

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

he birth of our outstanding Metro Area Trails

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

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

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 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,

the Nebraska Department of Roads.

for planning and constructing trails.

System came in 1990 with the opening of the

first three-mile section of the Keystone Trail

and flood control reservoirs such as Zorinsky and Wehrspann Lakes and Lake Manawa State Park,

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

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, jogging, or just enjoying family time.

recreation is not its sole function. These trails are an

excellent alternative to the use of automobiles and

other, more traditional, methods of transportation.



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!

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donations.

## METRO AREA TRAILS SYSTEM: OMAHA, NEBRASKA

144TH STREET TRAIL **WEST PAPIO TRAIL** 

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.

number of new subdivisions and parks. NORTH to SOUTH:

FLANAGAN LAKE



The West Papio Trail may be the most scenic of all the trails.

The concrete path winds along the West Papio Creek, through a

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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as an equestrian trail.

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

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

**WEST PAPIO TRAIL** 

72nd St. to 36th St.

Halleck Street at Beadle Street

PAPIO BAY PARK
815 East Halleck Street

ALSO: Aquatic center **WALNUT CREEK LAKE AND** 

.402.592.8877 **RECREATION AREA** Located one half mile south of Highway 370 and 96th Street

Blondo St. to W. Dodge Rd. ..... 1.13 Fort St. to Ames Ave.....

Cornhusker Rd. (near N. 91st) ...... 0.74 W. Dodge Rd. to Pacific St. ....

3000 block north to Blondo St. ..... 0.71 Standing Bear Lake to Fort St. ..... 0.29

W. Dodge Rd. to Pacific St. ...... 1.55 Ames Ave. to W. Maple Rd. ...... 0.49

W. Center Rd. to Zorinsky Lake ..... 1.59 Blondo St. to W. Dodge Rd. ...... 1.00

... **2.95** Harrison St. to I-80...

..... 13.25 TOTAL MILES ...

**144TH STREET TRAIL** 

Pacific St. to Arbor St.

Stony Brook Blvd. to Harrison St. ... 0.50

...8.46

NORTH to SOUTH

ALSO: Lake; tent and RV camping; 3 miles of paved trails

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

ALSO: Accessible fishing pier; wildlife area; radio-controlled model airplanes; hike and bike trails totaling 3.3 miles

MILLARD NORTH HIGH SCHOOL 144th and Pacific Streets

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

**CROSSKEY VILLAGES PARK** 

**MEADOW LANE PARK** 

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

9310 West Center Road - driveway located on West Center Road at the Paddock Road traffic light

ALSO: Lagoon

**BIG PAPIO TRAIL** 

Blondo St. to Dodge St. ....

Pacific St. to W. Center Rd. ...

**MILITARY ROAD TRAIL** 

W. Center Rd. *to* S. 84th St. ..... **1.00** 

"Q" St. to Harrison St...... 1.88

Dodge St. to Pacific St. ..

S. 84th St. to I-80...

"L" St. to "Q" St ...

TOTAL MILES .....

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

108th St. to I-80...

I-80 to "L" St. ..

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

MILITARY ROAD TRAIL continued

Military Rd. to Ida St. 0.29

Irvington Rd. to N. 72nd St............ 1.76

N. 42nd St. to Fontenelle Blvd......0.30

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

.....4.81

SORENSEN PARKWAY TRAIL

... 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

**BELLEVUE LOOP TRAIL** 

.....9.88 TOTAL MILES ........

## **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

..... 1.03

DISTANCE IN MILES:

..... 1.00

.. 0.78

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. NORTH to SOUTH:

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

**KEYSTONE / BELLEVUE** continued

ESTHER PILSTER PARK
88th Avenue and Boyd Street

Trail users enjoy an afternoon at Miller's Landing.

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. t. concrete facility for skateboarders and

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

**EXAMPLE 1** KAREN PARK 63rd and "F" Streets ALSO: Swimming pool

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

13th Street and Capehart Road TRAILHEAD PARKING
Harlan Lewis Road one half-mile north of LaPlatte Road

Highway 370 and Payne Drive

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 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:** 

KEYSTONE / BELLEVUE continued

... 4.90

.... **1.03** Hwy. 75 to Harlan Lewis Rd...... **4.00** 

at Happy Hollow Blvd.

to Underwood Ave.

