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Rail-Trail expands in Woodbine June 4

A new 1.25-mile section of the Georgia Coast Rail-Trail opens to the public Saturday, June 4, with a 10 a.m. dedication ceremony at the trail in Woodbine just west of Hwy. 17.

The new section will extend south to the historic Liza Rudolph community from the 1.5-mile cement-topped trail that already exists in Woodbine. It has a hard-surface top that will work best for hiking and mountain bikes.

With the opening of the new section, the Rail-Trail will have 6.25 miles of trail open to the public – almost 10 percent of the planned 68-mile trail.

To celebrate the opening, the Georgia Coast Rail-Trail will join with other trails across the country in observing the American Hiking Society's National Trails Day®, which promotes healthy lifestyles and the hiking experience for lovers of the outdoors. Walkers and cyclists of all ages are invited to participate. Children ages 5-12 will have the opportunity to enter the National Trails Day coloring contest. Bottled water will be provided free to attendees.

The 2011 Georgia Coast Rail-Trail Bike Raffle will present a Trek Navigator 1.0 to the raffle winner at the June 4 dedication. Tickets are on sale at the Small World Festival, Hinesville, May 14; the Jekyll Island Turtle Crawl, May 21; or by e-mailing rsadowski@crc.ga.gov.

The Georgia Coast Rail-Trail is being built on an abandoned CSX railroad bed running from Kingsland to Riceboro. The 10-foot-wide trail will run across marshes, maritime forests, and 43 rivers and creeks in Camden, Glynn, McIntosh, and Liberty counties.

Visitors to the dedication will be able to join the organization developing the Georgia Coast Rail-Trail.

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