



# News Release

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## **July is Park and Recreation Month: Shawnee County Parks + Recreation encourages everyone to “Target the Trails”**

TOPEKA, KAN. – July is Park and Recreation Month as declared by the National Recreation and Park Association. While NRPA is using the theme “A Lifetime of Discovery”, Shawnee County Parks + Recreation is encouraging everyone to “Target the Trails” to discover SCP+R’s nearly 60 miles of trails as well as other trails in Shawnee County.

SCP+R’s Master Plan calls for developing a total of 150 miles of trails across Shawnee County – including both SCP+R trails and other trails. SCP+R’s Trail Guide is available at Community Centers, SCP+R administrative offices, in literature racks at Dillons and HyVee and at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library. Trails are the number one desired amenity identified by the public in the research for SCP+R’s Master Plan.

SCP+R’s trails offer a leisurely stroll with side ventures into beautiful gardens, or a hike, run or mountain bike ride up hilly terrain leading to panoramic views of the county. There are 30 miles of paved trails and nearly 28 miles of natural surface trails running through forested, prairie and open natural areas. The trails include the 9.9 miles of Dornwood Nature Trails, the 8.5-mile Shunga Trail which stretches across Topeka from SW 29<sup>th</sup> to SE 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 7-mile Lake Shawnee Trail, the 4.75-Mile Landon Trail and the 4.47 miles of Azura Trails at Skyline Park. Many more paved and natural surface trails of shorter lengths can be found in SCP+R parks and natural areas.

SCP+R will feature various trails throughout the month on its social media including Facebook and Instagram. For information on all Kansas trails visit [www.getoutdoorskansas.org](http://www.getoutdoorskansas.org).

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Shawnee County Parks + Recreation includes nearly 60 miles of trails, 2,625 acres of parks and 320 annual days of sporting activities. In addition, the department offers recreation programs, educational programs and golf. A combination of tax dollars, user fees and private donations enables Shawnee County Parks and Recreation to offer parks, sporting and aquatic facilities with state-of-the-art features, and beautiful, nationally recognized gardens.

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