

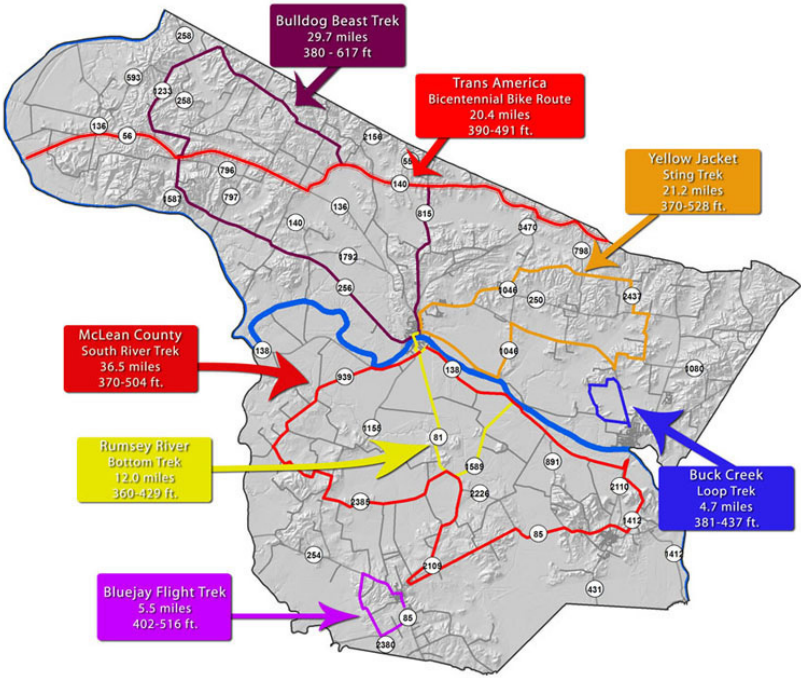
Countywide Inventory

A county-wide inventory was completed for all existing recreational and tourism offerings.
(A complete listing is available online at www.trailsrus.com/mcleancounty.)



Bicycle Route

TransAmerica Bicycle Route goes through McLean County.
Fall, 2006 -- working with bicyclists, a detailed map of all bike routes was developed. Myer Creek will be used as one of the trailheads.



Signage Program

A signage plan is now being developed featuring the primary recreational and tourism offerings throughout the county.



Photo Contest

A county-wide photo contest was held at the same time the inventory was being done. The photo contest was used to stimulate a greater awareness of the many offerings in the county by its citizens. The photos will be used for marketing the county in a brochure, website and other publications.



McLean County, Kentucky

MYER CREEK PARK

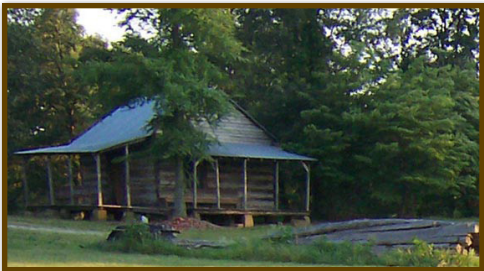
Vision for the Future



History

Years ago, Shawnee Indians lived in the Myer Creek Park area. Later, both oil and gas were extracted from the earth. Wells were constructed.

- 1961** - City of Calhoun acquires 110 acres.
- 1987**- McLean County Fiscal Court acquires an additional 78 acres in which one acre of the property was used as a landfill.
- 1992** - Idea formulated to use Myer Creek Park for a land demonstration area.
- 1994** - Judge Executive Larry Whitaker presents idea to McLean County Fiscal Court. The Court agrees and clean up, dozing and mowing is done on portions of the property to make it more accessible. County residents are encouraged to use Myer Creek Park.
- 1995** - 4-H develops an outdoor arena and concession stand and begin hosting events on site. Preliminary trails are developed in the wooded area within the park.
- 1996** -- KY Department of Forestry develops a forest stewardship for Myer Creek Park.
- 1999** - Two shelters are built on site
- 2003** - Two historic log buildings are dismantled and reconstructed on site.
- 2004** - 4H Activity Building is built (using matching donations and tobacco settlement funds).
- 2005** - Restroom facility is added and an agreement is made between the City of Calhoun and McLean County Fiscal Court to combine the park properties which expands to include 210 acres.
- 2006** - Portable stalls and demonstration area are added to the 4H Activity Complex. State of KY awards McLean County \$250,000 to develop a master plan for Myer Creek Park. McLean County Fiscal Court and City of Calhoun establish the McLean County Park Board to oversee the Park once it is developed. DLZ Engineering with the assistance of WMTH Corporation are hired to assist the community in developing the master plan.
- 2007** - Trail mapping, finalizing on park layout and community confirmation of plan.



