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Adventure Around Every Turn.

The Baileys Trail System Begins Phase 2 Construction.

With trails open to the public and the first few loops of the system complete, the Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia (ORCA) and the Baileys working group now turn their attention toward the next phase of construction. Phase 2 will expand trails 11 miles farther into Wayne National Forest and connect to the Doanville Trailhead, affording visitors greater access from Nelsonville. The 11 miles include approximately five miles of easy, five miles of intermediate, and one mile of difficult trails.

The second phase of construction is underway! Prior to any building efforts, a project design was developed this past spring and trail builders then submitted proposals. Of the offers, Appalachian Dirt and International Mountain Bicycling Association Trail Solutions were selected to carry out the next phase. Alongside these builders, six locally hired members of the Appalachian Conservation Corps (ACC) will assist with trail construction this summer.

Funding for Phase 2 trail construction is provided by the U.S. Forest Service National Partnerships Office, a Recreational Trails Program grant, and matching funds. From now until the fall of 2020, the Wayne National Forest, ORCA, and Applied Trails Research will collaborate on Phase 2 trail planning and development. ORCA will work to administer contracts with trail builders, Applied Trails Research will manage construction, and the Wayne National Forest will work with partners to inspect and finalize new trails. Ultimately, each organization's involvement and cooperation is essential to ensuring Phase 2 concludes by November.

The full Baileys Trail System—expected to encompass 88 miles of trails— could be completed as early as 2022 if an outdoor recreation environmental impact bond is approved. The Baileys will serve as a nationally recognized recreation destination, as well as an engine to both revitalize the local economy and increase community access to health and wellness opportunities. Though optimized for mountain biking, this system encourages a diversity of activities, as its trails accommodate running, hiking, and birding, too!

For more information on the Baileys Trail System, follow us on Instagram [@baileystrailssystem](https://www.instagram.com/baileystrailssystem), on Facebook [@BaileysTrails](https://www.facebook.com/BaileysTrails), and Twitter [@baileys_trails](https://twitter.com/baileys_trails). To learn how to donate to the Baileys, visit <https://athensfoundation.org/giving/funds/trailfund/#>.