

Build Lebanon Trails

Annual Update - 2021 Year in Review

Your Support and Contributions to Build Lebanon Trails (BLT)
Made These Trail Projects Possible

2020-2021 Trail Highlights:

- The Old Mill Trail (OMT) was completed on the dike along the Santiam River. This premiere 11 foot-wide, nearly mile long trail segment connecting Riverview Park and Gill's Landing includes LED lighting, resting benches, interpretative kiosks and a commemorative plaza. This connection creates a continuous, fully accessible, off street, hard surfaced, wide trail from Weirich Drive through Cheadle Lake Park, to River Park north of Grant Street, with only one street crossing. The \$923,573 OMT project was funded by major donations from The Heatherington Foundation, Thad and Joanne Nelson, Build Lebanon Trails, and numerous community supporters. The City of Lebanon provided project design and review.
- The Eagle Scout Trail, a soft surface trail, was doubled in length. It parallels the OMT trail, between Gill's Landing and Riverview Park, providing opportunity for a loop walk from either park.

New Trail Projects Planned for 2022-2023:

- The half-mile long South Shore Trail will be constructed to connect the Cheadle Lake Trail System and the youth soccer fields. A Covid Recovery grant for \$325,000 has been earmarked to help fund the project.
- Trail Bench program Phase 2 will provide an additional 20 new trail benches across the trail system.
- Up to 50 new trees will be planted along the Old Mill Trail.
- The trail along Mt. River Drive in front of four homes will be improved.

Highlights of Trail Development and Enhancements Completed Since BLT's Inception in 2005:

- Significant progress has been made towards completion of the Lebanon Trail System Plan.
- Marks Slough Trail is a double-loop trail with views of the Santiam River and a connection to Had Irvine Park. An extension of Beaton Lane was added to improve connectivity between the two loops.
- The Burkhardt Creek Trail, Phase 1, includes a walk bridge and connects the neighborhoods of 12th and D Streets.
- A riverside trail passing under Grant Street connects River Park and Gill's Landing.
- The Northside Community Trail connects the west side industrial complexes, Oregon Veterans' Home, Pioneer School, Health Sciences campus, Boulder Falls Hotel, Samaritan Health Clinics, apartment housing developments, retail centers, and Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital. The Dr. Thad Nelson Trail leads to the east side of the industrial complex.
- Over three miles of paved trails at Cheadle Lake Park, from Weirich Drive, connects the south end of Cheadle Lake Park to the north end/boat launch area, including trails on the peninsulas of the Lake.
- Trail signage was developed and installed to improve trail users' experiences.
- A 3.2-mile-long water trail was developed at Cheadle Lake that includes interpretive signage.
- The Three Bridge's Trail segment, crossing multiple waterways, connects the trails at Cheadle Lake Park and the trail to Riverview Park. This trail includes installation of an early warning pedestrian crossing for River Drive.
- The 10-foot-wide Russell Drive Trail connects Main Street, Porter Park and Cheadle Lake Park.
- Trail amenities include BLT planting over 230 trees and installing 25 commemorative resting benches.
- The Rotary Club of Lebanon installed multiple dog waste stations along the developed trails.

Three to Ten-year Plan:

- Develop a trail connection between River Park, Had Irvine Park and the Marks Slough Trail.
- Develop a trail connection from the Dr. Thad Nelson Trail to Had Irvine Park and/or Marks Slough Trail.
- Extend the Cheadle Lake trail system to complete a full loop around the lake, including a connecting bridge between the Island Loop Trail and the south shore Trail.
- Complete the Burkhardt Creek Trail on the west side of Lebanon.



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