

## **Dempsey Challenge Preparation Work at Simard-Payne Park Will Render Limited Access Oct. 2 - 10**



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**LEWISTON:** It's Dempsey Challenge time again in Lewiston where participants from far & wide gather for the annual community-wide interactive fundraiser. The event raises monies to benefit the quality of life for individuals and families impacted by cancer. **As such, preparation for the event centralized at Simard-Payne Memorial Park, 46 Beech Street, Lewiston, will get underway on Monday, October 2, 2017. Although access to the on-site walking bridge between Lewiston and Auburn will still be possible, the park will be closed from 7 p.m. – 7 a.m. Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, through Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.** Due to safety precautions and set-up/take-down activities, the closure will include the perimeter of the park. The Dempsey Challenge will be held October 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Dempsey Challenge is comprised of various cycling distances (10, 25, 50, 70, and 100 miles); a 5K (3.1 mile); and 10K (6.2 mile) run/walk. Participants 18 and over are required to raise at least \$150 as they prepare for the Challenge. A youth fundraising campaign called Positive Tracks is available for young people 23 and under. More information can be found at [www.dempseycenter.org](http://www.dempseycenter.org)

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