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BeyondTheDam.com to learn more and register

June 15, 2019 // 3rd Annual Bike Race
Giant Springs State Park on the
Missouri River in Great Falls, MT

Free: Doug Wicks
Memorial Family Walk

\$15: Intermediate Ride

\$15: Advanced Race



SCHEELS

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STOP

to read the safety signs around
the dams and waterways.

LOOK

around to make sure you
don't leave any trash.

LISTEN

for warning sirens that signal
when dam spill gates are open.

Honoring Mr. River's Edge Trail



For more than 20 years, Doug Wicks was a dedicated champion of the River's Edge Trail in Great Falls. Without Doug's passion, energy, commitment and leadership, the trail would not be what it is today. On Aug. 29, 2018, Doug Wicks passed away while trimming branches away from his beloved trail. To honor Doug's dedication to the River's Edge Trail, NorthWestern Energy has renamed the family ride/walk portion of the Beyond the Dam event in Doug's memory. We're proud to offer the Doug Wicks Memorial Family Fun Ride/Walk on June 15 in Great Falls.

Doug joined the Great Falls recreational trails committee in the early 1990s, when the trail had just come into existence. He quickly became the trail's most passionate advocate.

Doug's vision was an extensive system of trails that offered a rich variety of trail

experiences. He advocated for and built ADA-compliant trails that hugged the Missouri River. He looked for opportunities to connect pieces of trail to create loops, and he arranged for sculptures, murals and other art to add splashes of color to the trail.

His focus extended beyond the paved trails to the single-track hiking and mountain biking trails that are part of the Beyond the Dam course.

For 20 years, Doug worked tirelessly to expand the trail, segment by segment, into the 53 miles of incredible trail diversity that make the system what it is today.

The Doug Wicks Memorial Family Fun Ride/Walk covers a 3-mile course from Giant Springs State Park to Black Eagle Dam. Participants have the opportunity to cross the dam, which is typically closed to the public. The event is free and open to all.

The Doug Wicks walk is one of several events happening on June 15 in Great Falls as part of NorthWestern Energy's Beyond the Dam. There are also Intermediate and Advanced mountain bike races that cross Rainbow and Cochrane dams and follow single-track segments of the River's Edge Trail.

We hope that those participating in the Doug Wicks Walk, as well as the two mountain bike races, will think of Doug during the event and remember him for his incredible contribution to Great Falls and all of Montana.

NorthWestern Energy chose to rename its annual event to honor Doug and the legacy he left behind. In addition, proceeds from Beyond the Dam will be donated to the River's Edge Trail to help support Doug's legacy far into the future.

For more information on Beyond the Dam, visit beyondthedam.com.



RUSafe Corner

You don't have to wait for a real-life situation to arise before discussing safety with your children. Start right now by creating your own teachable moments.

While at the grocery store, ask your child: "What would you do if we got separated?" Have your child point out people to ask for help such as a store clerk or parent with children.

While driving to school, ask your child: "Who are your trusted adults? Why?" Make a list of your child's trusted adults so they know who to contact for help.

While playing an online game with your child, ask: "Has anyone or anything you've seen online ever made you feel confused or uncomfortable?"

Information from Ryan United partner, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.

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We are required to translate important customer information for populations in our service area that meet a certain threshold. We have two languages that currently meet that threshold: Spanish and Karenic.

Nos preocupamos por su seguridad. Este anexo a su factura incluye mensajes importantes sobre seguridad que usted necesita saber con respecto al servicio público que le proporciona NorthWestern Energy. Comuníquese con nosotros si desea recibir la información de seguridad en español, llamando al teléfono 888-467-2669 (en Montana) 800-245-6977 (en South Dakota o Nebraska) y pregunte por las opciones de idiomas para los anexos de sus facturas.

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