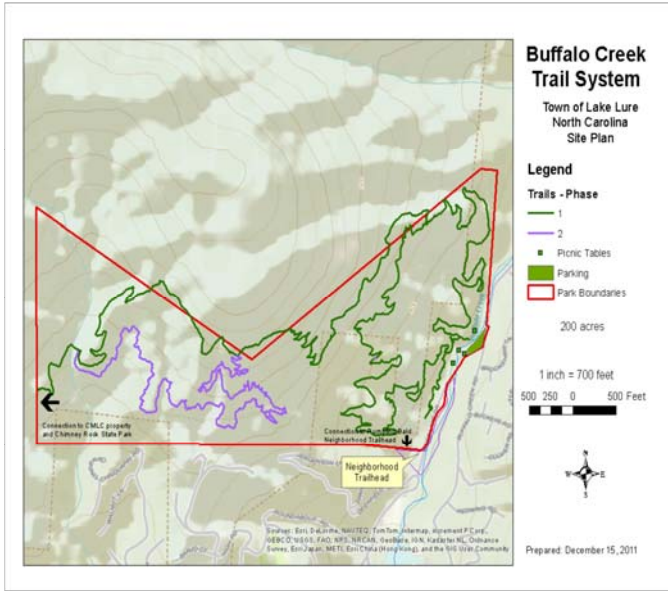


Buffalo Creek Park and the Summits Trail



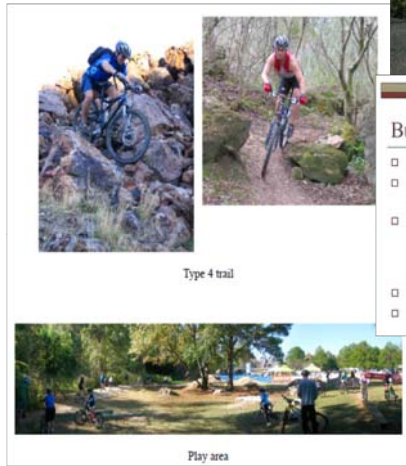
Brief History

- With the assistance from CMLC, the Town acquired 200 acres through a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant (PARTF). CMLC owns the adjacent 1300 acre tract.
- The Town of Lake Lure (TOLL) hired Trail Dynamics to develop a trail feasibility study which was completed in the Spring of 2011.
- CMLC also hired Trail Dynamics to develop a trail feasibility study on the adjacent tract.
- NC State Parks adopted the Chimney Rock State Park Master Plan that included trail connections from the Town and CMLC property to Eagle Rock on State Park property.
- The Town hired Trail Dynamics to develop the Final Trail Design, and has been awarded grant funds (PARTF and RTP) to construct 5 miles of trail on Town property, along with picnic facilities. Construction to begin in February 2013.
- The Town applied for a pre-application for the Eagle Rock Extension, and has recently been invited to submit a full application (due January 31, 2013)

The following is a statement from a recent study on the economic impact of new mountain bike trails in a town in Pennsylvania:
"In 2010, mountain bike trails at Raysdown Lake, PA attracted more than 25,000 visitors, 2.5 times more than predicted. Mountain bikers brought \$1.2 million in spending to the region."
Wimpey, J., and Maguire, F., 2011

General Time Line

- January 2013- Submit RTP Grant Application for Summits Trail – Eagle Rock Extension
- February 1, 2013 – Start Trail Construction
- April 2013- Finish 5 miles of Trail at Buffalo Creek Park (including small trail head and bridge)
- Summer 2013 – Construct Easy Trail and Picnic Facilities around Buffalo Creek Park
- Summer/ Fall 2013 – Notification of RTP Grant Recipients



Buffalo Creek Park Facilities

- Picnic Tables
- Easy trail around Buffalo Creek – Approximately 1/3mile of Type 1 (Mostly ADA accessible trail)
- 5 miles of mountain bike/ hiking trail including the Summits Trail which will access the CMLC property and eventually the State Park (Additional 2 miles flagged and ready for construction upon funding)
- Trailhead/ parking area
- Bridge to cross Buffalo Creek