TOTAL MILES .....

.... **0.50** Harlan Lewis Rd. .

.... 0.58 TOTAL MILES ...

... 0.22 Dodge Street....

... 0.83

... 1.09

to Haworth Park

**BOULEVARD TRAIL** 

38th and Pacific Streets

Boyd St. to Maple St.....

Maple St. to Blondo St.....

Western Ave. to Cass St. ....

Cass St. to Dodge St. ..

Dodge St. to Pacific St.

Pacific St. to Mercy Rd. .

Grover St. to I-80.....

"L" St. to "Q" St ....

I-80 to "L" St.....

Mercy Rd. to Grover St....

"Q" St. to Harrison St....

Harrison St. to Giles Creek ..

Giles Creek to Cornhusker Hwy..... 1.13

Cornhusker Hwy. to Hwy. 370 ...... 1.20

KEYSTONE / BELLEVUE continued

Blondo St. to Western Ave. 0.63

Democracy Park to Boyd St. ........... 0.61 Hwy. 370 to Hwy. 75 ...

### Walkers enjoy the scenery of Towl Park.

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.

**BOULEVARD TRAIL** 

**SOUTHWEST to NORTHEAST:** 

**ELMWOOD PARK** 

67th and Pacific Streets

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

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

ALSO: Spectacular fountain with light show; lake; Gondola rides; concert stage; war memorial; Lewis and Clark interpretive exhibits

LEWIS AND CLARK LANDING 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

.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)



**SOUTH OMAHA TRAIL** 

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

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

METRO AREA TRAILS SYSTEM: COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA

### **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,

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

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

IOWA WEST TRAILHEAD PARK ..... www.wabashtrace.org Wabash Avenue and East South Omaha Bridge Road

\$10 annual pass to help with trail upkeep.

## 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

3434 Richard Downing Avenue The Trails Center offers state-of-the-art exhibits focusing on the

SYMBOLS KEY

SOCCER

BASKETBALL

HIKE PATHS SKATE PARK

DOG PARK

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS

TRAILS CENTER AND LIED HISTORICAL BUILDING

Lewis and Clark, Mormon and California-Oregon Trails.

..712.366.4900



PARKING

RESTROOMS

Missouri River

Metro Trail Partners express appreciation to the Nebraska Department of Roads and Transportation Enhancement Selection Committee, Iowa 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.

through a federal grant from the Department of Transportation under the Transportation Planning Program authorized under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21).

the metro area are the result of a collaboration among the following ations: City of Omaha, Papio-Missouri River Natural Resource District, Douglas County, City of Bellevue, City of LaVista, City of Papillion, City of Ralston, Metropolitan Area Planning Agency, National Park Service, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Sarpy County, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

# THANK YOU!

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

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. Rest-

rooms and food are available at Caddy's Riverside Grille inside the

clubhouse. Featuring Lewis and Clark interpretive exhibits.

Lewis and Clark Monument is worth the effort.

DODGE RIVERSIDE GOLF CLUB..

North 8th Street and Big Lake Road

10th Street and 16th Avenue

Link, Indian Creek Trail and Lake Manawa Trail.

RIVER VALLEY TRAIL RIDERS ATV PARK

man Water Park. Take a dip in the pool or have a picnic.

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 Katel-

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

North side of the Veterans Memorial Bridge - Iowa side of

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2 Harrah's Boulevard

**PLAYLAND PARK** 

4000 Avenue "B"

**ROBERTS PARK** 

**BIG LAKE PARK** 

1000 North 25th Street

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## TRAIL PARTNERS

### Keystone Trail/Karen Park..... 1.57 Boyer Chute.... to S. 50th Street

to Trailhead (s. 42nd & "D" Streets) Trailhead (s. 42nd & "D" Streets .... 1.15 Ponca Road to N.P. Dodge Park ..... 1.02 to Field Club Trail/Vinton Stree FIELD CLUB TRAIL

DISTANCE IN MILES:

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

## OMAHA RIVERFRONT TRAIL

to Ponca Road

Leavenworth St. to Vinton St. ..... 1.72 Pacific St. to I-80 .... 

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

**A** PLAYGROUND

CONCESSIONS TENNIS

