Meshach Browning Trail System at the Deep Creek Lake Lion’s Club Park on Bumble Bee Rd.

The Meshach Browning trail system will be a public, non-motorized, multi-use (running, dog-walking, cross country skiing, biking) recreational and cultural resource centrally located at the Deep Creek Lake Lion’s Club Park on Bumble Bee Rd.

Meshach Browning settled in Garrett County during the early 1800’s and is considered by many to be the greatest hunter in Maryland’s history. He authored the book “Forty Four Year in the Life of a Hunter” detailing his hunting exploits and documenting life in pioneer-era Garrett County.

The trail system will consist of a series of loops with interpretive signage throughout detailing biographical sketches about Meshach Browning, with references to where to find more information throughout the county.
Background:
The Deep Creek Lake Lion’s Club (DCLLC) operates a 30 acre community park under a 50 year agreement with Garrett County, the owner of the land. The park includes a 40,000 square foot fenced dog park, softball field, picnic pavilion and restrooms with running water. The park is adjacent to over 200 additional acres of county-owned land that was formerly the county landfill. The park is centrally located in the county and is 5 minutes from the main business area of Deep Creek Lake, Garrett College and the county airport.

The DCLLC proposes to build and maintain a multi-use, looped trail system on the county’s land using their park as the trailhead.
Development of a trail system on the county-owned land adjacent to the DCLLC park would provide the only low-intensity, multi-mile, off-road trail system in the county and is centrally located to the main tourism area of the lake, with easy access via car or bicycle.
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The project will utilize a largely existing trail system on county owned land, as well as leverage the existing resources at the site including the off leash dog park, pavilion and restrooms, ballfield, play equipment, and ample parking.

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Access point to trails via Pysell Rd (low traffic route to Visitor's Center and trail to WISP)

Legend

★ Trailhead
▲ Interpretive signage
■ Directional signage
\ Blue trail (0.5 miles)
\ Purple trail (0.75 mile)
\ Red trail (1 mile)
\ Green trail (2 miles)
\ White trail (3 miles)
The Trail system will be partially located within a PFA
Most of the trail system will be on relatively flat terrain and will provide the low-intensity experience that is lacking within the county. Some higher intensity grade change can be found in the stream drainage area.
General sign layout

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Interpretive sign example (4x3 feet)

Meshach Browning Trail System

Biographical info on Browning’s life and times

Photo or artwork

To find out more & QR code

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Trail map and legend

Info on the trail (rules, hours, etc)

To find out more & QR code

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Directional sign example (1x1 feet)

Meshach Browning Trail System

Green

Red

Directional signs will be placed at intersections or turns

The trailhead sign will have a large map with legend, terrain info and mileage; trail rules and hours and information on how it was built and funded

4 interpretive signs will each have a different bio info section, photo/artwork and place to go for more information