

River to River Trail Society
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Press Release

National Trails Day to be celebrated by the Trail Society for the 18th straight year.

The annual celebration of outdoor recreation using trails and specifically the River to River Trail will be held at the Saline County Fish and Wildlife area on Saturday, June 5, 2010, starting at 11:00AM. Participants are asked to meet near the Tecumseh Statue, and to bring a desert. Brats, Beans and potato salad will be served by the society.

Trail Boss Eric Johnson will give an overview of the years activities and tell any stories that would be entertaining. Guest Speaker will be Bill Gilmour, a member of the society and in charge of the largest public works project in the United States, will tell about that project and give some interesting anecdotes about the project such as finding petrified wood in the river. Tim Pohlman of the Forest Service will talk about the improvement of trail maintenance, some new projects, and the status of the River to River Trailguide.

One topic that has come up this year will be to discuss the Societies possible roll in rescuing people who are in jeopardy, lost, or having a health episode, and the contributions to trail improvement/maintenance during the past year.

The most popular part of the societies offering is the schedule of free hikes done each spring and fall. A review will be given of this years experience and some possibilities for the following year.

The American Hiking Societies National Trails Day Event has grown over the years, and the River to River Trail Society has participated in all of them including the first one. The Community is invited to be a part of this fun event and learn how they can participate in the recreational activities of the Society. It is good for you, our community, and Southern Illinois.

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