



Our work

These pictures illustrate some events on the trail.



Clean-up workday



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Trail ride

Events

Past and future events include:

- Trail rides
- Clean-up days
- Bike safety workshops
- First aid demos
- Four Star Bike Tour
- Perimeter Ride
- Running events
- Tree planting

With community and park district support and involvement, we would like to add amenities such as improved trail signage, benches, public art projects, garden areas, trees, and native plants.

Your ideas for the trail

How do you use the trail? Do you have any ideas to suggest? Please write to us about your experiences and ideas at: maj.taylor.trail@gmail.com

Join our Chainlink group and share your observations about trail conditions and ride experiences and ideas:

<http://www.thechainlink.org/group/fmtt>

Friends of the Major Taylor Trail

Membership application

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street

_____ City

_____ State _____ Zip

Phone1: _____
home work cell (circle one)

Phone2: _____
home work cell (circle one)

E-mail: _____

Areas of interest: (please circle all that apply)

Events Fundraising

Promotion Projects/improvements

Other _____

Optional Donation: \$ _____

We greatly appreciate any contributions for current operating expenses or future projects.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

About Major Taylor



Marshall "Major" Taylor was an African American bicycle racer, civil rights pioneer, and author.

Major Taylor was the Michael Jordan of his day. He was born in 1878 and raised in Indianapolis. As a young man, he became a trick rider, then a racer. From 1895 to 1910, he was the preeminent force in bicycle racing, the world's most popular professional sport of that time. By the end of 1898, he held seven world records. He won a world sprint championship in 1899. Major Taylor was the man to beat – in the U.S. and Europe. He struggled with racial prejudice throughout his racing career.

After he retired from racing, he spent his last years in Chicago and died at Cook County Hospital in 1932. His final resting place is in Mount Glenwood Cemetery, just south of Chicago.

Chicago now has a living tribute to his excellence: the Major Taylor Trail.

Friends of the Major Taylor Trail

Who are we?

We are a not-for-profit park advisory council for a linear park in the Chicago Park District. We are residents of communities near the trail who are committed to the use and development of the Trail. Since 2003, we have worked to improve trail conditions and promote use of the trail.

History of the trail

Portions of the former Wabash railroad right-of-way were purchased by the city and converted into a trail. Most phases of construction were finished in 2003. A bridge over the Little Calumet River and a missing segment from 94th to 95th were built between 2003 and 2008.

Where does the trail go?

The trail connects Dan Ryan Woods (8300S) with Whistler Woods (13300S). It is an off-street path from Dan Ryan Woods to 95th St., an on-street route from 95th St. to 105th St., and an off-street path from 105th St. to Whistler Woods.

It links the neighborhoods of Brainerd, Gresham, Beverly, Morgan Park, Roseland, and West Pullman and the village of Riverdale.

How can the trail benefit you?

Use it for recreation and transportation. Many schools, libraries, parks, churches, business districts, industrial areas, and other community amenities are near the trail.

CTA and Pace bus routes and Metra lines connect with the trails, offering transit access to much of the metro area.

How can you make a difference?

Please support our work with your energy, ideas and donations. FOMTT is a not-for-profit organization affiliated with Friends of the Parks.

We need your energy and involvement. For more information, email us at: maj.taylor.trail@gmail.com.