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Celebrate new trails, bridges and open space at “Walk the Rock!”

GENEVA, IL — Join the Forest Preserve District and Kane County as we actively celebrate new trails, bike bridges, and open space at “Walk the Rock!,” Sept. 17.

During this family-friendly event, we’ll meet at Jon J. Duerr Forest Preserve at 8:45 a.m., and then hike, walk, bicycle, or ride the Fox River Trolley three-quarters of a mile to the Stearns Road bicycle bridge to celebrate its official opening of this important river crossing. The rock marks the site of the project ground-breaking.

Following introductory remarks and a ribbon-cutting, there will be giveaways and activities for kids including an inflatable climbing wall, hikes to Tekakwitha Woods Nature Center, bird bingo, wetland investigations with naturalists from the Forest Preserve District, rides by the Fox River Trolley Museum, healthy living information, trail maps, and more!

Be sure to get there at 8:45 a.m. sharp. Bicycle bells and a special commemorative coin will be given to the first 200 who participate.

Already in use by walkers, bicyclists and joggers, this popular river crossing is so much more than simply a bridge. Learn about four trail bridges including the multi-use path over the Fox River; two new multi-use trail underpasses; the interconnection to three regional bike trails; three miles of new multi-use paths; and 216 acres of new open space.

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There will be parking at Jon J. Duerr Forest Preserve, with overflow parking at the Fox River Trolley Museum and at Tekakwitha Woods Forest Preserve.

Participants are also encouraged to ride bicycles in from nearby spots including Tekakwitha Woods Forest Preserve, LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve, downtown South Elgin, James “Pate” Philip State Park, or Pratt’s Wayne Woods Forest Preserve along the Illinois Prairie Path.

This special event is presented by the Forest Preserve District, Kane County, South Elgin Parks & Recreation and the Fox River Trolley Museum.

The event goes from 8:45 a.m. to noon. Jon J. Duerr Forest Preserve is located at 35W003 IL Route 31, South Elgin. Learn more at www.kaneforest.com.

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