

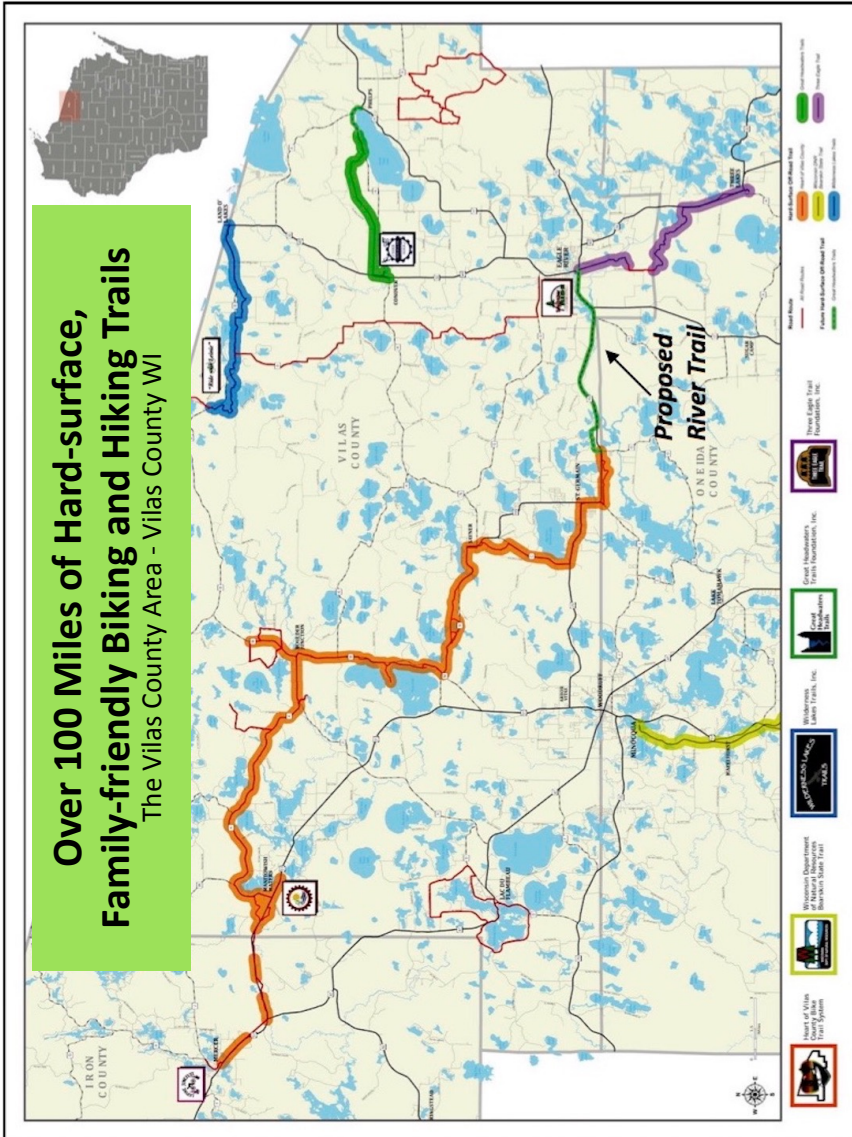
• Heart of Vilas Trails

• Wilderness Lakes Trails

• Great Headwaters Trails

• Three Eagle Trail

• Bearskin State Trail



More biking and walking trails on the way!

Things are on the upswing when it comes to helping people of all ages ride a bike or take a walk in the Eagle River, eastern Vilas County area.

In this booklet you'll find information about the work of **Great Headwaters Trails** and especially about the most important trail project now in the works, the **River Trail**. The map on the back shows the extensive trail picture for Vilas County. It also shows gaps that need filling in this end of the county, including the important gap that River Trail will take care of between Eagle River and St. Germain!

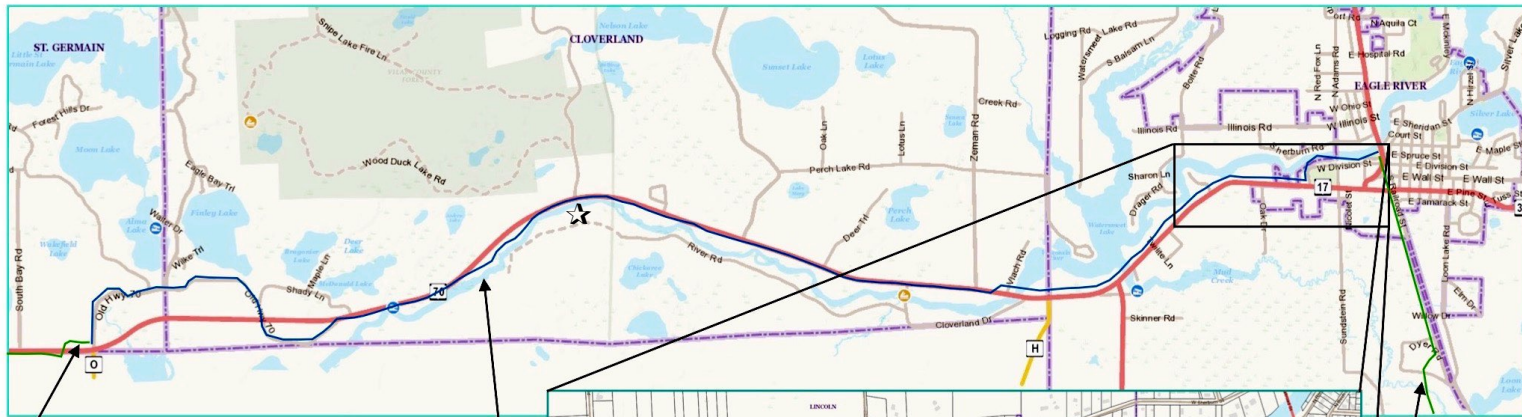
Great Headwaters Trails (GHT) is a local, all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) organization. Since forming in 2010, GHT has...

