



SECTION OF HIKE & BIKE TRAIL TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE

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The City of St. Joseph is set to close a section of the Rock Island hike and bike trail from May to December 31, 2023. The closure will allow Evergy to rebuild an aging transmission line to enhance electric reliability and strengthen the power grid to support current and future needs of the community.

Existing wood H-frame structures or steel single pole structures will likely be replaced with new steel single pole structures an average of 10-30 feet taller than the existing structures. Steel poles provide better reliability and resiliency to withstand the harsh weather conditions our community can face. Project details are available at www.evergy.com/stjoseph.

To safely complete construction, a section of the area's urban hike and bike trail between Highway 169 and Pickett Road will be closed for the duration of the project. Property restoration will begin after construction is complete and will continue through March 2024. Duration of restoration is weather dependent, but properties will be restored to, near as reasonable, pre-construction condition.

Additional information and routes are available online at www.stjosephmo.gov/578/Trails.

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