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### **New mountain bike trail opens October 17 at Lincoln's New Salem**

*PETERSBURG* – Mountain bikers are invited to help open central Illinois' newest trail on Saturday, October 17 at 11 a.m. at Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site near Petersburg.

Experienced mountain bikers are invited to try this challenging, scenic and physically demanding 3.8 mile trail that was constructed during the summer by New Salem staff and summer seasonal workers. Mountain bike riders will experience steep climbs and descents along the very technical course, which will challenge the most seasoned rider. Less seasoned riders can ride the one mile loop Cardinal Ridge Trail, which can be accessed at the same trail head.

The trail does not go through the re-created log village, but meanders through the expansive wooded areas nearby.

Trail maps, water and energy bars will be given out at the trailhead. For directions to the trail head and information regarding the mountain bike trail go to [www.trailsgreenways.org/biketrail/biketrail.html](http://www.trailsgreenways.org/biketrail/biketrail.html) or call (217) 622-7009.

Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, administered by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency ([www.Illinois-History.gov](http://www.Illinois-History.gov)), is a re-creation of the 1830s log village where Abraham Lincoln lived for six years. It is located along Route 97 about two miles south of Petersburg and 20 miles northwest of Springfield, and is open Wednesday through Sunday for free public tours.

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