



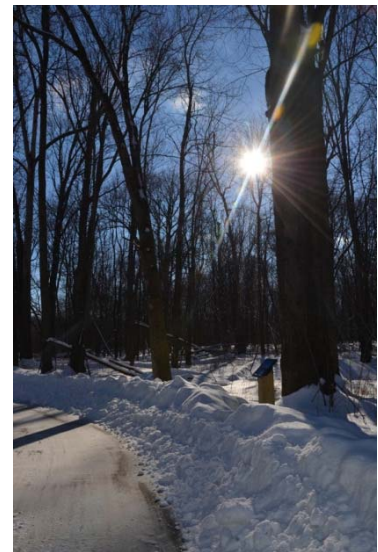
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Audio Tour Added to Access Adventure Trail



If you have spent any time on the Access Adventure Trail in the Chipp-A-Waters Park recently, you may have noticed new signs with QR codes that read “Scan for Audio Tour.” These QR codes link to audio files, allowing visitors to experience the park in a whole new way. The audio tour consists of nine narratives describing different elements of nature found along the trail.

Visitors to the Access Adventure Trail may use smartphones and other handheld devices to listen to different sounds at each sign. One recording discusses the various types of birds that are native to the park, and includes demonstrations of their calls. Each narrative is related to the area of the park in which the sign is located. These narratives were written and recorded by Central Michigan University students and include descriptions of birds, mammals, forest layers, trees, floodplains, oxbows, the river, and even the impact of humans.



The full audio tour can also be found on the City of Mt. Pleasant’s Chipp-A-Waters Park website, www.mt-pleasant.org/parks, or by searching “Chipp-A-Waters Park” on most search engines.



The audio tour is the latest addition to the Access Adventure Trail, which was made possible by a grant awarded to the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation via Midwest Community Foundations’ Ventures. The universally accessible trail includes a uniquely designed 8’ x 150’ pedestrian bridge that crosses the Chippewa River, an upland trail loop with scenic turnouts and fixed viewing scopes at two heights, and a wetland trail loop with a boardwalk extending over a pond. Visitors of all ages and abilities may learn about their surroundings and experience the sights, sounds and smells of the river wetland on the Access Adventure Trail.