

Morehead Memorial Tree Walk Park

Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

Brief Project Description:

The City of Morehead, members of the Daniel Boone Rails to Trails program, along with residents, and the Morehead State University campus community, have expressed a great interest in revitalizing the current Morehead Memorial Tree Walk Park. The Morehead Memorial Tree Walk Park is located a short distance from the main campus of Morehead State University, the Don Greenhill City Park, the Rowan County Farmers Market, and various downtown businesses. The park is located off of Bridge Street in Morehead, Kentucky (38° 11' 0.909" N, 83° 25' 50.395" W).

Currently, the Morehead Memorial Tree Walk Park boasts a parking lot, a sheltered picnic area, two horseshoe pits, an overlook area facing Triplett Creek, and a primitive walking trail composed of grass and scattered cedar chips.

It has been noted that the current state of the trail area is not ideal for wheelchairs and strollers, among others. The roots from the trees planted throughout the Memorial Tree Walk Park have broken ground, which is not an ideal situation for various means of transportation. In order to combat the trail issues at Memorial Tree Walk Park without disturbing the roots, the following has been proposed:

- Use porous paving grids filled with brick dust and brick chips to construct approximately 1,300 LF of trail within the memorial tree area. The material used to construct this portion of the trail will allow all permitted methods of transportation (i.e., wheelchairs, strollers, bicycles, foot traffic) to pass over the roots without disturbing the ground or the trees within the memorial tree area.
- Use asphalt to pave approximately 1,550 LF of the Memorial Tree Walk Park trail. The asphalt will replace the current grass path within the Memorial Tree Walk Park that ties into the memorial tree area. Since there are no memorial trees planted within this section of the trail, asphalt can be utilized instead of the porous paving grids featured in the memorial tree area. The Memorial Tree Walk Park trail rehabilitation will tie into a proposed TAP grant project sponsored by the Rowan County Fiscal Court, pending funding.

The proposed trail rehabilitation and extension will be suitable for walking, jogging, bicycling, and mountain biking. The trail will not permit motorized vehicles of any kind, apart from motorized wheelchairs. The trail will be ADA compliant.

If funded, the proposed project start date is October 1, 2018.