

Family Fun Day on the Stump Dodger Trail

Come celebrate and enjoy the Stump Dodger Trail at a Fun Day June 15, with food, games, prizes, a walk/run/ride, and other activities. A great way to celebrate Father's Day weekend!

The Fun Day, June 15 from 1 – 4 p.m., will start at the Lions Park Shelter, on Main Street near the bridge. A scavenger hunt will take participants along the Trail, beginning at the little bridge near the Stump Dodger Camp Ground, through the Village and onto the trail north through the wetlands, beginning near Railroad and Grove Streets.

A three-legged race can involve kids and adults of all ages, and everyone is invited to race, walk, run, or ride bikes from one end of the trail to the other. You can also try out the two new exercise stations.

A special feature, sponsored by the Gays Mills Public Library, will be a self-guided Story Walk on the blacktop trail along the Kickapoo River. It's based on the book Nature Walk, by Douglas Florian, and will let kids and parents enjoy reading together at their leisure along the trail.

The afternoon will conclude with prizes and refreshments, including a free brat fest. Supporters for the trail work, which began in 2016, include Gays Mills friends and neighbors, and business and corporate sponsors, all of whom are listed on a donor plaque in the Gays Mills Community Commerce Center. Special thanks are due to the American Association of Retired Persons, which helped fund the work to complete the wetlands portion of the trail north of the Village.

Other major supporters include the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Crawford County Community Fund, the Comer Family Foundation, the Gorman Family Trust and Gundersen Health Systems.

