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Party for park pathway ready to roll on Sunday

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Up to 100 people will take to the Grand Teton National Park pathway Sunday on bicycles, wheelchairs and on foot.

The event celebrates the life of Gabriella Axelrad — a 13-year-old killed by a driver while she rode her bike in the park — and the access and safety of pathways that were built in response.

U.S. Sen. Mike Enzi, 2013 Miss Wheelchair America Ashlee Lundvall, Grand Teton Superintendent David Vela and local politicians are to attend.

“It’s really at anybody’s pace and on anybody’s choice of transportation,” Friends of Pathways director Katherine Dowson said. “The point really is we want to encourage diverse participation, and everybody’s welcome.”

Attendees will depart from Windy Point at 1 p.m. and most will return around 2 p.m., though the distance and time is really up to each individual.

Windy Point is a pullout on the north side of Teton Park Road 1.7 miles past Moose. From there to Jenny Lake the pathway covers just over five miles.

Participants are encouraged to ride from town or carpool, Dowson said. Travel from Jackson to Windy Point and beyond can be made entirely on the pathway system.

Also, to keep the pathway open to all, the Park Service has asked that attendance remain below 100 people. No formal registration is required, but those who plan to show up are encouraged to RSVP with Dowson, who can be reached at info@friendsofpathways.org.

Afterward a free barbecue will take place with live music and remarks from attending luminaries at 2 and 4 p.m. at Dornan’s.