



Newsletter Update- July 2015

To our members and enthusiasts of Moonville trail: You may have noticed a lack of updates on our web page recently- but this does not mean we have forgotten about the rail-trail or the many folks who work on, and enjoy this wonderful and historic trail through the forest! Far from it!

A little over 6 months ago our dear friend and founder, Neil Shaw, passed away. Among his last wishes were to complete the bridge to Moonville Tunnel and continue with trail work. Indeed that is exactly what we are doing. We had completed two smaller bridges between Zaleski and Hope School which allow the full use by mountain bikers, equestrians, hikers, and birders on that 4+ mile section. This stretch of trail follows Raccoon Creek and follows extensive wetland and woodland areas where you never know what wildlife you may encounter (please send photos for future newsletters!) See the map below showing the accessible area of trail.

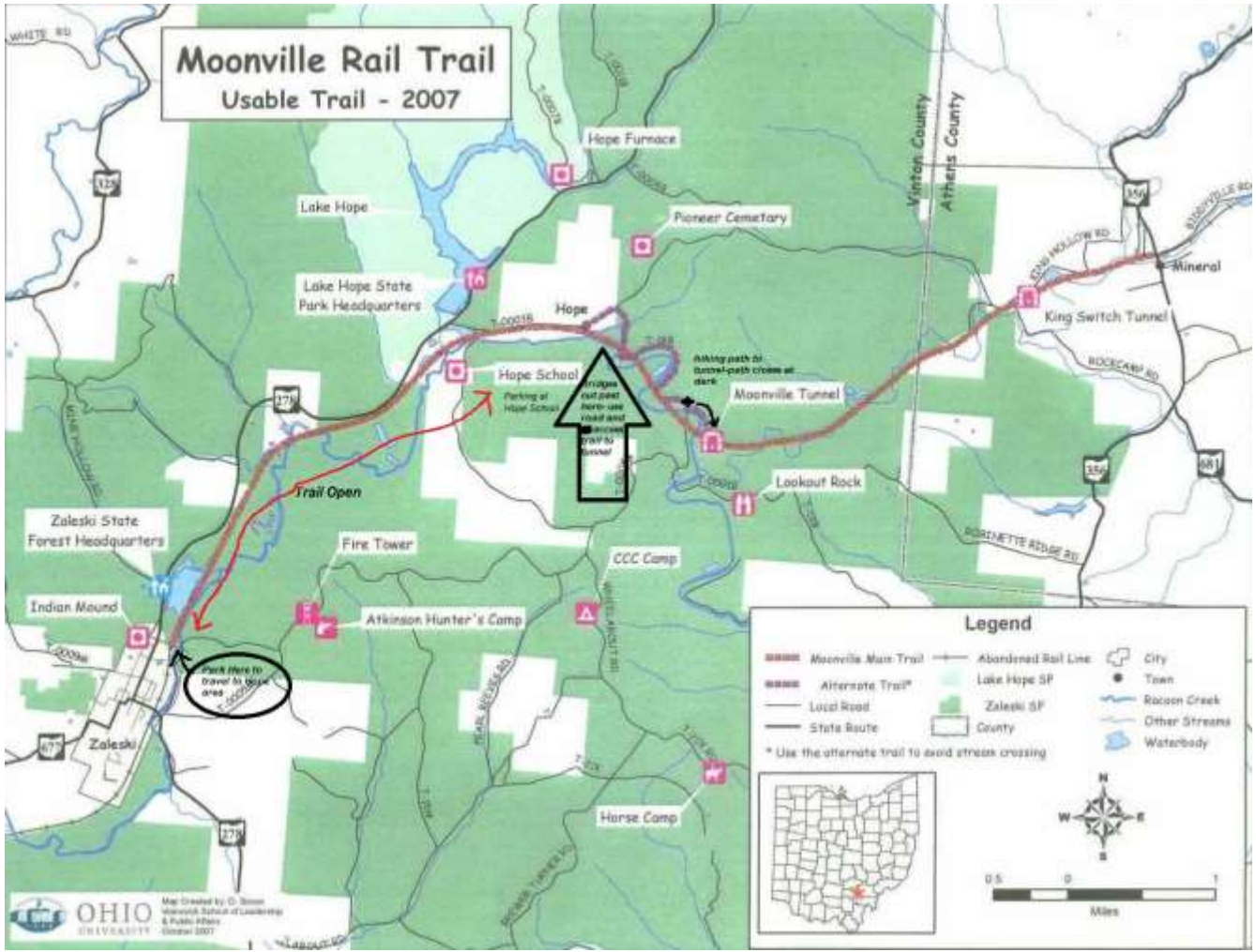
Meanwhile, we have a large recycled iron bridge waiting to be installed before the famous Moonville tunnel. Installing a bridge such as this, even when the structure was obtained for free, is a huge construction project involving massive cranes and riggers, welders, etc. Grant applications are pending for funding the bridge, which will be named for Neil Shaw. Stay tuned for progress on grants!

We also maintain a facebook page for Moonville Rail Trail, which will include activities and the latest news, so make sure to log on. We would love to welcome more members and volunteers, so please contact us. Your donations are tax-deductible.

-Brian Blair, President, Moonville Rail Trail Association.

See trail use map below:

Moonville Rail Trail Usable Trail - 2007



Legend

- Moonville Main Trail
- Alternate Trail
- Local Road
- State Route
- Abandoned Rail Line
- Lake Hope SP
- Zaleski SP
- County
- City
- Town
- Raccoon Creek
- Other Streams
- Waterbody

* Use the alternate trail to avoid stream crossing

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