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**Unique recreation trail over Lake Butte des Morts Causeway opens Saturday**  
*Community open house and special ceremony kick off "First Across" event*

(Green Bay) The crown jewel of the new Lake Butte des Morts Causeway is about to unveil its unique features to the public. The Tribal Heritage Crossing of the Wiouwash State Recreation Trial, which spans the entire length of the Lake Butte des Morts Bridge, opens on Saturday, October 12. The new causeway trail features a multi-use trail, 13 beautiful, Native American kiosks, fishing access, three overpasses dedicated to Earth, Fire and Water, and artwork dedicated to the rich culture and history of Oshkosh.

**A community open house will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, October 12, on the grounds of Eckland Motorsports, 2794 Marine Dr., Oshkosh.** Street parking will be available on Marine Drive. The open house features a non-competitive fun run, dog walk, interactive displays, food, music, expert anglers on site with advice, and a special memento for people who cross the new causeway and bring back a ticket from the other side. Everyone who comes to the open house will receive a "First Across" commemorative pin.

A special linking ceremony of the Wiouwash Trial and Tribal Heritage Crossing will take place at 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 12 at Eckland Motorsports. Local leaders and Native American dignitaries will unveil a commemorative brick that links the Wiouwash to the Tribal Heritage Crossing. After the linking ceremony, the trail will open to the public.

The Lake Butte des Morts Causeway and Tribal Heritage Trial features design characteristics dedicated to Wisconsin's Native American tribes. Special overlooks and kiosks display information about the 11 federally recognized Native American Tribes of Wisconsin, and a Native American architect designed aesthetic features for sections of the causeway that are inspired by the natural elements earth, fire and water. At the north end of the causeway, a kiosk will provide information about the history of Lake Butte des Morts. The vehicle overpass for the Causeway opened in July of this summer.

For more about the new Lake Butte des Morts Causeway go to [www.us41wisconsin.com](http://www.us41wisconsin.com)

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