

## All Newton Trails' activities suspended

**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all Newton Trails activities—including all group hikes, bicycle rides, walk/runs, trail maintenance, and the annual supporter event--have been suspended until further notice.**

**Please watch for further information via email messages or on Newton Trails website or social media pages.**

**However, please get out and enjoy Newton County's trails on your own or at a safe social distance from others!**

## 2020 Supporter Campaign update: \$13,391 raised toward \$21,000 goal



Newton Trails has received donations equivalent to about 64% of its 2020 Supporter Campaign goal. Eighty-one people have contributed. Newton Trails' goal is to receive contributions from 150 donors.

If you have not already done so, please consider giving today. To learn how, go to [newtontrails.org/donations](https://www.newtontrails.org/donations). If you are already a donor, thank you!

Newton Trails plans to combine the proceeds from this year's Supporter Campaign with funds provided by the City of Covington and two different granting agencies to open as much of the Cricket Frog Trail as possible within Covington, including the Dried Indian Creek Bridge.

Indeed, work has already begun as Newton Trails volunteer maintenance crews (see accompanying photo) have been clearing trees and brush near the bridge.

## New weekend hike and walk/run opportunities coming

Although all Newton Trails activities have been suspended until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Newton Trails is excited to announce that two new Saturday recreational opportunities will be forthcoming when the current danger subsides. Please watch for further information via email messages or on Newton Trails' website and social media pages.

The two new activities are Saturday Hikes and Newton Trails WalkRun. Both are family-friendly and open to anyone interested in hiking, walking, or running with others. Both will be offered on Saturdays.

Saturday Hikes will be similar to Newton Trails' popular Wednesday Morning Hikes in that they will be group hikes on unpaved trails in nearby parks. Initially, Saturday Hikes will be offered approximately quarterly. To get on the email distribution list for further information, send a note of interest to [info@newtontrails.org](mailto:info@newtontrails.org).



Newton Trails WalkRun kicked off March 14 with about 20 participants who met on the Covington Square (see accompanying photo). Some then walked while others ran on city sidewalks and the Cricket Frog Trail. Scotty Scoggins is the organizer and has initial plans to lead this activity every second Saturday when it can safely be reactivated. Plans are to eventually rotate the activity among Newton County's five municipalities. For further information send a note of interest to [info@newtontrails.org](mailto:info@newtontrails.org) or join the Facebook group [Newton Trails WalkRun](#).

## New Sponsorship/Supporter Program

Newton Trails appreciates and always wants to recognize and thank everyone who contributes time, money, or materials!

To that end a new Sponsorship/Supporter Program has been developed. The program establishes eight contribution levels ranging from "Travelers" who donate \$50 or less per year to "Trailblazers" who contribute \$10,000 or more per year. It defines how Newton Trails will recognize businesses, organizations, and individuals in each category. For details, please [click here](#).

So far this year, the City of Covington is a Trailblazer contributor; Piedmont Newton a Pathfinder; and Newton Federal Bank, Newton Trails' newest sponsor, a Guide.

With regard to Newton Federal Bank's sponsorship, Jimmy Tanner, vice president said, "We are very appreciative of everything Newton Trails' board and volunteers are doing. You are making a difference for the better in our community and we are proud to partner with you."



## Covington Lions adopt section of Cricket Frog Trail



The Covington Lions have joined Newton Trails' Adopt-A-Spot program ([newtontrails.org/adopt-a-spot](http://newtontrails.org/adopt-a-spot)) and will be caring for a section of the Cricket Frog Trail near their facilities in Academy Springs Park in Covington. Many thanks Lions!

The Montessori School of Covington was the first to adopt a trail section. They are caring for a portion of the Cricket Frog Trail near their school.

Participants in the program are asked to perform light trail maintenance, including removal of small branches and litter, as well as inspections of signage and trail conditions.

Businesses, community groups, families, and individuals are invited to adopt a spot of trail that appeals to them. Most "spots" will run from one road crossing to another. However, Newton Trails is open to proposals for varying sections of the trail.

## Newton Trails now on Instagram



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