

Mahaska Community Recreation Trail

Oskaloosa, Iowa

FAQs

- 🌿 **Is there a fee to use the trail?** No.
- 🌿 **What are the trail hours?** Sunrise to sunset.
- 🌿 **Is the trail open year round?** Yes, however, snow is not removed during winter months and caution must be used during snow and ice.
- 🌿 **Who can use the trail?** Walkers, bicyclists, skateboarders, rollerbladers, joggers, and nature lovers.
- 🌿 **Are motorized vehicles permitted?** Maintenance vehicles, motorized wheelchairs, golf carts, and the Trail Trams are the only permitted motorized vehicles on the Mahaska Community Recreation Trail.
- 🌿 **What is the length of the trail?** When completed, the trail will run 15 miles; currently, there are 13.1 miles completed.
- 🌿 **In an emergency, who should I call?** 911
- 🌿 **If I need to report a problem along the trail, who should I call?** Call MCRF, 641.672.2499
- 🌿 **How is the trail construction funded?** An initiative of Mahaska Community Recreation Foundation (MCRF) construction is funded through private donations, hotel/motel tax, city and county contributions, and grants.
- 🌿 **Who do I contact if I want to make a contribution or adopt a portion of the trail for maintenance and upkeep?** Call MCRF, 641.672.2499

Area Phone Numbers & Web Sites

- 🌿 **Please Dial 911 in an emergency**
- 🌿 City of Oskaloosa: 641.673.9431
- 🌿 Chamber of Commerce: 641.672.2591
- 🌿 Mahaska County YMCA: 641.673.8411
- 🌿 Mahaska Health Partnership: 641.62.3100
- 🌿 Oskaloosa Police Non-Emergency: 641.673.3201
- 🌿 Additional community information can be found online through the following web sites:
www.everythingMAHASKA.org
www.MahaskaCounty.org
www.Oskaloosalowa.org
www.MCRF.info



MCRF

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Trailheads



- 🌿 **Edmundson Park - 11th Avenue West (T39):** Restrooms, water, parking, playground, golf, swimming, picnic area.
- 🌿 **Bobzilla's Bicycle Werks - 1718 Pella Avenue:** Parking; water; restrooms; bike sales, repairs and accessories. Pella Avenue is also known as Old Hwy. 164 or North L Street. (www.bobzillabikes.com)
- 🌿 **Rotary Gazebo - Hwy. 92 West:** Parking only.

Trail Etiquette

All Users

- 🌿 Show courtesy, respect other trail users at all times.
- 🌿 Use the right side of the trail.
- 🌿 Follow all trail rules and hours.
- 🌿 Obey all traffic signs and move to the side when taking in a scenic view.
- 🌿 Always pass on the left.
- 🌿 Respect the rights of property owners.
- 🌿 Keep dogs on a leash and remove pet feces from trail. Oskaloosa has a Dog Park located in Edmundson Park
- 🌿 Travel with a buddy in case of an emergency.
- 🌿 Stay clear of the trail when stopped.
- 🌿 Yield to wheelchairs.

Bicyclists

- 🌿 Always wear a helmet.
- 🌿 Yield to pedestrians and rollerbladers.
- 🌿 Give audible warning when passing pedestrians or other bicyclists. (A friendly "Hi, passing on your left" or ringing a bell is considerate.)
- 🌿 Ride at a safe speed.
- 🌿 Slow down and form a single file in congested conditions or areas where there's reduced visibility or other potentially difficult conditions.

Rollerbladers

- 🌿 Blade at a safe speed.
- 🌿 Listen for audible warnings of faster trail users getting ready to pass.
- 🌿 Wear helmets and protective gear.
- 🌿 Be predictable and blade straight.

Pedestrians

- 🌿 Watch out for other trail users.
- 🌿 Be especially alert when running and when using ear buds or headphones.
- 🌿 Listen for audible signals and allow faster trail runners, bicyclists, and users to pass safely.