

Polk County Parks and Recreation held its monthly general trails meeting at Saluda Outfitters. More than 20 people were in attendance. We discussed the current state of Little White Oak Mountain as well as planning community hikes for the spring to visit other mountain biking and hiking trails both for fun and to see what we could adopt for our own trail system.

An update of the status of our local trails was given as well as the times of future trail workdays.

- Overview of trails
 - Vaughn Creek Greenway is muddy and has some puddles breeding biting insects.
 - Repairs are pending on dry weather. Watch out for volunteer workday.
 - Alexander's Ford is now **open** thanks to the NC Forest Service
 - Trees still remain on edge of trail so be careful driving up to the parking lot
 - Tryon Missing 40 has large number of trees down along trail but is passable in some places
 - Woodland Park has large tree blocking the red path
 - Can be navigated around. Working on a fix.
- Little White Oak Mountain
 - Grants are being submitted and worked on. Parks & Rec are optimistic about the grant possibilities and the development of the trail system on the property.
 - Scouting excursion for the property is being performed next month
- Community Hikes are being planned for Weed Patch Mountain and the Palmetto Trail.
 - Shuttle will be provided
 - Dates TBD but Friday or Saturday seems to be the most likely
 - RSVP will be sent out when the dates and times are set.
- Community Field Trips to other mountain biking/hiking trails are being discussed as well to get an idea of what we would like
 - Fire Mountain, Gateway Park and Tannery Knob were mentioned as possible locations to visit.
- Harmon Field's Climbing Wall is continuing to be looked at by members of the community for reuse