

OTHER INFORMATION

The Piping Plover and Least Tern are two species of birds that nest and raise their young on beaches, islands and sandbars on the Missouri River. The Plovers and Terns are very sensitive to the pressure of humans and are threatened with extinction. Please, when enjoying recreation on the river, respect the nesting and habitat areas of the Piping Plovers and Least Terns and help preserve this part of our natural heritage. The Piping Plover and Least Tern are protected under the Federal Endangered Species Act and State Endangered Species Law.

YANKTON WATER TRAIL

Welcome to the Missouri National Recreational River (MNRR) Water Trail. This trail is the result of an effort by a sponsor group comprised of several academic, federal, state, local, and non-profit organizations. Currently, the water trail includes a 78-mile segment of the Missouri River from Gavins Point Dam in Yankton, SD to Sioux City, IA. For detailed information about water trail access points, routes, and river mile marker information visit the website: www.mnrrwatertrail.org

YANKTON LAND TRAILS

Walk, run, or bike at your own pace! With approximately 10 miles of paved trails, the Yankton Parks and Recreation Department is committed to creating a pedestrian friendly community. The trails provide opportunities for vigorous exercise, family walks, bike riding, leisurely strolls, and let us not forget, it meets a transportation need of getting from one place to another without using a motorized vehicle. Choosing to walk or ride a bike reduces air pollution, reduces noise pollution, protects the environment, and saves you money since you do not have to purchase gas! While on the trails, enjoy the blooms and aroma of native plants, such as blue flax, coneflowers, coreopsis, leadplant, blanket flower, and more.

The **Arboretum Trail** (1.4 miles) follows the perimeter of the Summit Activities Center and Yankton High School grounds. The trail includes an arboretum with native trees, bushes, wildflowers, and native grasses.

The **Auld-Brokaw Trail** (3.25 miles) connects the Summit Activities Center and Riverside Park. This trail parallels the Marne Creek through the heart of Yankton and links schools, Morgen Park, Tripp Park, the Rotary Nature Area, the Chamber of Commerce's Yankton Area Visitors Center (Trailhead), and Paddlewheel Point. The Riverside Park trails (1 mile) provide a wonderful opportunity for exercise while enjoying the beauty of the Missouri River.

The **Fantle Memorial Park Trail** circles around and crisscrosses through the park. The perimeter trail is approximately one mile for those keeping track of distance.

The **James River Trail** begins on the east side of Yankton (East 8th St.) and follows the old railroad bed and roadside ditches to the James River. This is a 3.3 mile primitive trail of grass and dirt. Please note that ATV use is allowed on the trail from November 1 to February 28.

Meridian Bridge. Located on the west side of Riverside Park (intersection of Walnut St. and Levee St.). This trail (.5 miles each level) IS the historic double-deck Meridian Bridge, which had its dedication ceremony on October 11, 1924. The bridge spans the Missouri National Recreational River, which is a National Park.

Nebraska Primitive Trail. Located on the south side of the Meridian Bridge in the property to the west of the old Highway 81 roadway. Parking is available on the south side of the Meridian Bridge. This primitive trail is approximately one mile long and forms a figure eight amongst the trees. The north loop provides access to the Missouri River.

Westside Park to the Highway 52 Trail. Enjoy strolling through Westside Park and observing the ducks and geese found in the artesian, well-fed, man-made pond. Then hop on the trail (.75 miles) and it will take you from the north side of Westside Park to the Highway 52 trail (3.14 miles), which connects to the trails found along Lewis & Clark Lake.

Welcome to the Auld-Brokow Trail

Please follow these rules:

- Keep to the right, pass on the left
- Bikes yield to pedestrians
- Keep pets on a short leash
- Clean up after your pets
- Ride slowly and carefully
- Announce your presence when passing
- Be courteous and HAVE FUN!