

“Celebrate the Trail” invites walkers, bikers to enjoy the sights and sounds of nature

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The University of Southern Indiana and Burdette Park invite the public to “Celebrate the Trail,” a bike ride and walk on the scenic USI-Burdette Trail, on Saturday October 22. The celebration will include free lunch and giveaways.

The USI-Burdette Trail allows users to witness Southwestern Indiana’s natural beauty while connecting a picturesque park with USI’s scenic 1,400-acre campus. The trail is a designated destination point of the American Discovery Trail (ADT), and has been named a National Recreation Trail by the Secretary of the Interior in 2008.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. at three locations (depending on desired length of the walk/bike ride):

- USI-Burdette Trail at University Boulevard on the USI campus (6-mile roundtrip from USI to Burdette Park).
- Broadway Avenue at USI’s Broadway Recreational Complex (4-mile roundtrip).
- Burdette Park’s Building 13 (short walks/rides within the park, or 6-mile roundtrip to USI).

Bicyclists will take to the trail at 10 a.m., serious cyclists are encouraged to meet at Burdette Park to ride some of the route along the river bottom before heading back to the park for lunch. Walkers will take to the trail at 10:45 a.m. Water stations will be provided along the trail. Participants will receive a free t-shirt commemorating the event and goodie bags while supplies last.

Everyone will return to Burdette Park’s Building 13 at noon for hot dogs, bratwurst, potato chips, beverages, ice cream and a brief program celebrating the USI-Burdette Trail and the partnership between USI and Burdette Park.

USI students may check out bicycles from the Recreation, Fitness and Wellness Center with their Eagle IDs.

The event may be canceled if it rains. That decision will be made by 9 a.m. on the day of the event, and an update will be posted on the University of Southern Indiana and Burdette Park Facebook pages and websites.

For more information about the trail, go to www.usi.edu/trails. For event information or questions, contact Dave Enzler, director of Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness, at 812-461-5271 or email denzler@usi.edu.