Public Charettes

Three charettes were held over a 30 day period in 2006 to encourage public input in the planning process of how best to develop Myer Creek Park.

September 21, 2006 -- First Public Charette is held at the McLean County Middle School Library. 18 people attended A list of 25 top priorities of what people wished to have at Myer Creek Park was compiled from those in attendance.

Action: It was determined that an inventory of all the recreational offerings throughout the entire county needed to be conducted before final recommendations could be made for what was needed in Myer Creek Park. Over the next two weeks, WMTH Corporation, working with the McLean County UK extension agent, inventoried and mapped the location of all recreational offerings countywide.



Public Charettes (continued)

October 3, 2006 -- Second Public Charette was held at the McLean County High School. An overview of current offerings throughout the county was shares with those in attendance and posted on the newly created McLean County website for all to review. Each person in attendance was then provided the list of 25 potential recreational offerings compiled at the previous charette and asked to rank their choices by preference. The top results were as follows: 1) Fairgrounds, 2) Baseball, 3) Walking Trails, 4) Skateboard Park, 5) County Extension, 6) Ag Center, 7) Handicapped Trails, 8) Amphitheater.

Action: At this meeting is was noted that the majority of those in attendance were parents, public officials and/or citizens but not the children of the county. It was suggested that middle and high school students should be polled to determine what they would like to see at Myer Creek. (See Survey Conducted for results.)

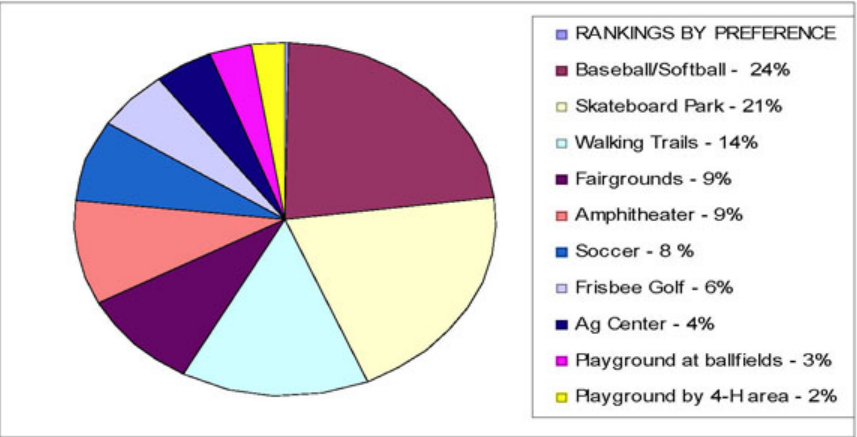
October 24, 2006 -- Third Public Charette was held at the McLean County Middle School Library. The results from the student surveys and public surveys were presented along with more information of offerings throughout the county and preliminary recommendations for how best to lay out Myer Creek incorporating the recommendations of both surveys.



Survey Conducted

A questionnaire was developed and filled out by those in attendance at the second charette. After approval from the Board of Education, a similar questionnaire was distributed to all students attending the McLean County Middle School and High School. Over 500 students representing 14 communities completed a questionnaire. The top three requests were for : 1) baseball/softball fields, 2) skateboard park and 3) walking trails. Top ten choices are included in the graph below.

GRAPH OF STUDENT TOP 10 CHOICES



DLZ Engineering and WMTH Corporation used these surveys as a base with which to begin putting together a final master plan for the development of Myer Creek Park which will also include recommendations for improved recreational offerings throughout McLean County.