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TRAIL OF THE THE WEEK

The St. Clair County Transit District has added a 2.2-mile extension to the paved trail in Belleville, making it 6.9 miles. The official opening is 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Swansea MetroLink station's park-ride lot.

Where • From the Swansea MetroLink station, 2222 North Illinois Street, to the Memorial Hospital station, 1502 Flanagan Road, Belleville.
How long • 2.2 miles.
Difficulty • Easy.
Surface • Paved, asphalt, striped.
Can be used for • Walking, running, bicycling, skating.
Users notes • The trail will complete a 6.9-mile stretch of trails and spurs that are part of a multifaceted transportation system around St. Clair County. While it's an urban trail, it runs through woods as well as developed areas and includes an attractive bridge at Flanagan Road and drinking fountains at both the Swansea and Memorial Hospital stations.
Other info • The dedication of the trail will include a demonstration on how to transport bicycles on the trains or Metro buses. Builders aimed the trail at recreational walkers as well as at people who wish to take bicycles on their commutes. The $3.3 million project was funded half by the transit district, 36 percent from the Federal Transit Administration and the remainder from the Metro East Park and Recreation District.
Handicapped accessible • Yes.
Facilities • Water at the train stations.
Dogs • On leash.
More information • 618-628-8090, scctd.org/metrobikelink.html, or email info@scctd.org.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT

A winding path through a wooded area is part of the urban trail that has been extended 2.2 miles by the St. Clair County Transit District and other funders. The official opening is 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Swansea MetroLink station.

POST-DISPATCH FILE PHOTO

Two bikers take to the first segment of the MetroBikeLink trail in Belleville in 2001.

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TRAIL NOTES

Beginning Nature Photography
What • A guided walk to learn the basics of nature photography and take some photographs. Point-and-shoot cameras welcome.
When • 4 to 5:30 p.m. Nov. 3.
Where • Rockwoods Reservation, 2751 Glencoe Road, Wildwood.
How much • Free.
Extras • Dress for the weather.
Ages • No age specified.
Reservations • Begin Friday, 636-458-2236.
More information • mdc.mo.gov/node/272.

WEBSITES YOU SHOULD KNOW
National Wildlife Federation:

10 Million Kids Outdoors
nwf.org/get-outside.aspx
The NWF has started a campaign to get the nation's children outdoors. The group is selling the health, happiness and togetherness benefits of getting kids into the wilderness.