

Help us build the Garrett County Pump Track!

The Deep Creek Lake Lions Club is planning to build **Garrett County's first Pump Track** at our community park in McHenry, MD and *we need your support!*

What's a Pump Track?

A pump track is a looped sequence of rollers and berms (swoopy, banked turns) for bike riders. They are designed to be ridden completely by riders "pumping"—generating momentum by up and down body movements, instead of pedaling or pushing. Pump tracks are accessible for bikers of all skill and age levels and provide a place to build skills and muscle memory that riders can take to more advanced trails. They become focal points for future recreational development and for community socialization.



The country's largest pump track in Dardenne Prairie, MO

Why here?

The Deep Creek Lake Lions Club operates a no-fee 30 acre park on Bumble Bee Road, a little over a mile from the main commercial area of Deep Creek Lake and central to the rest of Garrett County. The Club has operated the County-owned park for over 40 years and in 2014 embarked on a multi-year program to revitalize the park. While about 10 acres of the park have been developed, the remaining are cleared and leveled, ready for new features to be added. The Club also maintains 8 miles of multi-use trails on another 120 acres of county-owned property adjacent to the park.



Why a pump track?

A recent survey found that most youth in Garrett County have a bicycle but few ride regularly. Due to our rural setting and mountainous terrain, road riding can be difficult and dangerous. There are a number of off-road trail options for advanced bikers, but nearly none for younger riders or those starting out in biking. A pump track provides a safe space for riders of all levels and ages to build skills and confidence while engaging in healthy physical activity. In addition, they provide a social and fun experience! The nature of pump track riding creates a community where riders hang out and socialize between runs. This project also has significant economic development benefits in that it provides an additional "draw" for visitors that takes advantage of our local resources in a sustainable way as well as providing a reason for parents of children to stay in the area.

What is our vision?

We propose to utilize an area of around 200 by 200 feet for a professionally designed and built paved track with multiple "skill lines" and routes. The area will be defined by a rail-type fence and a delineated entry area with signage and covered area for seating and bike racks. Initial design estimates start at \$50,000 for this project.

How are we going to do it?

As a 501(c)3, the Deep Creek Lake Lions Club will handle the financial administration (in a designated account) and project management. A

group of both residents and visitors have stood up a "Friends of the Pump Track" organization to hold fundraising and awareness events, including a Bike Rodeo planned for summer 2021. An online crowdfunding campaign has raised over 20% of its goal in less than a week, demonstrating significant grassroots support. The Club and support organization have begun applications for grants and sponsorships to over 40 local and state agencies, foundations, corporate donors and local businesses.

What next?

For more information on the project, including maps, a video site tour, link to the crowdfunding campaign and more, go to: <http://www.deepcreeklions.org/New-park-projects-Pump-Track.html>

When you're ready to support the project, contact Chris at DCLLIONS@gmail.com or 323 325-5466 to discuss moving forward. You can mail donations to DCL Lions, PO Box 630, McHenry MD 21541.

Your support will be recognized online, in-print and on the site signage, plus you will be helping to create a lasting resource that builds community, encourages healthy activities, and generates economic development.