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UPDATE:

The Trails at Merkel

“Connector Trail” Open Now

In addition to playfields, a BMX track, a skate park and other amenities, there are two new trails at the Dwight Merkel Sports Complex.

The completed trail is the Riverside State Park connector trail that links from 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.

In addition there is an as yet to be constructed 5K (3.1 mile) “life sports” trail that will encircle the entire Merkel complex and Joe Albi Stadium and connect to the trail going down to Riverside State Park. It will be designed to allow neighbors and visitors to bike, run, and walk without navigating through parking lots, playing fields, etc.

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

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