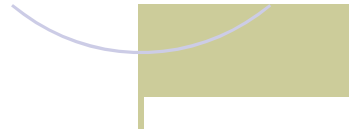




# Connections Tour 2007



**CONNECTIONS TOUR 2007**  
*Friday, June 29, 2007*  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

You're invited to participate in **Connections Tour 2007**, an opportunity sponsored by the Johnson/Linn County Public Leadership Group. **Connections** is a mobile workshop that will investigate the many levels of connections required for and created by the development of trails in the Johnson/Linn County area.

An itinerary appears to the right. Transportation will be provided during the workshop, but individual participants will be responsible for transportation to and from the starting/ending point at **Penn Meadows Park** in North Liberty. The workshop will include walking segments of trails, so comfortable clothing/shoes are encouraged.

The Johnson/Linn County Public Leadership Group will hold its quarterly meeting at 1:00 p.m., at Ruggers Café in North Liberty. If you're unable to participate in the mobile workshop, you may still attend the quarterly meeting.

**9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Loading at Penn Meadows Park (east of the intersection of Penn and Front Streets, North Liberty)**

**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Grant Wood/Marion Trails**

This segment of the workshop will highlight the cooperative efforts of local governments in the development of the Grant Wood Trail east of Highway 13 in Marion, and its connection to the future Marion Trail. While visiting the site, representatives will discuss joint efforts to secure funding, plans to extend the trail west under Highway 13 and future plans to connect the Grant Wood and Marion Trails. The workshop will proceed to an access point for participants to view the rail right-of-way purchased by the City of Marion for the Marion Trail, and to hear how development of the trail is part of the city's larger brownfields development program.

**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. Cedar River/Grant Wood/Hoover Nature Trail**

Development of a trail link between Linn and Johnson Counties is an identified priority of the Leadership Group. This segment of the workshop will allow participants to view the northern portion of the most likely link between the two counties. Stops will include an opportunity to walk segments of the trail, to view and discuss circumstances creating current gaps in the trail, and to review plans to complete the trail to the City of Ely and the Linn County border.

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Hoover Nature Trail, Mehaffey Bridge/Sugar Bottom Roads, Dubuque Street West**

The *Johnson County Shared Use Trails Plan (July 2006)* identifies these Level One Priority Corridors, which also provide an opportunity to complete the link between Linn and Johnson Counties. The workshop will proceed from Ely, to Solon, to North Liberty, following these corridors. Along the way, participants will learn of Johnson County's current efforts to secure funding for completion of the Dubuque Street/West Overlook Road segment, which would complete the connection of the communities of North Liberty, Coralville and Iowa City.

**1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Johnson/Linn County Public Leadership Group Quarterly Meeting, Ruggers Café, 420 Community Drive, North Liberty**

The Leadership Group will hold its quarterly meeting. Those unable to participate in the mobile workshop are encouraged to attend the quarterly meeting. Lunch will be by separate check. Transportation provided to Penn Meadows Park after lunch.

**There is no cost for Connections Tour 2007. Lunch at the quarterly meeting will be by separate check. To sign up, contact Gina Peters at the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) at 319-365-9941, ext. 20, or [gina.peters@ecicog.org](mailto:gina.peters@ecicog.org). PLEASE RESPOND BY WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27TH!**