- helped raise over \$2 million for area trail development.
- partnered with the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce to put on **SepTimber Ride** for the last 4 years.
- partnered with Relay for Life of the Northwoods to put on the **Don Gillum Memorial Bike and Hike** for the last 2.
- helped the towns of **Conover** and **Phelps** complete nine miles of their 11-mile biking and walking trail.
- helped the **City of Eagle River** get a start on planning and signing on-street bike routes in the city.
- worked with the Three Eagle Trail Foundation and Tara Lila, LLC, to install the **Eagle River Connector** to make it safer and more convenient for bike riders and walkers to come right into downtown Eagle River from the Three Eagle Trail.

Last year GHT began working with the multi-jurisdictional **River Trail Commission** to develop the 10-mile **River Trail**.

We invite you to add your ongoing support to our endeavors, as a donor or as a volunteer. Just contact our executive director, Jeff Currie, at ghtrails@gmail.com or 715-617-0080. Also, visit our website at www.ghtrails.org and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GHTrails.

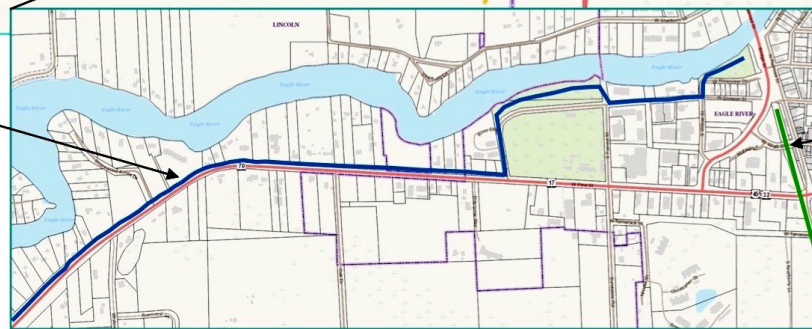




The end of the Heart of Vilas Trail (existing)



Proposed route



The Eagle River Connector and Three Eagle Trail (existing)

Inset of the area from east of the Eagle River Inn to Riverview Park



This old Hwy 70 wayside by Wilderness Trail is one of the places where the trail will skirt the Wisconsin River itself!

About the River Trail Project

For more than a decade, residents and officials in Eagle River, Lincoln, Cloverland and St. Germain have been informally discussing a biking and walking trail to connect all four towns. Now, with the formation of the River Trail Commission and its partnership with Great Headwaters Trails, it's time to make that connection happen.

At the western end, the River Trail will start on the northwest corner of Hwy 70 and Cty O where the bike-ped trail coming out of St Germain now ends. The new paved, off-road trail will head east from there for 10 miles, ending at a Riverview Park trailhead in Eagle River. This will connect Eagle River, the Three Eagle Trail and the Town of Three Lakes into the Heart of Vilas (HoV) walking and biking trail (the orange line on the map above). HoV is already 55-miles long running from St Germain through Sayner, Boulder Junction, and Manitowish Waters and on to Mercer. (See the map on the back.)

For much of its route, the River Trail will be close to the Wisconsin River making it a beautiful place for a ride or a stroll. It will include parking areas and waysides to complement and enhance access to the recreational opportunities already presented by the river like fishing, boating and tubing.

The eastern stretch of the trail in Eagle River will give residents along busy Hwy 70 a safe place to walk or bike into town. The 10 foot wide asphalt path will provide for convenient travel to visit neighbors, get to places of worship, and go to businesses along the way.

Overall, the River Trail will add a convenient amenity for community members, and a powerful draw for visitors and for people considering the area as a place to settle down. It will also be good economic news for private property owners and businesses.

The River Trail Commission is a multi-jurisdictional body whose purpose is to build, operate and maintain a biking and walking trail to connect and serve the communities of Eagle River, Lincoln, Cloverland and St. Germain. The Commission is composed of supervisors from the towns of Cloverland and St Germain and an alderman from the City of Eagle River.

This summer, the River Trail Commission began reaching out to the property owners along the trail's route to explain more about the project and explore how everyone can work together to make it happen.

The Commission meets bi-monthly at the Cloverland Town Hall, 5860 Perch Lake Rd. Its next meeting is coming up at 4 p.m. on Sept. 18.