



View of the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge over the Missouri River on approach from the east.

Chalco Hills Recreation Area is a perfect place for walking the dog.

The birth of our outstanding Metro Area Trails System came in 1990 with the opening of the first three-mile section of the Keystone Trail in Omaha. Now 24 miles long, the Keystone serves as the backbone for an ever-expanding network. The nationally recognized success of our trails effort is due to a coordinated commitment among local agencies for planning and constructing trails.

A spectacular connection joins trails in Omaha and Council Bluffs and is a true community icon. The Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge is a unique cable stay structure. The main span stretches more than 1,000 feet at an elevation of 50 feet above the river. Tall pylons hold the steel support cables and a lighted bridge deck. Linking nearly 150 miles of trails on both sides of the river, the bridge not only serves as a transportation corridor, but will promote economic and community development. Most of the \$22 million funding for this signature bridge came from federal transportation dollars. Local partners include the Cities of Omaha and Council Bluffs, the states of Iowa and Nebraska, the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, Back to the River, Inc. and others. Iowa funding came from the Iowa Department of Transportation, Iowa Department of Natural Resources and private donations.

Without teamwork and cooperation, the trails still would be dreams on paper. Instead, they are real, and growing. Funds for developing the Metro Area Trails – up to 80 percent of them – have come from federal transportation enhancement dollars funneled through the Nebraska Department of Roads.

The trails network is available to a wide variety of user groups, including walkers, joggers, bicyclists, skaters and cross-county skiers. Further, the system is accessible to people with disabilities and anyone just wanting to experience nature. While the network seamlessly connects parks, sports complexes, swimming pools,

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They are called

PATHS of DISCOVERY.

And, they crisscross the Omaha and Council Bluffs metro area, spreading outward – safe, diverse, inviting, healthy and fun.

There is a trail near everyone, whether in Omaha, Council Bluffs, Ralston, LaVista, Papillion, Bellevue or a growing number of other communities.

Get going today on your own

PATH of DISCOVERY!



People gather for a concert at Lewis & Clark Landing on the Missouri River.

| WEST PAPIO TRAIL | |
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| The West Papio Trail may be the most scenic of all the trails. The concrete path winds along the West Papio Creek, through a number of new subdivisions and parks. | |
| NORTH to SOUTH: | |
| FLANAGAN LAKE 12345 Placeholder Street | |
| HUNTINGTON PARK 2134 North 160th Street | |
| BENT CREEK PARK 164th and Page Streets | |
| PACIFIC MEADOWS PARK Northwest 160th and Pacific Streets | |
| WOODHAVEN PARK 160th Street at West Center Road north to Morton School | |
| OAKBROOK MEADOWS PARK 3401 South 152nd Street | |
| ED ZORINSKY LAKE 402.444.3925 3808 South 156th Street – 156th and “F” Streets is the main entrance to reach the boat dock, fishing pier and Discovery Playground; additional entrances off 168th Street; one designated as an equestrian trail. | |
| WALNUT GROVE PARK 152nd and “Q” Streets | |
| WESTCHESTER PARK 13931 “O” Street | |
| ANDERSEN PARK 136th Street and Millard Avenue | |
| DISCOVERY SOCCER COMPLEX 13502 Discovery Road | |
| PACIFIC MEADOWS PARK Northwest 160th and Pacific Streets | |
| WEST PAPIO TRAIL – PAPILLION | |
| The Papillion stretch of the West Papio Trail runs 5.5 miles from Lincoln and Laredo Roads southeast to 36th Street in Bellevue. | |
| NORTH to SOUTH: | |
| PAPILLION CITY PARK 84th Street and Lincoln Road | |
| HALLECK PARK Halleck Street at Beadle Street | |
| PAPIO BAY PARK 815 East Halleck Street | |
| WALNUT CREEK LAKE AND RECREATION AREA Located one half mile south of Highway 370 and 96th Street | |
| ALSO: Lake; tent and RV camping; 3 miles of paved trails | |



Aerial view shows the Big Papio Trail just north of West Center Road.

