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TEMPORARY TRAIL CLOSURE

Trail between the new Ben Burr Trailhead at West Liberty Park and the Liberty Aquatic Center entrance off of Pittsburg Street is temporarily closed

Earlier this week, there was a small rock slide near the western end of the Ben Burr trail. Park Operations Staff (OPS) cleared the trail and asked staff from the City's Risk Management Dept. to take a look at the area.

Please see attached map for location.

They have now advised that Parks should close the trail between the new trailhead at West Liberty Park and the Liberty Aquatic Center entrance off of Pittsburg Street.

Risk Management staff wants to have an engineer look at the stability of the face of the remaining wall while OPS staff looks at permanent solutions. At this point, it is unclear how long this closure will last.

OPS staff is currently placing barricades and caution tape at each end the closure and near the slide itself. We are also in the process of posting "TRAIL CLOSED" signs.

About Spokane Parks and Recreation

City of Spokane Parks and Recreation is responsible for the professional management and prudent caretaking of more than 4,100 acres of developed parks and conservation land. The Golf Division maintains and operates four championship municipal golf courses, including Indian Canyon, Downriver, Esmeralda and the Creek at Qualchan. Park Operations has responsibility for the maintenance of all park land and park facilities in the City of Spokane



including Riverfront Park, Manito Park, Gaiser Conservatory, the many city-wide gardens, and Finch Arboretum. Urban Forestry staff manages 50,000 street trees and another 28,000 trees on developed park land within the City of Spokane. The Recreation/Entertainment Division offers classes, special events, athletic leagues and activities for youth, teens, adults, seniors and persons with physical and mental disabilities. It also operates Riverfront Park attractions, activities and events, and provides support for community centers, senior centers, the Northeast Youth Center, Corbin Art Center and outdoor swimming pools. For more information please visit www.spokaneparks.org

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