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STAKING OUT THE ROUTE FOR THE NEW MERKEL PERIMETER TRAIL

Volunteers are meeting with Mike Aho, from Spokane Parks and Recreation this Sunday, September 19th at 10:00 am in front of Stadium Pizza (just south of Albi Stadium) to stake out the route for the new Merkel perimeter trail. Anyone who wants to help is welcome, especially those interested in the trail's route.

Wear your walking shoes. Activities on Sunday involve marking the route with flags which is usually too awkward to do on a bike. You might also consider bringing a small day pack for water and other personal items.

So we know how many people to expect please RSVP via email to Mike Aho maho@spokanecity.org

About the New Perimeter Trail

The Trail connects NW Spokane, Joe Albi Stadium and the Dwight Merkel Sports Complex to Riverside State Park's trail system and the Spokane River. This unpaved trail is approximately 1-mile long with outstanding views of the Spokane River - perfect for mountain biking, hiking, trail running or walking your dog.

About the Dwight Merkel Sports Complex

Named for one of the city's most influential figures in the development of athletic competition for children, the Dwight Merkel Sports Complex was constructed using \$7 million from the 2007 City of Spokane Parks Improvement Bond along with \$4 million from the sale of park property that was approved by City voters in 1999 and subsequently held in reserve.

The new Dwight Merkel Sports Complex features:

- Six full size natural grass soccer fields
- Two full size synthetic athletic fields with lights
- Five softball diamonds with lights
- One youth baseball field
- Concessions, rest rooms and meeting space
- BMX track with lights & timing equipment
- Skate Park
- Neighborhood park with splash pad & playground
- Paved perimeter trail, plus an unpaved hiking trail approximately 1 mile long that leads down to Riverside State Park's trails and offers outstanding views of the Spokane River.

For more information www.spokaneparks.org