Fireclay MP 553.3  
Oats MP 553.0  
Needle's Eye Tunnel (Aden Tunnel) MP 552.5  
Cannel Coal Co. MP 552.7  
Littleton's MP 552.7  
**Fultz** MP 549.8  
Sinking Creek Tunnel,(removed) MP 549.0  
Pope MP 548.1  
**Leon** MP 547.7  
**Goodale** MP 546.0  
Eastern Kentucky Junction MP 544.7 (**Hitchins**)  
Little Fork MP 544.3  
Mt.Savage MP 542.5  
Mary Mines MP 541.8  
Katy MP 541.6  
Strait Creek MP 541.4  
EL&BS Junction MP 541.0 (**Denton**)  
Burdette MP 539.0  
Means Tunnel (Williams Creek Tunnel) MP 538.7  
John's Rock MP 537.9  
Holts MP 537.1  
Music MP 536.9  
Wards MP 536.1  
Morning Glory MP 535.1  
Norton Branch MP 534.7  
Mine No. 10 MP 534.3  
Burton MP 533.8  
**Rush** Station MP 532.8  
Kilgore MP 532.3

### CSX Abandoned ROW Mileage (by County)

Fayette Co. - 13.6 miles (Lexington)  
Clark Co. - 13.8 miles (Winchester)  
Montgomery Co. - 20.2 miles (Mount Sterling)  
Bath Co. - 5.9 miles (Owingsville)  
Rowan Co. - 19.2 miles (Morehead)  
**Carter Co. - 37.9 mi (Hayward to Kilgore)**  
Boyd Co. - 1.9 miles (Ashland)

Lexington to Ashland: 112.5 miles