County Road T65

Cycling enthusiasts will enjoy County Road T65, a nine-mile look at rural Mahaska County’s agricultural past and present. Two miles into your ride, you come across the 1844 Nelson Pioneer Farm and Museum, Iowa’s first museum to honor pioneer farming. As you continue on, the scenery gives you a look at present-day sprawling soybean and corn fields. Your journey through Mahaska County’s farming community will come to a conclusion at the intersection of T65 and G29, a safe spot to run around and head back toward Oskaloosa.

County Road T39

For a combination of experiences, take County Road T39 south of Beacon and ride through the rolling hills of the Des Moines River Valley. A quick stop at Eveland Access provides great opportunities to view American Bald Eagles in their natural habitat. There is fishing, camping, picnicking, and calming river scenic views at Eveland. This eight-mile route concludes at the intersection of T39 and G71 which allows for a turnaround to head back toward Beacon.

MCRF Trail Tram Tours

The Mahaska Community Recreation Trail which winds 13.1 miles through Oskaloosa also provides Trail Tram Tours. This program first began as a resource to allow opportunities for those who would otherwise not be able to get out in to the fresh air, see beautiful scenery along the trail, and to learn the trail’s history from the drivers and tour guides. The program has grown today from 1 trail tram and 1 volunteer driver to 4 trail trams and 11 volunteer drivers with consistent reservations. Tours start at the Lacey Recreation Complex (2055 238th Street) in the baseball/softball parking lot. With MCRF running 4 trams a maximum tour capability of 28 people is available. To enjoy this 2 hour, scenic and unique venture visit www.mcrf.info or call 641.672.2499.

Bicycle Friendly Roads

can be found in Mahaska County and throughout Iowa. Interactive maps as well as information regarding Iowa’s Bicycle Friendly Roads can be found by visiting www.iowadot.gov/iowabikes

Note: The map images above are representative of the interactive maps found on the Iowa Department of Transportation’s web site.