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THE LIED PLATTE RIVER BRIDGE AND THE PLATTE RIVER CONNECTION TRAIL OPENED IN JUNE 2002. It is the first bridge in eastern Nebraska solely dedicated for recreational use over the Platte River. Ultimately, it will link Omaha and Lincoln through a series of hiking/biking trails. The bridge had been an abandoned railroad bridge and was rehabbed with a 14-foot wide concrete trail with scenic overlooks. A short trail and parking lots are found on both sides of the Platte River. The project totals about 1.5 miles.

To commemorate Rotary’s Centennial, the eleven Rotary Clubs of Omaha and Council Bluffs accepted the challenge of marking 105 miles of recreational trails to improve safety for trail users. The project, scheduled for completion in 2005, will place 8” round markers at each mile of the trail and 5” markers every tenth of a mile. These markers will aid emergency response personnel in locating injured or distressed trail users more quickly. Thank you, Rotary Club members, Lamp, Rynearson and Associates, Omaha Peddlers, Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, Peter Kiewit Foundation, and countless contributors and volunteers for making this remarkable trail enhancement possible!

WHO TO CALL ABOUT A TRAIL TO REPORT A MAINTENANCE, SAFETY OR OTHER TRAIL PROBLEM, CALL THE GOVERNMENT ENTITY IN CHARGE BY COUNTY OR CITY:

**DOUGLAS COUNTY TRAILS**
City of Omaha Parks, Recreation and Public Property
Omaha-Douglas Civic Center
1819 Farnam Street, Room 701
Omaha, NE 68183
(402) 444.5900
www.ci.omaha.ne.us/parks

**SARPY COUNTY TRAILS**
Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District
8901 South 154th Street
Omaha, NE 68138
(402) 444.6222
www.papionrd.org

**COUNCIL BLUFFS (POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY) TRAILS**
Council Bluffs Parks and Recreation Department
City of Council Bluffs
209 Pearl Street
Council Bluffs, IA 51503
(712) 328.4650
www.cbparksandrec.org

**CITY OF OMAHA**
Douglas County Environmental Services
3015 Menke Circle
Omaha, NE 68134
(402) 444.6362
www.co.douglas.ne.us

**CITY OF BELLEVUE**
City of Bellevue Parks and Recreation Department
210 West Mission
Bellevue, NE 68005
(402) 293.3142

**CITY OF PAPILLION**
City of Papillion Recreation
122 East 3rd Street
Papillion, NE 68046
(402) 597.2026

**CITY OF RALSTON**

**CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA**

**METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY**

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**TRAIL PARTNERS**
Planning and construction of the much needed recreation trails throughout the metro area are the result of a collaboration among the following organizations:

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PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
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CITY OF LAVISTA
CITY OF PAPILLION
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The Keystone Trail / Belleville Loop Trail

The Keystone Trail / Belleville Loop Trail, the longest and busiest section, is in the metro area, passing through parks and residential settings, industrial areas and farmland. It is a wide, firm trail that is safe for all ages, which allows users to safely cross all major streets. The trail begins at a parking lot adjacent to the end of the north portion of the Keystone Trail near the 23rd Street Bridge and Ends near the Winnetka Water Tower and Park.

The Field Club Trail is a 1.72-mile inner-city trail along an abandoned railroad right-of-way. It allows hikers, joggers, skaters and bicyclists access to the1,200-acre Crete Creek Neighborhood Park and the 1,300-acre Orchard Park, review and fishing, it begins at 16th and Locust Streets.

Southwest to Northeast

Elwood Park

Elwood Park is a 20-acre park, with 1,200 acres of day-use passive recreation, located in Council Bluffs. It is a popular destination for birders and nature enthusiasts.

The Big Papio Trail – Papillion

The Big Papio Trail in Papillion is 2.1 miles long, running north to south from 60th and Dodge streets to 110th and Dodge streets.

Big Papio Trail

The Big Papio Trail is a 7.8-mile paved, interconnected trail system that connects the city of Papillion to the Nebraska State Capitol. It is part of the Papillion-Bellevue Trails Network and is managed by the Papillion-Bellevue Trails Foundation.

The Papillion stretch of the Big Papio Trail is one of three designated as an equestrian trail. This segment is approximately 3 miles long and has wide shoulders, making it safe for horses and riders. It connects to the Camden Valley Trail, providing easy access to the beautiful Zorinsky Lake.

The stoppage of construction work was due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but the trail is now open for use and continues to be a popular destination for both locals and visitors. The Papillion stretch of the Big Papio Trail is one of the longest and busiest sections of the trail system, allowing users to safely cross all major streets and enjoy the beauty of nature just steps away from their homes.

For more information on the Papillion stretch of the Big Papio Trail or other trails in the area, visit the Papillion-Bellevue Trails Foundation website or contact them directly. The trail is open to the public and is a great way to get outside and enjoy the outdoors.

The Papillion stretch of the Big Papio Trail is a great place to take a stroll, go for a jog, or simply enjoy the scenery. It is a beautiful trail system that offers a unique and comfortable outdoor experience for both residents and visitors alike.

The Papillion stretch of the Big Papio Trail is also a great place for families to enjoy a day of outdoor fun. The trail is stroller-friendly and has plenty of benches and picnic areas along the way, making it an ideal spot for a picnic or a family outing.

The Papillion stretch of the Big Papio Trail is certainly a treasure to be proud of, and it continues to be a vital asset to the community. We encourage everyone to get out and explore this beautiful trail system and enjoy all that it has to offer.