

News Release

National Wildlife Refuge System



Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge

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Great River Bike Trail Section Closed Near Thomson, IL – October 6

District Manager Ed Britton is pleased to announce that the Great River Bike Trail section that traverses through the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, south of Thomson, IL, will be getting a face lift. The trail has degraded through the years and has become difficult to ride. The existing surface will be removed and replaced with blacktop. The trail will be closed to all access on October 6 until the project is completed. Thank you for your patience. For more information please contact the refuge office at 815-273-2732.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System which encompasses more than 542 national wildlife refuges.
