



Friends of the Musketawa Trail



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

RAVENNA, Michigan — The Friends of the Musketawa Trail invite trail users, community members and outdoor enthusiasts to celebrate a fresh new chapter for the Musketawa Trail with a Grand Reopening Celebration and Ribbon Cutting on September 11 from 3:00–6:00 p.m. The event marks the completion of Phase 1 of the Musketawa Trail rebuild, including the newly rebuilt Crockery Creek bridge and new pavement extending into Ottawa County.

The celebration will begin promptly at 3:00 p.m. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the west end of the newly rebuilt Crockery Creek bridge in Ravenna, including remarks from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Parking will be available at the Ravenna Trailhead parking lot, with a short walk east to the bridge.
THEN, ENJOY THE TRAIL!

Following the ribbon cutting, everyone is invited to experience the improvements firsthand during a free, informal “pop-up” ride and/or walk.

Participants can travel east across the new Crockery Creek bridge and continue onto the newly-paved section of trail beginning at Ellis Road in Ottawa County. Bring a bicycle or walking shoes and choose your own distance and pace. Helmets are encouraged for those participating on wheels.

Water will be available for participants at the Ravenna Depot, where the Friends of the Musketawa Trail will also have trail information and a limited number of Musketawa Trail t-shirts available for purchase. There is no charge to participate, and the celebration will take place rain or shine. The Musketawa Trail has been connecting communities and providing opportunities for outdoor recreation for decades. This first phase of reconstruction gives trail users a smoother, refreshed experience while continuing the trail's long tradition of welcoming walkers, runners, cyclists, equestrians, snowmobilers and other outdoor enthusiasts throughout the seasons.

Come celebrate the fresh “face” of the Musketawa Trail and then get out and enjoy it!

EVENT AT A GLANCE

WHAT:	Grand ReOpening Celebration Phase 1 Ribbon Cutting & Ride/Walk
WHEN:	September 11, 3:00–6:00 p.m.
RIBBON CUTTING:	Promptly at 3:00 p.m.
WHERE:	Crockery Creek Trestle, Village of Ravenna
PARKING:	Ravenna Trailhead parking lot
COST:	** FREE **
AFTERWARD:	Community ride/walk on the newly rebuilt trail
WEATHER:	Rain or shine

ABOUT THE FRIENDS OF THE MUSKETAWA TRAIL

The Friends of the Musketawa Trail supports, promotes and advocates for the Musketawa Trail and works to encourage people of all ages and abilities to enjoy this unique West Michigan recreational resource throughout the year.

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