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

Wehrspann Lakes and Lake Manawa State Park,

recreation is not its sole function. These trails are an

excellent alternative to the use of automobiles and

The equal-access Metro Area Trails System offers

every family – regardless of size, regardless of income,

regardless of where they live - the opportunity to

make the trails part of their lives. The Metro Area Trails

System is there every day for biking, hiking, skating,

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 communitites.

Get going today on your own

PATH of DISCOVERY!

jogging, or just enjoying family time.

other, more traditional, methods of transportation.

he 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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# METRO AREA TRAILS SYSTEM: OMAHA, NEBRASKA

**KEYSTONE / BELLEVUE** continued

ESTHER PILSTER PARK
88th Avenue and Boyd Street

NORTH to SOUTH:

**ROBERTS PARK** 

78th and Cass Streets

HERITAGE PARK

63rd and "F" Streets

TRAILHEAD PARKING
60th and Harrison Streets

52nd Street and Aspen Drive

TRAILHEAD PARKING

TRAILHEAD PARKING

13th Street and Capeba

Highway 370 and Payne Drive

just east of S. 42nd Street.

COPPER CREEK
56th and Copper Creek Drive

ALSO: Swimming pool

48th Street and Cornhusker Road

36th Street and Raynor Parkway

13th Street and Capehart Road

52nd Street and Virginia

BELLEVUE LOOP TRAIL

TRAILHEAD PARKING
Harlan Lewis Road one half-mile north of LaPlatte Road

ALSO: Camping; Lewis and Clark Children's Architecture 18 1 111

**SOUTH OMAHA TRAIL** 

The South Omaha Trail is a major east-west paved trail connect-

ing 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

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.

Connects to the Keystone Trail at Highway 370 and 25th Street.

HASTINGS BANNER PARK
52nd Street and Virginia

**EXAMPLE 1** KAREN PARK

ALSO: Swimming pool

**SUN VALLEY PARK** 

ALSO: Street parking

PARKING

very flat except for its underpasses, which allow users to safely

cross all major streets. The trail begins at 87th Street and Templeton

DEMOCRACY PARK
Fort Street at 87th Street – 87th and Templeton Drive

ALSO: Omaha's first skate park – a 14,000 sq.

t. concrete facility for skateboarders and

60th Street between "Q" and Harrison Streets

Between Mercy Road and Pine Streets along Ak-Sar-Ben Drive

Drive. Eventually, it will connect to Glenn Cunningham Lake.

HILLSIDE LITTLE LEAGUE COMPLEX
82nd Street and Western Avenue

AL VEYS YOUTH SPORTS COMPLEX
60th Street between "O" and Harrison Si

# People gather for a concert at Lewis & Clark Landing on the Missouri River. Aerial view shows the Big Papio Trail just north of West Center Road. Trail users enjoy an afternoon at Miller's Landing. Walkers enjoy the scenery of Towl Park.

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ALSO: Accessible fishing pier; wild-

life area; radio-controlled model

airplanes; hike and bike trails

totaling 3.3 miles

144TH STREET TRAIL

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.

MILLARD NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

AND CHALCO HILLS RECREATION AREA

Smith Park and connects to the Keystone Trail.

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

**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.

**CROSSKEY VILLAGES PARK** 

**MEADOW LANE PARK** 

This park is designed to be an inspirational retreat to promote

9310 West Center Road - driveway located on West Center

ALSO: Disc golf; radio-controlled model airplanes; skeet and trap shoot range;

**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

Soap Box Derby track

the understanding of – and the fight against – cancer.

ALSO: Omaha's first official dog park for off-leash play: BMX hike track

for off-leash play; BMX bike track

144th and Pacific Streets

with exhibits and meeting rooms

NORTHWEST to SOUTHEAST:

112th Street and West Maple Road

CANCER SURVIVOR'S PARK

ONE PACIFIC PLACE PARK
102nd and Pine Streets

Road at the Paddock Road traffic light

ALSO: Lagoon

WESTGATE PARK
8223 Grover Street

SEYMOUR L. SMITH PARK

6802 Harrison Street

ALSO: Nature discovery area

105th and Pacific Streets

**HEFFLINGER PARK** 

NORTH to SOUTH:

**WEHRSPANN LAKE** 

154th and Giles Road

STANDING BEAR LAKE.

6404 North 132nd Street

#### **WEST PAPIO TRAIL**

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



HUNTINGTON PARK
2134 North 160th Street

164th and Page Streets **P** <del>X</del>

PACIFIC MEADOWS PARK

Northwest 160th and Pacific Streets P 共

160th Street at West Center Road north to Morton School

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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.

