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**March Board Cycle**

**Milwaukee County Parks**  
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Date: February 19, 2020  
To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors  
From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks  
Subject: **Update regarding access to Whitnall Park, the Root River Parkway, and the Oak Leaf Trail – INFO**

**Issue**

In response to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors' request in Resolution 19-602, Milwaukee County Parks staff have prepared an informational report to summarize the existing available access to the Oak Leaf Trail, Whitnall Park, and the Root River lands adjacent to Ballpark Commons.

**Background**

Parks has verified that access to the Oak Leaf Trail at the Rock Sports Complex and Ballpark Commons properties is available and being maintained per typical practices. The alternate winter trail on the north side of the site has been completed and is in use seasonally. Following snow events, Parks Staff clears the surface in accordance with systemwide priorities, and in conjunction with the responsibilities of the landowner. Public access surrounding parkland in Whitnall Park and Root River Parkway remains unimpeded.

**Recommendation**

No action necessary as this item is informational.

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Approved By: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks



**Attachments:**

- Trails Vicinity Map

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