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### What is the Haw River Trail Partnership?

In 2006, 10 governmental agencies signed a Memorandum of Understanding agreeing to work together for the development of the Haw River Trail and the conservation of its land and waters.

In this spirit, the cities of Burlington and Graham have partnered with Alamance County, to fund a full-time position to coordinate conservation and trail efforts on the Upper Haw River. This newsletter, and our website: [www.thehaw.org](http://www.thehaw.org), are an effort to inform the public about the ongoing work stemming from the 2006 Memorandum of Understanding.

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## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE HAW RIVER TRAIL PARTNERSHIP

Summer 2011

### NEW ACQUISITIONS SECURE FUTURE HRT ROUTE

Thanks to the cooperation of four river-side landowners, the Haw River Trail Partnership has acquired land and easements on four new parcels since April. The properties, all located between Hopedale and Haw River, have secured the future route of over a mile of Haw River Trail/Mountains to Sea Trail and have permanently conserved 20 acres of riparian land. The parcels were acquired through a combination of landowner donations, profits from fundraising events and from a grant from the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund. The new sections of trail will help to connect the currently open Glencoe-Carolina Mill section to the northwest and the Red Slide section to the southeast. Construction of the new section of trail is scheduled to begin in 2012. Thanks to the landowners who made these acquisitions possible.



### 2011 YEE HAW! RIVER PADDLE SETS ATTENDANCE, FUNDRAISING RECORDS

The Fourth Annual Yee-Haw! River Paddle, held on May 7th, was our most successful so far. The Yee-Haw! River Paddle and the Eastbound and Down River Race combined to put 223 paddlers on the river. Thanks to our paddlers and sponsors, we raised over \$4,000 for our Conservation through Recreation mission. Congratulations to our first-ever Eastbound and Down River Race winners. Stephen Knight led the field, making the 6 mile trip in 1 hour and 20 minutes in his kayak. Jordan Taylor and Marianna Garretson won the canoe division with a time of 1 hour 45 minutes. They each received \$200 in kayak/canoe paddles and will have their names placed on the Eastbound and Down Trophy on permanent display at "The Eddy" in Saxapahaw.



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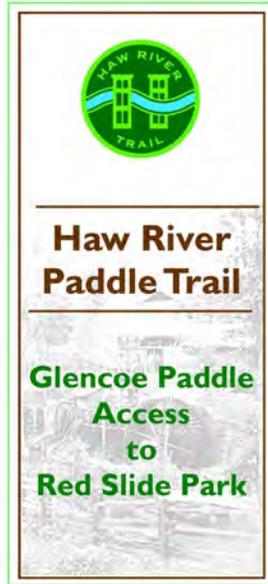


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## SECOND PADDLE TRAIL BROCHURE OFFERS HISTORICAL, CULTURAL INFORMATION



Another of the Haw River's most popular paddle trail routes has a new draw for summer paddlers. The Haw River Trail Partnership has completed the second in a series of paddle guides that highlight the historic, natural and community points of interest along the Haw River Paddle Trail. This brochure interprets the route from Glencoe Paddle Access to Red Slide Park in Haw River. The guide is coordinated with a series of mile markers that orient the paddlers to the land they are passing through. Between each mile marker on the five mile stretch, the guide describes important historic events that happened along the river and educates paddlers about the river's natural heritage areas and key species. The mile markers and the guides were made possible by a grant from Alamance County Convention and Visitors Bureau. The guides can be downloaded from [www.thehaw.org](http://www.thehaw.org) or picked up at Cedarock Park, Burlington Recreation and Parks Department or the Alamance County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

## HRT PARTNERSHIP RECEIVES SECOND PARTF GRANT

Haw River Trail Partner, Alamance County Recreation and Parks Department, was awarded a grant from the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund this Spring. The grant will provide matching funds to assist in the acquisition of land and easements along the Haw River Trail/Mountains to Sea Trail route from Swepsonville to Saxapahaw. The grant will provide one dollar in cash for every dollar received in donations or other outside funding. This is the second PARTF grant received by the Haw River Trail Partnership for trail acquisition since 2007.

## RACE GATES AT GLENCOE OPENED AFTER YEARS OF DOWNTIME

Decades after they were last used to generate power at Glencoe Mill, the race gates on the Glencoe Dam were opened this Spring, flooding the Glencoe Mill Race. Bill Meyer is working to restore the mill's power plant to working condition, a process that includes ensuring the race gates and the mill race itself are in working condition. Bill broke loose the corrosion and raised the gates with a chain hoist, sending water rushing toward the powerhouse. The site of a race brimming with water was an unusual site for us relative newcomers.



Monthly Attendance at Haw River Trail Sites

April 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011

Altamahaw Paddle Access: 5,992

Glencoe Paddle Access: 3,991

Great Bend Park: 3,281

Shallow Ford Natural Area: 3,800