

January 28th, 2019 – Trails Meeting (Mountain Bike Meet-Up) Minutes

This meeting was held at Saluda Outfitters to get an idea of the public opinion on the mountain bike trail being planned at Little White Oak Mountain. There were 28 people in attendance. Overall, everyone is excited and hopeful for the upcoming trail system and Polk County Parks & Rec is working on getting grants and plans finalized for the construction of the trail system.

An update on the status of the trails following the recent storms was also given as well as the dates of upcoming workdays.

- Likes in other systems
 - Bank turns
 - Con: High maintenance – traps water
 - Tabletops
 - Directional trails
 - Steepness
 - “More rock, the better.”
 - Flow vs Technical – Mixture
 - Spencer branch
 - One way vs Two Way
 - Alternate one-way once a month
 - Depends on how tight the turns are
 - **Line of Sight to see other people coming and going**
 - Rocky Knob – variety for beginners, intermediate and advanced
 - Exposure (views), variety, Possible campsite,
 - Wood and rock features, climbs (Fire Mountain)
 - Only up or only down (Con)
- Interest in advanced level, technical trail
- E-bikes
 - Not a lot of options for people that ride these bikes currently
- Kid-friendly portions – super beginner
 - Mileage is low – ½ mile to 3 mile
- Other info
 - Soil leads to bad erosion (Michigan Black Dirt) The flowy, large bank turns possibly not possible to start immediately technical
 - No current “Warm-up” for the trail
- DON'T LIKE
 - Super technical and twisty just to add mileage