

Panhandle Pathway News
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February may seem like a relatively sleepy time for the trail but actually it's been a busy time preparing for the next phase of construction. Paving from Star City to Kenneth along the Wabash River will begin this spring when the weather breaks. Signage similar to the northern section will be installed throughout the remaining trail with improvements like benches to follow shortly. In fact the first benches have been installed thanks to generous donations by supporters to honor or remember loved ones. Resting on a bench feels pretty sweet after exercising along the trail.

This winters snowfall has enabled cross country skiers to blow the dust off their equipment and get a nice workout in the process. I haven't heard of any snowshoe tracks being sighted yet. I'm sure it's just a matter of time until they are tried out on the trail.

The winter birds are starting to gear up for the spring that waits just around the corner. The owls have already nested and are preparing their young for the warm weather ahead. The ever-present red-tailed hawks are patrolling their territory and announcing their occasional displeasure if disturbed. "Bird-feeder birds" are finding water and shelter between trips to food sources.

Volunteers are needed for most phases of trail development. Why not stop by a meeting of the Friends of the Panhandle Trail at 6:30m the last Tuesday of the month at the Winamac Town Municipal Building?

See you on the trail!