

Switzer Canyon Trail

The Switzer Canyon Trail is a planned and existing shared-use, non-motorized pathway that is part of the Flagstaff Urban Trails System (FUTS). The trail generally follows Switzer Canyon, and provides a fairly direct connection for pedestrian and bicycles between downtown Flagstaff and Buffalo Park. Although the trail is located in the heart of Flagstaff, trail users would only have to cross two busy intersections along its entire length, and a series of private and public open space will create a near continuous greenbelt for the trail to follow.

The total length of the trail will be 2.3 miles when complete. About 1.2 miles exist in various segments. Of the remaining 1.1 miles, a 0.2-mile segment is under construction, another 0.3 miles are planned for construction in 2011, and 0.6 miles are planned for the future. Right-of-way or easements are in place or in process for all but the southerly 0.5 miles of the trail.

Segment descriptions

- 1 Existing aggregate trail located on an abandoned segment of Cedar Avenue from Buffalo Park to the intersection of Forest Street and Turquoise Drive. This section of the trail is located within two city parks – Buffalo Park and McPherson Park
- 2 An existing concrete trail winds through the wooded area beneath a rocky escarpment along the west side of Turquoise Drive. The trail was built as part of the Summit Center and is located within open space owned by the City.
- 3 Planned concrete trail segment is in design and planned for construction in spring/summer of 2011. The City is working with the current property owner on an easement for the trail.
- 4 The existing concrete trail was built as part of the YMCA facility. The trail winds through a band of private open space between Turquoise Drive and the Switzer Wash. The City holds an easement from the YMCA for the trail.
- 5 Planned concrete trail along the west side of Turquoise Drive. The City is working with Northland Hospice and one other property owner for an easement for the trail. Construction is planned for spring/summer of 2011.
- 6 This segment of the trail is under construction as part of the Switzer Canyon Village Condominium development. An easement for the trail was dedicated to the City on the plat for the development.
- 7 A future aggregate trail traverses the steep, forested hillside. The alignment is within private open space that was dedicated through the Switzer Canyon Village Condominium plat. The dedication also includes a blanket easement to the City for a trail. A small access trail is planned to provide access to the main trail from the Cherry Hill neighborhood, via the end of Hilltop Drive.
- 8 The future trail will follow the south slope of Cherry Hill across two privately owned parcels. Acquisition of right-of-way or an easement will be necessary to accommodate the trail.
- 9 The trail will connect to the east end of Terrace Avenue. An easement will be required across a private parcel to make this connection. From this point, downtown Flagstaff is only a few blocks away via on-street connections.



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