

## New course open to the public when school's out

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SUGARCREEK TWP., Greene County — Bellbrook Middle School students got a new option for gym class, and the community got another recreation option Friday, Sept. 4, with the grand opening of the new nine-hole disc golf course behind the school.

Disc golf involves throwing a Frisbee-like disc into a target basket, often about 100 yards away, with as few throws as possible. The middle school course is longer than most of the other 10 in the Greater Dayton area, with holes ranging from 297 feet to 445 feet. But it is in an open field with few trees and obstacles, making it easier for students learning the game.

The project was spearheaded by the Partnerships for Success youth group in Bellbrook, and took several years to finish. A recent Ohio Action for Healthy Kids grant helped get the course finished, and will pay for a supply of golf discs for the school.

“The schools were a big help, and the county gave us money for the project, too,” said recent Bellbrook High School graduate Jordan Ewing, who has led the effort in recent years. He said organizers hope to add hazards and upgrade tee pads if money allows.

BMS Principal Jenness Sigman said gym classes will use the course, and she said the cross country team has added it to their workouts, running the course while they play.

The course will be open to the public during nonschool hours, and there will be scorecards and course maps at the welcome sign.

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