

- Heart of Vilas Trails
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- Great Headwaters Trails
- Three Eagle Trail
- Bearskin State Trail

## Completing the Conover-Phelps Trail

All the key pieces are in place to provide a complete biking and walking trail between downtown Conover and downtown Phelps. That includes nine miles of completed trail, the funding we believe will be sufficient to build the last 2 miles of trail, and the route for that final section of trail, from Song Hill Lane on into downtown Phelps. The trail is even incorporated into plans for Phelps' new lakefront park.

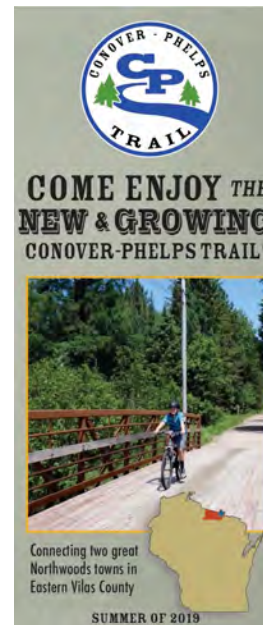
The nine miles of completed trail was well-used throughout the summer. It was the venue once again for a very successful biking and hiking event, the Don Gillum Memorial Bike and Hike. That event raised over \$2,400 for the trail and the same amount for Relay for Life of the Northwoods.

Completion of the last two miles, however, has been delayed by two factors:

1. The need to engage a professional engineering firm due to the challenging terrain contours on the

north side of Cty Hwy K. To meet this need we have hired MSA Professional Services to determine the most cost-effective and user-friendly alignment for the trail. (MSA is also the engineering firm working on the River Trail.)  
 2. Waiting on the US Forest Service to finish reviewing the route the trail will follow through the 1,000 foot stretch of national forest on the north side of Cty K just east of from Song Hill Lane. We requested that review in October 2018 and some progress has been made. We are continuing to work with Phelps and the USFS to move this along.

We believe that it will be possible to bid out the 2-mile trail project in spring of 2020, and complete the Conover-Phelps Trail next summer. MSA has set out a timeframe for this which we have shared with the USFS. We will do everything we can to help



move the parties forward to meet that timeframe.

We are disappointed that the trail was not able to be completed this year. We know, though, that we need to continue to work patiently and purposefully to get the trail completed as soon as possible without compromising on the qualities that will ensure its

attractiveness, usefulness and sustainability.

Please feel free to contact us at any time if you would like further information.

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# The 2019 map of the Conover-Phelps Trail

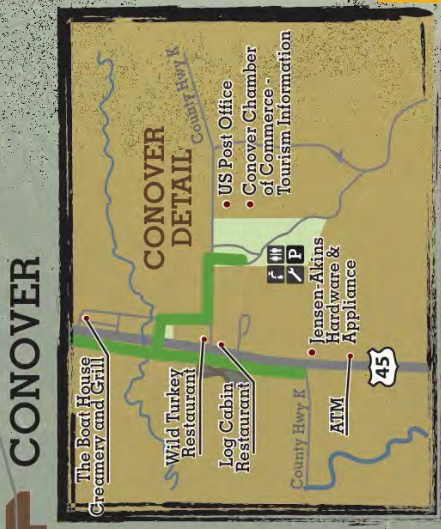
TRAIL TROUBLE LINE: 715-479-4928. To report obstructions on the trail such as a fallen tree or a major erosion problem, please call this number and leave a message with a description and location (use posted Trail distance markers). For emergencies, dial 911.

**Ready to Ride!**

**Rough surface**  
(due to temporary logging operation)

**To be completed**

Join the **YARD & MILE CLUB** and help us build the last 2 miles! [www.gntrails.org/donate](http://www.gntrails.org/donate)



**Members of the Conover-Phelps Trail Yard & Mile Club, thank you for helping build this trail!**

New members can join the Club at [www.gntrails.org/donate](http://www.gntrails.org/donate)

## Trail Etiquette

- Show courtesy to other trail users.
- Use the right side of the trail except when otherwise designated.
- Always let other trail users know you're coming — give an audible signal and pass on the left.
- Ride at a safe speed and form a single line in congested areas.
- Ride open trails only; do not ride or hike when the trail is too soft.
- Respect rights of property owners.
- Obey all traffic signs.
- Keep pets on a leash and remove pet waste from trail.
- Remove sticks, debris, etc., off of the trail.
- Leave no trace.
- No motorized vehicles allowed except Class I and Class III e-bikes.

To report non-emergency trail concerns, call 715-479-4928.

## YEAR-ROUND FUN and ACTIVITY

Put your bike on it, explore it with running shoes or hiking boots, or enjoy the trail in winter! The western five miles will be used as a snowmobile trail, and the eastern section will be great for snowshoeing! For more information, visit [www.gntrails.org](http://www.gntrails.org).

