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## Harrisonburg Tourism, HHS students team up to host biking event

HARRISONBURG, Va. – Harrisonburg Tourism has teamed up with a group of Harrisonburg High School students to help reintroduce a popular local amenity to those who are missing out on the fun.

Harrisonburg Tourism Presents: Explore Rocktown at Hillandale Park will take place starting at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, at the Rocktown Trails at Hillandale Park, 801 Hillandale Ave. This event seeks to bring awareness to the trails and promote a healthy community, with options for all types of riders. The students – Huda Al-Bandar, Mia Beauzieux, Grace Myo, and Ivan Cigarroa Ruiz – will serve as leaders for the trails, which range from beginner to experienced riders. Riders should make sure to bring their own equipment, as bicycles will not be available at the event.

All riders at Explore Rocktown will have the same starting point. Riders will be split into three groups based on experience, with each group being led through two laps at different times. There will be a booth for registration as well as snacks by Harrisonburg High School's Earth Club, and a raffle will be held for participants to earn prizes.

Amenities such as the Rocktown Trails are vital to providing community members with a number of options to enjoy all the natural beauty The Friendly City has to offer.

"It means a lot that there are trails so close to me," Harrisonburg High senior Ty Hass said. "Being able to ride whenever I want on good trails is awesome, and most of them are trails made by fellow riders who volunteer. Also, the builders made a small space feel massive."

Anyone interested in this event may contact [explorerocktown@gmail.com](mailto:explorerocktown@gmail.com) for more information.

Additionally, if you love cycling, hiking, or just being outdoors, you can find a helpful resource toward exploring all area trails with the Harrisonburg Tourism Trail Guide. A digital copy is available at [www.visitharrisonburgva.com/area-trails](http://www.visitharrisonburgva.com/area-trails).

*The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 55,700 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is available online at [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov).*



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