

Buy a trail pass, get better trails.

Your voluntary trail pass donation is used exclusively to maintain existing trails. Passes are available at vendors like this one along the trails, or by contacting the NRD.



Thank you for buying a trail pass. We hope you enjoy using the trails as much as we enjoy providing them.

Display your trail pass proudly!

*I use 'em
I support 'em*



Lower Platte South NRD trails

Rules

Trail rules and regulations are posted at trailheads. The Lower Platte South NRD is committed to doing all we can to assure your trail experience is a safe and pleasant one. Fortunately, most follow our Rules and Regulations as a courtesy to fellow trail users. Please report any misuse of trails to the Lower Platte South NRD.

Detailed Rules and Regulations can be found at www.lpsnrd.org. Click on Recreation.

About the NRD

The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District is one of 23 districts in the state of Nebraska, formed in 1972 for the purpose of managing the state's natural resources. Programs and activities include all areas of natural resource management and development: tree planting, flood protection, wildlife habitat, stream-bank stabilization, environmental education, land treatment, water monitoring and many others. The districts are partially funded by property taxes and are governed by a board of directors--elected representatives who serve four-year terms. The NRD system is local government working to protect local natural resources. The Lower Platte South NRD includes nearly all of Lancaster and Cass counties and parts of Seward, Saunders, Otoe and Butler counties.

The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

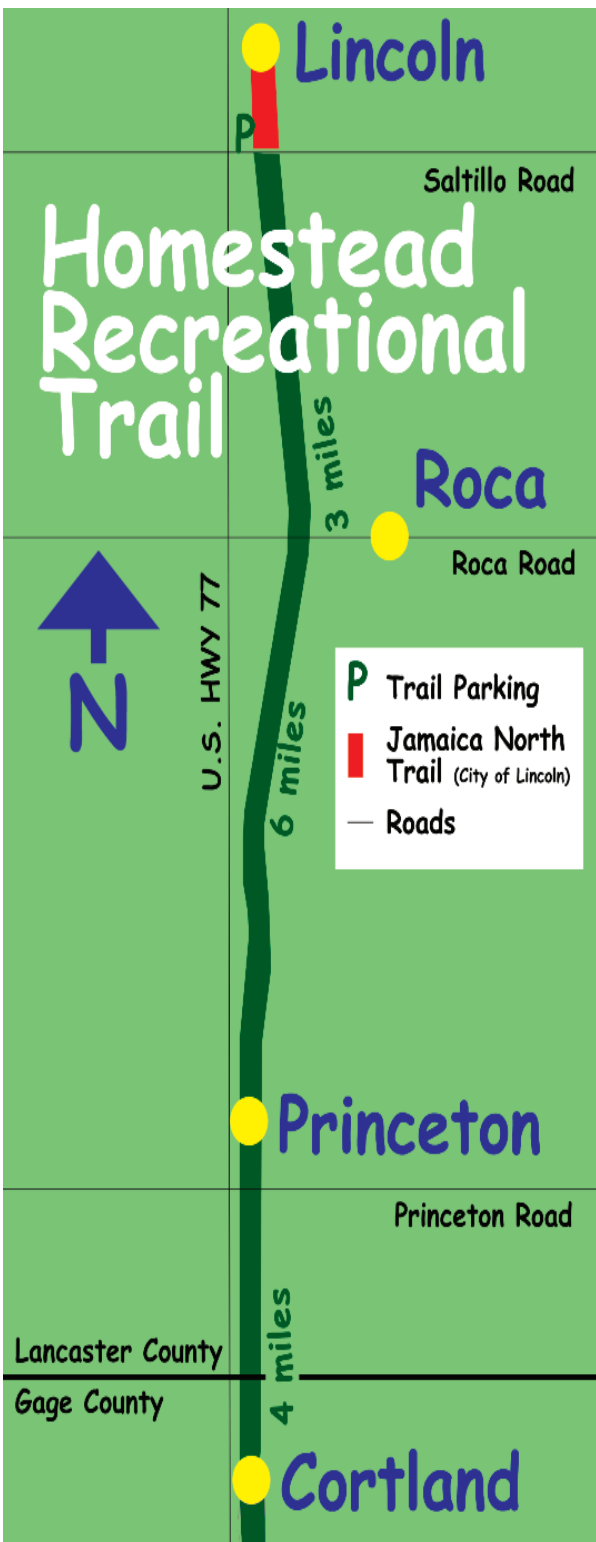
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Homestead Recreational Trail



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH
natural resources district



Homestead Trail

The Homestead Trail portion owned by the NRD follows a former Union Pacific Railroad line from 25th and Saltillo Road, in Lincoln, to Cortland; a distance of about



13-miles. The trail continues through Beatrice to Marysville, Kansas. It is attached

at the north end to the City of Lincoln's Jamaica North Trail and Wilderness Park. Trail parking is available at Saltillo Road.

Purchased through the federal rail-banking system in 2002 by the City of Beatrice, Lancaster County and the Nebraska Trails Foundation, the developed trail will eventually stretch more than 60 miles. A connector trail is planned to the Homestead National Monument. Several entities hold title to different sections of the trail. The NRD-titled portion opened in November of 2007 and features some of southern

Lancaster County's best rural scenery. Users are sure to frequent the Homestead Trail for fitness and pleasure outings. While there are plans to add an equestrian trail within the corridor, horses are currently prohibited.

There's a lot more to trail development than laying down a bed of crushed stone and on this



project the NRD saved an estimated \$100,000 through the efforts of more than 30 volunteers who spent the summer of 2007 installing decking and railings to 12 bridges along the trail corridor. Lynn Lightner, organizer of the volunteer effort, received the NRD's Tributary Award that fall.

