

Busy, busy, busy...

We like to keep busy here at Haldon – here's a round up of what we've been up to recently and what the summer holds in store.

Another cycle trail?

Exciting news – After the successful launch of the Ridge Ride Trail last year we are now taking on a new project.



We have now started building a new blue graded cycling trail aimed at intermediate cyclists. This trail will be perfect for confident families and for more gentle cyclists whilst still offering an adventurous experience.

The new trail will be approximately 5km long and will be open in the autumn. This trail is designed to replace the current Family Cycle

Trail – we know that there are a few nasty hills that don't make this trail ideal. The new trail will not only be longer but it will also miss out the nasty bits! There will also be a new skills area later in the year for cyclists to improve and practice their riding skills.

As exciting as this new development is, it's going to take some time to build and settle in, so please help us by keeping out of the way of the contractors and staying off the trail until it has had a chance to settle.

This new trail is being invested in by the Rural Development Programme for England as part of the regional 1 South West developments for off-road cycling (see www.1sw.org.uk for details).



The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: Europe investing in rural areas.

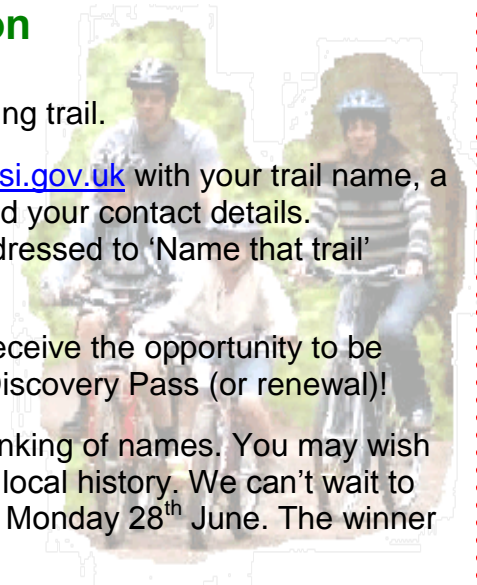
'Name that trail' Competition

Exciting news! We are offering you the chance to name our new cycling trail.

All you need to do is send us an e-mail at haldon.rangers@forestry.gsi.gov.uk with your trail name, a short sentence telling us why you love visiting Haldon Forest Park and your contact details. Alternatively write to us at the address in the 'Contact Us' section addressed to 'Name that trail' competition.

The winner will be chosen by the Haldon Forest Park team and will receive the opportunity to be taken on a preview ride of the new trail before its launch and a free Discovery Pass (or renewal)!

A few tips – try to think about who will be using the new trail when thinking of names. You may wish to take inspiration from the forest, the surrounding area or even from local history. We can't wait to hear your ideas but don't take too long - the competition will close on Monday 28th June. The winner will be notified by 2nd August.



Car park complete

After a few weeks of waiting for the weather to turn nice enough to surface the new car park extension – we are pleased to tell you the car park work is now complete!

As we look forward to a warm and sunny summer we will be able to take advantage of the overflow car park. The overflow, when in use, will provide an extra 70 spaces - no more fighting for spaces! We hope that this makes your visits to Haldon more pleasurable – please don't forget to display your Discovery Pass.

