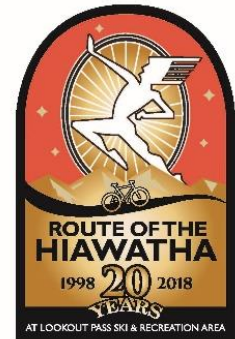


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Route of the Hiawatha Trail 20th Anniversary Celebration

Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Route of the Hiawatha Trail on June 22nd and 23rd! This family friendly event will highlight the trail's rich history, the community effort that made it the "Crown Jewel" rail-trail that it is today, as well as look ahead to its long-term sustainability. A wide range of events are planned including historic presentations on development of the Route of the Hiawatha, a commemorative ceremony and bike ride, vendor fair, parade, and more!



The Route of the Hiawatha Trail 20th Anniversary celebration will continue throughout the summer making it a great year to ride the trail whether it's your first time or fiftieth! This celebration is also in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the National Trails System Act and the important role that recreation trails play in our communities. For more information, including a detailed schedule of events, please visit <http://www.ridethehiawatha.com/2018-special-events>.

The scenic, all downhill, 15-mile Route of the Hiawatha Trail straddles the Idaho/Montana Stateline in the Bitterroot Mountains. This family friendly trail winds through the St. Joe Ranger District of the Idaho Panhandle National Forests, along the abandoned Milwaukee Railroad grade through the 1.7 mile St. Paul Pass Tunnel, additional tunnels, and over 7 high steel trestles. Trailside signs enhance the experience, telling the story of the railroad and the area's rich history.

Helmets and lights are required to ride the trail which is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 26th through September 23rd, 2018. Adult and junior mountain bikes, helmets, bright lights, tag-a-longs and burley canvas trailers for young children are all available for daily rentals at Lookout Pass Ski & Recreation Area. For more information, visit: <http://www.ridethehiawatha.com>.

Hosts: U.S. Forest Service, Lookout Pass Ski & Recreation Area, Wallace Chamber of Commerce

