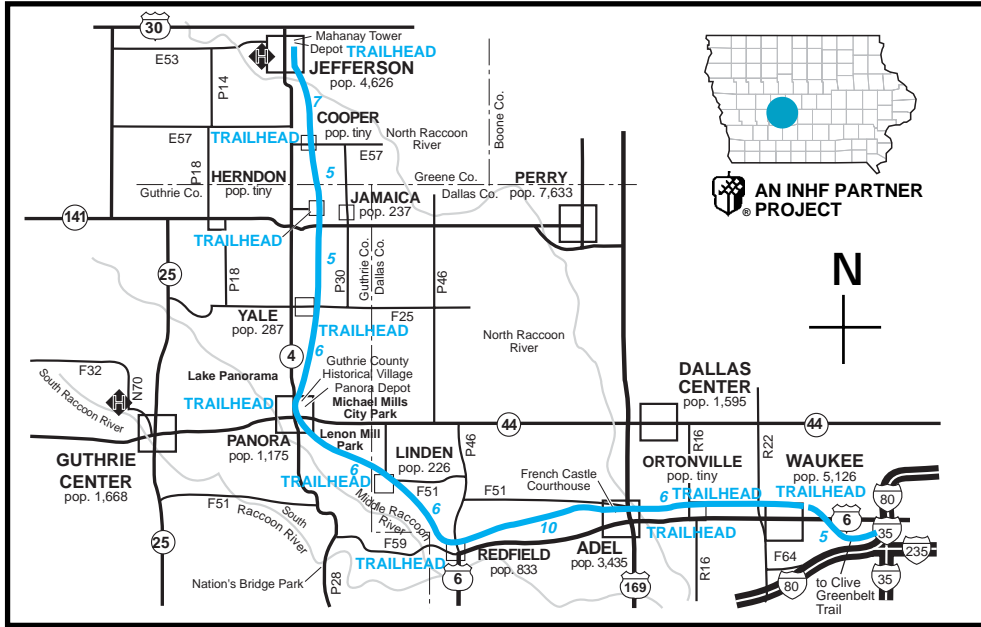


RACCOON RIVER VALLEY TRAIL 20



Now bigger and better than ever, the Raccoon River Valley Trail offers 56 scenic miles that wind through the Raccoon River Greenbelt. The former "gap" in Guthrie County between Yale and Herndon has been completed so that the trail extends north to Jefferson. The Jefferson Depot has been restored and is used for trail support. Meanwhile, another five-mile addition from Waukee links RRVT to the Clive Greenbelt Trail (see page 16).

RRVT's prairie remnants and bottomland timber areas are reminiscent of early Iowa when the railroad was constructed here. Trees line much of the asphalt trail, sometimes creating a tunnel or canopy effect. Other areas offer expansive views of the Iowa countryside. Patches of native prairie wildflowers and grasses are found throughout the trail. Because of its mixture of habitat, RRVT serves as wildlife habitat for a variety of species.

Length: 56 miles

Surface: asphalt, concrete 4 miles south of Jefferson

Hours: year-round, 6:00 am to 10:30 pm

Fee: \$2.00/day or \$10.00/year for age 18+; trail passes available at county conservation boards or trailheads

Additional Uses: cross-country skiing, skating, snow mobiling (minimum of four inches of snow) allowed in Guthrie County only (to Herndon), hunting in some areas.

Trail Information: Dallas County Conservation Board: 515-465-3577, dallinfo@dallas25.org, www.dallascountyconservation.org; Guthrie County Conservation Board, 641-755-3061, gccb@netins.net; Greene County Conservation Board, 515-386-5674

Tourism Information: Adel Chamber of Commerce: 515-993-5472, info@dallas25.org; Panora Chamber of Commerce: 641-755-3300; City of Linden: 641-744-2032; Jefferson Chamber of Commerce: 515-386-2155; chamber@jeffersoniowa.com, www.jeffersoniowa.com

Emergency: 911

WAUKEE

Trailhead at Hwy 6 and County Road R22: restrooms, trail passes/maps/information

City facilities

Convenience store
Groceries
Restaurants

ORTONVILLE

Trailhead at Hwy 6 and County Road R16: trail passes/maps/information, camping

ADEL

Trailhead on 18th St: restrooms, trail passes

City facilities

Bed & breakfast
Camping
Convenience store
Groceries

Hotel/motel
Information center
Medical clinic
Restaurant
Public showers

REDFIELD

Trailhead at old train depot, north of Hwy 6: restrooms, water, picnic tables, trail passes/maps/information, concessions

City facilities

Convenience store
Groceries
Interpretive displays
Medical clinic
Restaurant

LINDEN

Trailhead at County Road P30 & city park: restrooms, water, trail passes, concessions
City facilities
Convenience store

PANORA

Trailhead SE 6th St just off Hwy 44: picnic tables, restrooms (at nearby restaurant), water, trail passes
City facilities

Bike shop/repair/rental
Camping
Convenience store
Groceries
Lodging
Medical clinic
Restaurants
Trail passes

YALE

Trailhead at SE edge of town on County Road F25: restrooms, picnic tables, water, trail passes/maps/information
City facilities
Groceries
Restaurant

HERNDON

Trailhead at center of town, park on street. No city facilities.

COOPER

Trailhead in center of town, in scalehouse of former elevator, just off County Road E57: water, restrooms

JEFFERSON

Trailhead at restored railroad depot at County Road E53 (old Hwy 30): restroom, water, historic interpretive displays, Greene CCB office.

City facilities

Bed & breakfast
Camping
Convenience store
Lodging
Medical clinic
Restaurants
Trail passes
Community center with showers