

Metamora section of Canal Trail opens October 15

First it was the canal boat, then the railroad and the car. On Saturday, October 15, another mode of transportation will roll into Metamora. The second section of the Whitewater Canal Trail will open with great fanfare October 15 at Noon. The public is invited to the ribbon cutting which will be held at the DNR red barn at the East end of Metamora.

The latest section to open includes 2.6 miles of primitive trail. The trailhead is located in Metamora and is easily accessed by the parking area near the historic Whitewater Canal Aqueduct. More than 100 volunteers have worked to create the latest addition to Franklin County's recreational offerings. The 2.6 mile section will open for hikers and mountain bikes on October 15. When complete, the Whitewater Canal Trail will link Metamora and Brookville with an 8-mile



hike/bike trail.

In the spring of 2005, volunteers opened the first section of trail at the Yellow Bank Trailhead, located between Brookville and Metamora on US 52. For the grand opening event on October 15, a shuttle will be offered to walkers who want to walk just one length of the trail. This service is

generously contributed by Morgan's Canoe.

To access the Metamora Trailhead, enter Metamora from US 52, cross the canal and turn left (east) to the Aqueduct parking area. For more information about the Whitewater Canal Trail call (765) 647-6457 or visit the website at www.whitewatercanaltrail.com.