

City of Bloomington Constitution Trail Snow Removal Policy

The Parks and Recreation Department, through its Park Maintenance division, will undertake the clearing of snow from designated portions of the Constitution Trail, under the following guidelines, for snow events of two inches (2") or greater.

Trail Snow Removal Policies

- Trail snow removal by Park Maintenance will not begin until regularly assigned snow clearing work at parking lots, departmental locations, and sidewalks that are adjacent to park facilities have been completed. Further, trail snow removal activities will not commence until all City streets are cleared of snow.
- Trail snow clearing will occur only during regularly scheduled work shifts, Monday through Friday. Overtime compensation will not be expended to clear trails during nonwork hours.
- Breakdown of equipment will result in delays in snow clearing until repairs are made. Every attempt will be made to continue the clearing of snow after the repairs are made, within the scheduled work shifts.
- Due to surrounding landscapes and property, trails will not be cleared or maintained at dry pavement level. Materials such as sand and salt will not be used, unless deemed necessary in select locations by Park Maintenance staff. Surface irregularities and icy conditions may result. The use of Constitution Trail is at the risk of the individual user.
- Due to the construction of the trails, the use of heavy equipment such as backhoes or dump trucks will not be used for snow removal. No hauling of snow away from the trail will occur due to potential damage to the trail surface or edges.
- The removal of snow from the Trail is based on the availability of Park Maintenance staff to perform the work. There are no guarantees that the removal of snow will occur within a specific time period following a snow fall.

The removal of snow from the Trail will consist of one 6' path cleared by a snow blower. The Trail will be cleared of snow as follows (7.6 miles):

- West: The Trail from Alton Depot Park (Front & Western) to Lincoln Street (1.6 miles)
- Center: The Trail from Croxton Avenue to Division Street (1.8 miles)
- North East: The Trail from Veterans Parkway to Towanda Barnes Road (2.7 miles)
- South East: The Trail from Streid Drive to Arcadia Drive (1.5 miles)

This policy is subject to change by authorization of the Bloomington City Council.