| 144TH STREET TRAIL | |
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| This paved trail follows the grade of the street, including stretches up and down hills, to connect Standing Bear Lake in Douglas County to Wehrspann Lake in Sarpy County. The trail begins north of Fort Street along the east side of 144th to West Dodge Road, then on the west side to Pacific Street, east side to “F” Street and west side of 144th to Giles Road. | |
| NORTH to SOUTH: | |
| STANDING BEAR LAKE 402.444.4676 6404 North 132nd Street | |
| WEHRSPANN LAKE (402) 444.6222 AND CHALCO HILLS RECREATION AREA 154th and Giles Road | |
| ALSO: Balloon launch; dog-training field; nature trail; wildlife observation blind; tall grass prairie; hike and bike trails totaling 7.0 miles; cross-country skiing and sledding permitted during winter months; Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources Center with exhibits and meeting rooms | |
| BIG PAPIO TRAIL | |
| A large segment of Big Papio Trail was constructed as part of the channelization of the Big Papio Creek. The trail begins on the west side of Hefflinger Park and continues south into Seymour L. Smith Park and connects to the Keystone Trail. | |
| NORTHWEST to SOUTHEAST: | |
| HEFFLINGER PARK 112th Street and West Maple Road | |
| CROSSKEY VILLAGES PARK Blondo Street and Papillion Parkway | |
| MEADOW LAKE PARK 11707 Farnam Street | |
| LAMP PARK 113 North 114th Street | |
| CANCER SURVIVOR'S PARK 105th and Pacific Streets | |
| This park is designed to be an inspirational retreat to promote the understanding of – and the fight against – cancer. | |
| ONE PACIFIC PLACE PARK 102nd and Pine Streets | |
| ALSO: Nature discovery area | |
| TOWL PARK 9310 West Center Road – driveway located on West Center Road at the Paddock Road traffic light | |
| WESTGATE PARK 8223 Grover Street | |
| SEYMOUR L. SMITH PARK 6802 Harrison Street | |
| ALSO: Disc golf; radio-controlled model airplanes; skeet and trap shoot range; Soap Box Derby track | |
| KEYSTONE / BELLEVUE LOOP TRAILS | |
| The Keystone Trail / Bellevue Loop Trail, the longest and busiest recreational trail in the metro area, passes through park and residential settings, industrial areas and farmland. It is paved and | |

Trail users enjoy an afternoon at Miller's Landing.

| KEYSTONE / BELLEVUE continued | very flat except for its underpasses, which allow users to safely cross all major streets. The trail begins at 87th Street and Templeton Drive. Eventually, it will connect to Glenn Cunningham Lake. |
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| NORTH to SOUTH: | |
| | DEMOCRACY PARK Fort Street at 87th Street – 87th and Templeton Drive |
| | ESTHER PILSTER PARK 88th Avenue and Boyd Street |
| | HILLSIDE LITTLE LEAGUE COMPLEX 82nd Street and Western Avenue |
| | ROBERTS PARK 78th and Cass Streets |
| | ALSO: Omaha's first skate park – a 14,000 sq. ft. concrete facility for skateboarders and inline skaters |
| | HERITAGE PARK Between Mercy Road and Pine Streets along Ak-Sar-Ben Drive |
| | KAREN PARK 63rd and “F” Streets |
| ALSO: Swimming pool | |
| | AL VEYS YOUTH SPORTS COMPLEX 60th Street between “Q” and Harrison Streets |
| | TRAILHEAD PARKING 60th and Harrison Streets |
| | SUN VALLEY PARK 52nd Street and Aspen Drive |
| | ALSO: Swimming pool |
| | COPPER CREEK 56th and Copper Creek Drive |
| ALSO: Street parking | |
| | TRAILHEAD PARKING 48th Street and Cornhusker Road |
| | HASTINGS BANNER PARK 52nd Street and Virginia |
| | PARKING 36th Street and Raynor Parkway |
| BELLEVUE LOOP TRAIL | |
| Connects to the Keystone Trail at Highway 370 and 25th Street. | |
| | TRAILHEAD PARKING 13th Street and Capehart Road |
| | TRAILHEAD PARKING Harlan Lewis Road one half-mile north of LaPlatte Road |
| | HAWORTH PARK 402.293.3122 Highway 370 and Payne Drive |
| | ALSO: Camping; Lewis and Clark Children's Art Wall and Exhibit |
| SOUTH OMAHA TRAIL | |
| The South Omaha Trail is a major east-west paved trail connecting the Keystone Trail in the west at Karen Park to the southern terminus of the Field Club Trail at S. 35th and Vinton Streets in the east. There is a trailhead with parking located on “D” Street just east of S. 42nd Street. | |
| FIELD CLUB TRAIL | |
| The Field Club Trail is a 1.72-mile inner-city trail along an abandoned railroad right-of-way. Featuring rail-road track cuts, ravines and foliage, it begins at 38th and Leavenworth Streets. | |
| NORTHWEST to SOUTHEAST: | |
| | PARKING 38th and Pacific Streets |

