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SUMMER TRAIL CLOSURES ANNOUNCED ON MCT TRAILS

Riders Encouraged to Check for Closure Updates

PONTOON BEACH, IL, May 20, 2025 – Madison County Transit (MCT) is advising trail users of several major closures across the MCT Trails system this summer, which will impact many of the popular trail loops. Some of these closures are due to municipal utility and roadwork others are MCT initiated and are necessary to complete overdue infrastructure repairs and improvements to ensure the long-term safety and usability of the trails.

“The closures on the MCT Trails this summer include both trail reconstruction projects initiated by MCT as well as municipal infrastructure projects that are located along various MCT Trail segments,” said MCT Managing Director SJ Morrison. “You can’t pour asphalt in the winter months, so unfortunately, we’re stuck working on the trails during what is typically peak season.”

Due to the scale of work, estimated closure dates may change as projects progress. Riders are encouraged to check the MCT Trails Facebook page or utilize the MCT Trails Web Map ([MCTtrails.org/map](https://mcttrails.org/map)) for the most current closure information.

Scheduled Closures Include:

- **MCT Confluence Trail Reconstruction**
Closure: 7th Street (Hartford) to Canal Road (Wood River)
Date: May 1 – September 30, 2025
Details: This section of the Confluence Trail will be reconstructed to improve surface conditions and safety.
- **MCT Schoolhouse Trail (Sewer Work – Village of Maryville)**
Closure: Keebler Road to Pleasant Ridge Road, including Pleasant Ridge Park connector (Maryville)
Date: Begins May 27, 2025 – Ongoing (approx. 6 months)
Details: A Village of Maryville sewer improvement project will require the closure to move in phases between Keebler Rd and IL-159 through fall. Updates will be provided as the project progresses.
- **MCT Schoolhouse Trail – New IL-111 Bridge**
Closure: Lake Drive to Bruns Road (Granite City)
Date: July 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026
Details: Bridge construction over IL-111 will require full closure of this segment.
- **MCT Nature Trail Reconstruction**
Closure: Mockingbird Lane (Granite City) to University Drive (Edwardsville)
Date: July 15, 2025 – July 15, 2026
Details: A year-long project to rebuild a major section of the Nature Trail for long-term improvements.

- **MCT Nickel Plate Trail (Center Grove Road Bridge Replacement – City of Edwardsville)**

Closure: Edwardsville Township Park to Cloverdale Drive Connector (Edwardsville)

Date: May 27 – August 14, 2025

Details: A City of Edwardsville led bridge rehabilitation project will close this section of the trail.

“MCT will be reconstructing failing sections of the MCT Trails, some of which are 30 years old, and rehabbing bridges in these areas as well,” said Morrison. “The long-term gain will far outweigh the temporary pain of detouring around these construction areas.”

For trail maps and more information about the MCT Trails system, visit www.MCTtrails.org.

Madison County Transit (MCT) provides multi-modal transportation services for Madison County, Illinois. MCT operates a fixed-route bus service, connecting to MetroLink; express weekday commuter service directly to and from downtown St. Louis; and seasonal express service to the Muny. For elderly and disabled residents who are unable to use the fixed-route buses, MCT provides complementary door to door service. MCT is also responsible for the construction and maintenance of more than 135 miles of bikeways that comprise the MCT Trails system, as well as overseeing RideFinders, the St. Louis region’s FREE carpooling and vanpooling program.

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