

# Bike & Pedestrian Trail Becoming a Reality!

Glendalough State Park is a conservation icon and source of vitality to our region. Since the park's inception in 1992, a paved bike and pedestrian trail has been called out in Glendalough's development plan, and is the #1 requested amenity among Park visitors. Likewise, a trail concept has been noted in the City of Battle Lake's Comprehensive Plan, and School District #542's Strategic Plan related to academics within the Park.

During the past two years a compelling, 12-mile paved Bike & Pedestrian Trail concept was developed to align with these plans. This concept was vetted with local officials, engineers, hydrologists, geologists, and the MN DNR.

Such a family trail is nearing reality for citizens of Otter Tail County, students of the Glendalough Academy, and residents of the Good Samaritan Center. The trail was also designed to intersect with the Northern Tier of the U.S. Bike Route at Otter Tail County Hwy #16. All segments of the trail have been approved, and funding is secured.



Existing Trail Segments	Description	Status
City of Battle Lake Bike & Pedestrian Trail	Existing paved trail along State Hwy 78 and Cty. Hwy 89 from city of BL to the airport	Complete and maintained
Whitetail Lane	Existing two-lane road in Glendalough	Complete and maintained
New Trail Segments	Description	Status
<b>Segment 1:</b> Battle Lake to Glendalough Interconnection Trail	Approved 10' paved Bike & Pedestrian Trail from City airport to the Glendalough Park entrance. Utilizes existing City land, and land to be acquired in Everts Township.	Approved for \$175,000 federal transportation enhancement grant. Over \$125,000 of donations raised in local funds. Engineering and construction 2012 / 2013.
<b>Segment 2:</b> Glendalough Trail Loop	Approved 10' paved trail connecting Whitetail Lane and winding around Annie Battle and Molly Stark lakes, and traversing the southeast prairie and woodlands.	Approved for \$350,000 of state legislative bonding likely to be completed in 2011 or 2012 (TBD).
<b>Segment 3:</b> Molly Stark Segment	Approved 10' paved trail on Cty. Hwy 16 Right of Way completing the trail loop.	Approved for federal grant with completion in 2013 / 2014.