

ROCK HILL

Events celebrate network of trails

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Help "Mark the Thread Trail" in York and Chester counties on Tuesday.

That's when new signs are unveiled on sections of the Carolina Thread Trail, an effort to preserve and build more than 400 miles of trails in the Charlotte region.

Events include:

An 11 a.m. "Marking the Thread Trail" celebration at Manchester Meadows Trail at 337 E. Mount Gallant Road, Rock Hill. Visitors can walk the short section. Details: www.rockhillrocks.org, click "calendar."



Visitors enjoy biking on Rock Hill's Manchester Meadows Trail. It's part of the Carolina Thread Trail, which is an effort to have more than 400 miles of trails in the region.

The Town of Fort Mill will hold an event at the Blue Star Trail near Anne Springs Close Greenway Dairy Barn at 10 a.m. Visit www.leroy springs.com or call 803-547-1138.

In Chester, a 10 a.m. ceremony will be at the Wylie Walking and Biking Trail at Wylie Park, 161 W. End St. Visitors may take guided tours, view art contests and sample refreshments. Information: www.chestercounty.org.

At 10 a.m., Great Falls will celebrate at the Rocky Creek Trail, which opened June 25. The new three-mile trail was founded through a South Carolina Parks, Recreation & Tourism grant. It's located on land owned by the Catawba Valley Land Trust, one mile south of Great Falls on U.S. 21. Information: 803-482-2055.

Plans for the 15-county network of trails and greenways were prompted by the Catawba Lands Conservancy in consultation with the Trust for Public Lands. Parks, cities, private landowners and others have partnered to connect and preserve the lands.

Grants are available to help communities plan and build trails. Visit www.carolina threadtrail.org to learn more and see a map of the proposed trail system.

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