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## “VIRGINIA DERAILER” BEDFORD RACE IS SEPT 23

**Bedford, VA** – Virginia’s mountain bike race series, the Virginia DeRailer, will come to Bedford on September 23 with the Falling Creek Mountain Bike Race, held at Bedford County’s newest recreational facility, Falling Creek Park. The counties of Bedford, Franklin and Roanoke and the cities of Bedford, Danville and Lynchburg have joined together to form the series aptly called the “Virginia Derailer”. The name is a play on the French word, *derailleur*, a bicycle’s gear rotating mechanism, re-lettered to reflect the region’s railroad heritage.

The Virginia DeRailer, with media support courtesy of ABC 13, is comprised of five individual races in each of the localities beginning with the MW Windows Mountain Bike Race on which was held on August 14<sup>th</sup> in Franklin County and culminating with the Poor Mountain HillClimb, October 2<sup>nd</sup> in Roanoke County. Cash prizes will be awarded in Expert and Sport Categories at Bedford’s race and series riders who compete in 3 of the 5 races, will compete for cash and prizes. Points that are accumulated each race will decide the overall series champions in their respective categories.

The Falling Creek Park race starts at 11 am. A children’s race begins at 10:00 am. For more information or to register, contact Michael Stokes at 540-586-7682, Randy Nixon at 540-587-6061 or Nanci Drake at 540-587-5681. Falling Creek Park is located on Rte. 714 (Falling Creek Road), approximately 1 mile south of its intersection with US 460 and .3 of a mile south of the Bedford city limits.

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