

Western Park – Mountain Bike Trail Proposal Map



Western Park mountain bike trail proposal

Leicester City Council is considering a proposal from members of the local community to develop a mountain bike trail around Western Park and would like to hear the views and opinions of park users to this proposal.

The proposal is to develop a 4km mountain bike trail around Western Park. The trail would provide open access for riders of all abilities and would increase the use of the park for cycling activities with three different graded sections suitable for various levels of off road riding skills.

In the woodland areas, where possible it is proposed that the trail follows existing desire lines, however, removal of vegetation will be required in places and ecological surveys would be conducted prior to any works.

The trail would be designed to be ridden in one direction only (anti-clockwise) and would be signed with appropriate way markers and warning signs. Crossing points between the bike trail and pedestrian routes will be designed to slow the cycles down.

Development of the routes would be conditional on securing grant funding.

Green Route

Graded easy for beginner and novice cyclists. This part of the trail makes use of the existing 3m wide cycle path passing through the park and linking to National Cycle Route number 6.

Blue Route

Graded moderate for intermediate cyclists/mountain bikers with basic off road riding skills. Harder than the green route, the blue route would introduce more challenges such as roots, trees, narrow paths, steep inclines and descents. The trail would also include small technical features such as berms (angled corners) and small jumps and drop offs. The trail corridor will be between 1.5m and 3m in width and be surfaced in stone.

Red Route

Graded difficult for competent mountain bikers with good off road riding skills. Narrower than the blue route with a widely variable surface condition. Natural obstacles and more difficult technical trail features will be present.

To comment on the trail proposal please write to:

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