ALSO: Hike and bike trails totaling 7.0 miles around the lake ing 7.0 miles around the lake; Bauermeister Prairie; youth soft-

WALNUT GROVE PARK 152nd and "Q" Streets

136th Street and Millard Avenue DISCOVERY SOCCER COMPLEX

**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

ALSO: Aquatic center **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

**144TH STREET TRAIL WEST PAPIO TRAIL** 

HEAST		NORTH to SOUTH	
ISTANCE IN MILES:		DISTANCE IN MILES:	
ondo St	0.71	Standing Bear Lake to Fort St	0.29
ge Rd	1.13	Fort St. to Ames Ave	0.49
th St	0.78	Ames Ave. to N. 150th Ave	0.68
fic St	1.55	Ames Ave. to W. Maple Rd	0.49
er Rd	1.92	W. Maple Rd. to Blondo St	1.00
nsky Lake.	1.59	Blondo St. to W. Dodge Rd	1.00
N. 91st)	0.74	W. Dodge Rd. to Pacific St	1.00
		Pacific St. to Arbor St.	0.91
N. 91st)	1.92	Arbor St. to W. Center Rd	0.10
		Stony Brook Blvd. to Harrison St.	0.50
	2.95	Harrison St. to I-80	2.00
	13.25	TOTAL MILES	8.46

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MILITARY ROAD TRAIL continued Military Rd. to Ida St......0.29

SORENSEN PARKWAY TRAIL

Democracy Park to Boyd St. ..... 0.61

KEYSTONE / BELLEVUE continued Boyd St. to Maple St.....

**NORTHWEST to SOUTHEAST:** 

38th and Pacific Streets

.. 1.00

Democracy Park to Boyd St. ........... 0.61 Hwy. 370 to Hwy. 75 ... .... **0.50** Harlan Lewis Rd. . to Haworth Park .... 0.58 TOTAL MILES ... **BOULEVARD TRAIL** 

TOTAL MILES .....

KEYSTONE / BELLEVUE continued **SOUTH OMAHA TRAIL** ... 4.90

.. **0.83** at Happy Hollow Blvd. to Underwood Ave.

Keystone Trail/Karen Park..... 1.57 Boyer Chute.... to S. 50th Street FIELD CLUB TRAIL

to Field Club Trail/Vinton Stree DISTANCE IN MILES: Leavenworth St. to Vinton St. ..... 1.72 Pacific St. to I-80 ....

to Ponca Road

OMAHA RIVERFRONT TRAIL

to Washington/Douglas Cty. line ...1.00 Washington/Douglas Cty. line ......1.07

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

A man rides his bike below the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge.

#### **VALLEY VIEW TRAIL**

The Valley View Trail runs 6 miles from Highway 6 and Kanesville 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,

\$10 annual pass to help with trail upkeep. 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 IOWA WEST TRAILHEAD PARK ..... www.wabashtrace.org the levee trail goes north to Pacific Street and south to the South Wabash Avenue and East South Omaha Bridge Road

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pavilion; Lewis and Clark

interpretive exhibits

### LAKE MANAWA TRAIL

mountain bikes and hybrid bikes. You'll pass by farms, over

creeks and through small towns. \$1 daily usage fee suggested or

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

.. 712.366.0220

Operated by the Iowa Department

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS

of Natural Resources

or just relaxing. ALSO: Restaurant; marina; Labor Union sculpture; Lewis and Clark interpretive exhibits LAKE MANAWA STATE PARK. Exit 23 off Interstate 80 or via the West South Omaha Bridge Road ALSO: Camping; swimming

.402.444.5900 ALSO: River City Star cruise boat; lake; Lewis and Clark interpretive exhibits

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 ..712.366.4900 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.

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## IOWA RIVERFRONT TRAIL

This trail runs 7 miles, mostly atop the city's levee system. It begins at the Western Historic Trails Center Link and heads north through the tourism corridor offering scenic views of the Missouri River. Link to Omaha Riverfront Trail via Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge and the Rivers Edge Park. The trail ends at Big Lake Park; tough pedaling on roads from there up to the view at Lewis and Clark Monument is worth the effort.

DODGE RIVERSIDE GOLF CLUB.. 2 Harrah's Boulevard

Please use the parking lot on the river side of the levee at Harrah's Casino to access the city's 18-hole championship golf course. Restrooms and food are available at Caddy's Riverside Grille inside the clubhouse. Featuring Lewis and Clark interpretive exhibits.

**PLAYLAND PARK** 4000 Avenue "B"

METRO AREA TRAILS SYSTEM: COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA

**ROBERTS PARK** 

1000 North 25th Street 

**BIG LAKE PARK** 

North 8th Street and Big Lake Road 

INDIAN CREEK TRAIL

This 3.5-mile trail continues from the Lake Manawa Trail and heads north, to the Emil Pavich Trail, Sunset Park, home to Katelman Water Park. Take a dip in the pool or have a picnic.

