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Knox County Parks & Recreation Crew Clears Beaver Creek Flotilla Route

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Officials from the Knox County Mayor’s Office and the Parks and Recreation Department floated the Beaver Creek flotilla route to make sure it’s accessible for the summer months.

The group paddled the route and cleared several blocked areas. Brandon Keys, the county’s digital media specialist, captured the trip on camera. The short video he produced features Knox County Parks and Recreation workers Joe Inman and Mike Edsell floating the creek and sawing through several fallen limbs throughout the waterway.

The 2.2-mile stretch from Powell High School to the Weigel’s convenience store at 7505 Clinton Highway is home to an annual event each August that sees more than 100 kayaks, canoes and paddleboarders make their way down the stream. The event is designed to showcase the creek and its designation as a “Water Trail.”

The Knox County Mayor’s Office is looking into the feasibility of overseeing Beaver Creek’s entire 38-mile stretch from Clayton Park in the Powell and Halls area to its mouth at Melton Hill Lake in Hardin Valley.

For now, though, the county will help the Beaver Creek Kayak Club volunteers with some cleanup along the flotilla route.

“When this project is completed, we’re hoping that you’ll be able to come out here to Powell High School, put your kayak in and float 10 to 15 miles down to the Karns area, which would be a really relaxing, enjoyable day,” said Bryan Hair, the Chief of Staff for Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs.

Hair, who accompanied the crew, added: “We’re seeing a lot of people come regionally just to this area, simply because of the water trail that we have at our disposal. Our Parks and Recreation team has done an incredible job of not only making it safe and accessible but setting it up for success for years to come beyond the flotilla – making it truly a tourist destination for Knox County.”

Find the video [here](#).

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