Lake Winnisquam Scenic Trail opens Saturday

Editor, Citizen

Belmont's Lake Winnisquam Scenic Trail is ready for residents and visitors to enjoy. The Trail Opening Ceremony is 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17.

“Many have discovered the trail already. It took us almost 15 years, but the trail is well worth the effort”, said Ron Mitchell Chairman of Belmont Trail Team. With support from Town residents and staff, Belmont has a beautiful 1.8 mile paved trail for walking, running, bicycling, snow shoeing and cross country skiing.

The “Winni Trail” extends from Leslie Roberts Road (Town Beach Road) to Osborne's Agway where it ends at the Daniel Webster Highway. It weaves through the woods over rolling terrain with some scenic vistas across the lake.

When completed this fall, the second phase of Laconia's WOW Trail will connect with Belmont's trail offering 4-and-a-half miles of continuous paved trail between Belmont and Laconia.

Bring your family, a bicycle or your walking shoes. After the trail ribbon cutting ceremony there will be activities for families or you can walk or bicycle the trail along with Belmont Trail Team members and learn more about what is planned in the future.

The opening celebration will be held at the trail entrance adjacent to Leslie Roberts Road in Belmont. Parking is available in lots along Leslie Roberts Road. More information will be provided on the Trail Opening Celebration on the Town website and the Winni Trail Facebook site: https://www.facebook.com/winni.trail.7

The Belmont Recreation Trail Committee welcomes suggestions and is looking for volunteers. For a map of the Winni Trail and more information, you can track what's happening on Facebook.

The next goal will be to continue extending the trail to the west along the south shore of Lake Winnisquam.

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