Construction begins on the Penn State Arboretum rail trail

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University Park, Pa. -- Hikers and bikers will be able to more easily enjoy their travels through the Penn State Arboretum as paving starts Monday (April 11) for a rail trail to provide a path for pedestrians and cyclists, marking the start of one of the first major design components of the arboretum.

The mile-long, 10-foot wide trail will pave over the abandoned Bellefonte Central Railroad bed, starting where the McKee Street/Clinton Avenue bicycle path intersects the railroad bed, about 1,200 feet north of Sunset Park. The trail, which will be surfaced with crushed limestone, will follow the railroad right-of-way, ending just south of the property line between the University and Toftrees.

The area will remain open during construction for hikers and cyclists who currently use the old railroad bed. However, they may have to move off trail to avoid construction.

Completion of the trail project is expected at the end of September.

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