| BOULEVARD TRAIL | |
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| The Boulevard Trail links to the Keystone at 72nd and Pacific Streets. The trail runs east to 67th Street, through Elmwood Park, north to Dodge Street, into Memorial Park and north to Underwood Avenue. The section of trail along Happy Hollow Blvd. begins west of the Dodge Street overpass, runs east along Dodge and north along Happy Hollow to Metcalfe Park. | |
| SOUTHWEST to NORTHEAST: | |
| | ELMWOOD PARK 67th and Pacific Streets |
| | ALSO: 18-hole public golf course; swimming pool; lagoon; pavilion; spring grotto |
| | MEMORIAL PARK 60th and Dodge Streets |
| ALSO: War memorial; All-American Rose Society garden | |
| OMAHA RIVERFRONT TRAIL | |
| This trail is a key ingredient in the Omaha and Council Bluffs Trails System and will soon span the entire metro area along the Missouri River. Popular trail segments now run from Heartland of America Park to Miller's Landing; Kiwanis Park at Locust Street and Abbott Drive to N.P. Dodge Park; north to Ponca Road and the Douglas / Washington County line and to Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge. | |
| SOUTH to NORTH: | |
| LEVEE SEGMENT 5660 South 10th Street – the entrance to the trail on the levee is at the Omaha Sewer Treatment Plant east of Spring Lake Park and the levee trail goes north to Pacific Street and south to the South Omaha Bridge Road, but does not currently connect to other segments of the trail system | |
| | HEARTLAND OF AMERICA PARK 402.444.5900 8th and Douglas Streets – the downtown Omaha trail measures almost one mile from the 8th Street entrance and around the lake and includes a pedestrian bridge that connects it to Lewis and Clark Landing |
| | ALSO: Spectacular fountain with light show; lake; Gondola rides; concert stage; war memorial; Lewis and Clark interpretive exhibits |
| | LEWIS AND CLARK LANDING 402.444.5900 8th and Riverfront Drive in downtown Omaha |
| ALSO: Restaurant; marina; Labor Union sculpture; Lewis and Clark interpretive exhibits | |
| | MILLER'S LANDING 402.444.5900 151 Freedom Park Road – Abbott Drive to Gallup Drive |
| | ALSO: River City Star cruise boat; lake; Lewis and Clark interpretive exhibits |
| | N.P. DODGE PARK 402.444.4673 11005 J.J. Pershing Drive north of Interstate 680 along the Missouri River |
| | ALSO: Marina; camping; pavilion; Lewis and Clark interpretive exhibits |
| | BOYER CHUTE NAT'L WILDLIFE REFUGE 402.468.4313 Three miles east of Fort Calhoun (Phone number is for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) |
| | ALSO: 3,000 acres of day-use passive recreation, including nature trails; wildlife viewing; Lewis and Clark interpretive exhibits; Built by the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service |



A family of bicyclists crosses the Indian Creek.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, is home to more than 39 miles of paved, recreational trails and is proud to be the northern terminus of the nationally recognized Wabash Trace Nature Trail.

| VALLEY VIEW TRAIL | |
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| The Valley View Trail runs 6 miles from Highway 6 and Kaneshville Boulevard on to Iowa Western Community College, ride south past Mall of the Bluffs and Iowa School for the Deaf to the Iowa West Trailhead Park. Links to Lake Manawa Trail and the Wabash Trace. | |
| | IOWA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2700 College Road |
| | VALLEY VIEW PARK Valley View Drive and Franklin Avenue |
| | WABASH TRACE NATURE TRAIL |
| The 62.3-mile Wabash Trace Nature Trail meanders through the Loess Hills and southwest Iowa to the Missouri state line. The mix of concrete and crushed limestone paths are suitable for runners, mountain bikes and hybrid bikes. You'll pass by farms, over creeks and through small towns. \$1 daily usage fee suggested or \$10 annual pass to help with trail upkeep. | |
| | IOWA WEST TRAILHEAD PARK www.wabashtrace.org Wabash Avenue and East South Omaha Bridge Road |
| | LAKE MANAWA TRAIL |
| This beautiful trail begins at the Iowa West Trailhead Park and runs southwest to Lake Manawa State Park. The paved trail provides ample opportunity for a hike, leisurely walk or bike ride along Manawa's shoreline. It is a scenic, remote 5.4-mile trail that connects to the Veteran Trail and the Western Historic Trails Center Link, Council Bluffs trail system and the Wabash Trace. Lake Manawa State Park is ideal for picnics, boating, swimming or just relaxing. | |
| | LAKE MANAWA STATE PARK 712.366.0220 Exit 23 off Interstate 80 or via the West South Omaha Bridge Road |
| | ALSO: Camping; swimming; Operated by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources |
| WESTERN HISTORIC TRAIL CENTER LINK | |
| This 2.8-mile trail connects on the east to Indian Creek Trail and Lake Manawa Trail, to the west with Iowa Riverfront Trail. You can find information and history at the Council Bluffs Recreation Complex and the Western Historic Trails Center. | |
| | COUNCIL BLUFFS RECREATION COMPLEX 2900 Richard Downing Avenue – south of Exit 1-B off the I80 / I29 Interchange |
| | NATIONAL WESTERN HISTORIC TRAILS CENTER AND LIED HISTORICAL BUILDING 3434 Richard Downing Avenue |
| The Trails Center offers state-of-the-art exhibits focusing on the Lewis and Clark, Mormon and California-Oregon Trails. | |
| | SKATE PARK |
| | FISHING |

