



Bloomfield's newest park combines history and recreation

Morris Canal Park at Oak Tree Lane, Bloomfield's newest public park, will officially open with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, May 14 at 11 a.m. All residents are invited.

The park is built on a surviving five-mile section of the historic Morris Canal and features a canal prism (or cross-section), and a trail that once served as a mule tow path. The Morris Canal Greenway is part of a statewide effort to retrace the waterway's former footprint. The Bloomfield section extends from Oak Tree Lane in the northern part of town to Wright's Field on the southern end, encompassing canal remnants, other historical sites, and parks.

The opening ceremony is sponsored by the Bloomfield Recreation Department and the Bloomfield Morris Canal Greenway Committee. Township and county officials, and representatives of The Canal Society of New Jersey will attend. For details, email msceurman@bloomfieldtnj.com.