

Tonette Walker to visit Dorothy Carnes Park

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Wisconsin first lady Tonette Walker will be visiting Jefferson County next week to host a “Walk with Walker.”

The Walk with Walker event is a regular series that takes her to lesser-known natural locations around the state to showcase the scenery, while promoting health and fitness. The events began in 2011, and since then, Walker has visited 27 locations in all corners of the state.

According to the Walk with Walker website, “each month one trail is selected and the first lady is joined by local residents ... who together walk a short trail, exploring Wisconsin’s treasure chest of picturesque scenery.”

The Jefferson County event, scheduled for Friday, May 16, will take place at Dorothy Carnes County Park West off Radloff Lane. The walk, which is open to the public, currently is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m.

Following the walk, a reception for invited individuals will take place at 2 Rivers Bicycle & Outdoor in Fort Atkinson.

Jefferson County Parks Department director Joe Nehmer said the location was meant to showcase a local business that has thrived and expanded because of the area’s natural recreational opportunities.

The event is being coordinated locally by the Jefferson County Parks Department and the Friends of the Glacial Heritage Area. The Glacial Heritage Area is a string of parks and natural recreation areas across southeastern Wisconsin of which Dorothy Carnes is a part.

More information on the event will be released by Walker’s office and the Department of Tourism in upcoming days.