Missouri River

10th Street and 16th Avenue 

## VETERANS MEMORIAL TRAIL

This 6-mile trail starts at the Veterans Memorial Bridge over the Missouri River and runs parallel along the Veteran Memorial Highway past Fox Run Golf Course and Lake Manawa to East Manawa Drive. Trail connects with Western Historic Trails Center Link, Indian Creek Trail and Lake Manawa Trail.

RIVER VALLEY TRAIL RIDERS ATV PARK North side of the Veterans Memorial Bridge - Iowa side of

> The network seamlessly connects parks, sports complexes, swimming pools and flood control reservoirs across the greater Omaha and Council Bluffs metropolitan area.

It's there every day for biking, hiking, skating, jogging, or just enjoying family time.

And, every family can make it part of their lives!

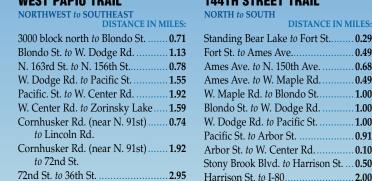
#### THANK YOU!

Metro Trail Partners express appreciation to the Nebraska Department of Roads and Transportation Enhancement Selection Committee, Iowa Department of Transportation and Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Thanks to their efforts, Federal Transportation Funding - the primary source for funding trails - has been professionally and thoughtfully appropriated to local trail building entities. Omaha, and the entire state of Nebraska, as well as Council Bluffs, Iowa, benefit from their efforts.

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**BIG PAPIO TRAIL** NORTH to SOUTH Blondo St. to Dodge St. .... ..... 1.03 Dodge St. to Pacific St. .. Pacific St. to W. Center Rd. ..... 1.93 WEST to EAST W. Center Rd. to S. 84th St. ..... 1.00 S. 84th St. to I-80... "L" St. to "Q" St ... "Q" St. to Harrison St...... 1.88 TOTAL MILES ..... MILITARY ROAD TRAIL

120th St. to 108th St.....

DISTANCE IN MILES: Irvington Rd. to N. 72nd St............ 1.76 .... 0.31 N. 72nd St. to N. 60th St. ..... 1.04 .. **0.87** N. 60th St. *to* N. 52nd St. ..... **0.57** .... 1.19 N. 52nd St. to N. 42nd St. ..... 1.14 N. 42nd St. to Fontenelle Blvd...... 0.30 Grover St. to I-80...... .....9.88 TOTAL MILES ........ .....4**.**81 **BELLEVUE LOOP TRAIL** ..... 1.00 ... 0.78

Maple St. to Blondo St..... Blondo St. to Western Ave. 0.63 Western Ave. to Cass St. .... Cass St. to Dodge St. .. Dodge St. to Pacific St. Pacific St. to Mercy Rd. . Mercy Rd. to Grover St.... I-80 to "L" St..... "L" St. to "Q" St .... "O" St. to Harrison St.... Harrison St. to Giles Creek .. ... 1.09 Giles Creek to Cornhusker Hwy..... 1.13 Cornhusker Hwy. to Hwy. 370 ...... 1.20

.... **1.03** Hwy. 75 to Harlan Lewis Rd...... **4.00** ... 0.22 Dodge Street....

**BOULEVARD TRAIL** 

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

Also: 18-hole public golf course; swimming pool; lagoon: pavilion: spring grotto

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

Omaha Bridge Road, but does not currently connect to other seg-

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

ALSO: Spectacular fountain with light show;

lake; Gondola rides; concert stage; war memo-

rial; Lewis and Clark interpretive exhibits

pool; lagoon; pavilion; spring grotto

to Metcalfe Park.

**ELMWOOD PARK** 

67th and Pacific Streets

60th and Dodge Streets

National Wildlife Refuge.

ments of the trail system

**HEARTLAND OF AMERICA PARK** 

LEWIS AND CLARK LANDING

Three miles east of Fort Calhoun

(Phone number is for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)

**MILLER'S LANDING** 

8th and Riverfront Drive in downtown Omaha

151 Freedom Park Road - Abbott Drive to Gallup Drive

11005 J.J. Pershing Drive north of Interstate 680 along the Missouri River

ALSO: Marina; camping;

BOYER CHUTE NAT'L WILDLIFE REFUGE ...... 402.468.4313

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

SOUTH to NORTH:

**LEVEE SEGMENT** 

**SOUTHWEST to NORTHEAST:** 

to Trailhead (s. 42nd & "D" Streets) Trailhead (s. 42nd & "D" Streets .... 1.15 Ponca Road to N.P. Dodge Park ..... 1.02

N.P. Dodge Park to OPPD Power Park. 2.60 Ida Street to Kiwanis Park ...... 4.36 Kiwanis Park to Miller's Landing .. 1.12

HIKE PATHS SKATE PARK PARKING RESTROOMS SOCCER BASKETBALL **A** PLAYGROUND DOG PARK

