

Mahaska Community Recreation Trail

Oskaloosa, Iowa

FAQ's

- * **Is there a fee to use the trail?** No
- * **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, joggers, runners, bikers, skateboarders, in-line skaters, rollerbladers, devices for use by persons with disabilities, emergency or maintenance vehicles, motorized golf carts which do not exceed twenty miles per hour.
- * **Are motorized vehicles permitted?** Maintenance or emergency vehicles, wheelchairs, golf carts, and the trail trams are the only permitted motorized vehicles allowed.
- * **What is the length of the trail?** When completed it will run 15 miles; currently, there are 13.7 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 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

Trailheads

- * **Edmundson Park - 11th Ave West (T39):** Restrooms, water, parking, playground, golf, swimming, picnic area.
- * **Rotary Gazebo - Hwy. 92 West:** Parking only.
- * **Bobzilla's Bicycle Werks - 1718 Pella Ave:** Parking; water; restrooms; bike sales, repairs and accessories. Pella Ave is also known as Old Hwy. 163 or North L Street. (www.bobzillabikes.com)
- * **Mahaska County Environmental Learning Center at Caldwell Park - 2342 Hwy. 92:** Parking; water; picnicking; restrooms; natural area; pond; freedom rock; interactive and static displays and environmental education programs.



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Trail Etiquette

All Users

- * Show courtesy and respect to other trail users at all times.
- * Always yield right of way to pedestrians. Give other users consideration and yield right-of-way to ensure safety.
- * Use the right side of the trail, when approaching oncoming trail users, blind spots, or trail tunnels. Pass on the left.
- * Obey all trail rules and posted signs.
- * Respect the rights of property owners.
- * All laws about alcohol and its use, which apply to traffic on city streets, also apply to the trail.
- * Keep dogs on a leash and remove pet feces from trail.
- * Travel with a buddy in case of an emergency.
- * Trail users are liable for their own actions.

Bicyclists

- * Always wear a helmet.
- * Yield to pedestrians and rollerbladers.
- * Give audible warning (verbal or bell) when passing, rounding a curve, or approaching a tunnel/blind spot.
- * 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, Skateboarders, In-line Skaters, and Similar non-motorized devices

- * Travel 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.

Golf Carts

- * Golf Carts are allowed on the trail
- * Golf Carts must not exceed 20 mph
- * Give audible warning (verbal or bell) when passing, rounding a curve or approaching a tunnel/blind spot.
- * Usage of the trail at night shall require properly installed headlights on the motorized golf cart.

Pedestrians (walkers, joggers, runners)

- * 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 runner, bicyclists, and users to pass safely.

Area Phone Numbers

- * **Please Dial 911 in an emergency**
- * America's Best Value Inn: 641.673.8351
- * Budget Inn: 641.673.8333
- * City of Oskaloosa: 641.673.9431
- * Chamber of Commerce: 641.672.2591
- * Comfort Inn: 641.673.8527
- * Fairfield Inn & Suites: 641.676.7600
- * Mahaska County YMCA: 641.673.8411
- * Mahaska Health Partnership: 641.672.3100
- * McNeill Stone Mansion B&B: 641.673.4348
- * Oskaloosa Police Non-Emergency: 641.673.3201
- * Super 8 Motel: 641.673.8481
- * *Additional community information including a list of area restaurants is available at the chamber.*