



## Press Release

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### **Lake Bella Vista Park and Trail and Wishing Springs Trail Re-Opens to Public**

**Bentonville, AR.....**The City of Bentonville is pleased to announce Wishing Springs Trail and Bella Vista Lake Park will re-open to the public at sunrise on Saturday, May 7. The extreme weather conditions during April 22 – 25 forced the City's Parks and Recreation Department to close these facilities due to flooding and unsafe conditions.

Wishing Springs Trail, accessed at 3802 NW Wishing Springs Road, completely reopens for public use. All necessary repairs have been made by Parks and Recreation Staff. Bella Vista Lake Park will open, excluding the portion of the trail that crosses the dam. City of Bentonville Officials are unsure of when this portion of the trail will be able to open to the public. Bella Vista Lake Park is located at 4900 Bella Vista Way.

In the coming weeks and months, park patrons will continue to see repairs made at each of these locations. Completely restoring these facilities to their pre-flood condition is a task that cannot be completed in a matter of just weeks. However, the facilities have been declared safe to utilize.

The City of Bentonville continues to have one facility **closed** due to the flooding. The North Bentonville Trail Bridge, located on NW A Street, continues to remain closed for public use. The trail is open, as well as Slaughter Pen Mountain Bike Trails and the Bentonville Bark Park. However, **the trail that connects these two facilities is not safe for use at this time.** As soon as repairs are complete, this bridge will reopen to the public.

The City of Bentonville appreciates the cooperation from our many park patrons during the past couple of weeks.

For additional information, please contact Bentonville Parks and Recreation at 464.7275.

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