Linn Creek Parkway Trail



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TRAIL SURFACE: Asphalt CITIES: Marshalltown DIFFICULTY: Easy

TRAIL DESCRIPTION:

Running through the heart of Marshalltown, the Linn Creek Greenbelt Parkway trail offers a wide range of sceneryâ€"including forests, open fields, city parks, civic buildings and both industrial and residential areasâ€"never more than a stone's throw from Linn Creek or the Iowa River for the vast majority of its route. In the northeast, the trail starts at the city's Riverview Park, where it follows the Iowa River's shoreline for awhile before turning south to join Linn Creek. The trail then passes through the Nicholson Ford Nature Area. which includes scenic woodland marshes and a network of OHV trails. Soon after, the trail passes next to a large Union Pacific rail yard before skirting the edge of some of the city's recreational facilities, including a pool and baseball fields. From Morris Park to the trail's end at Grimes Farm Nature Center, the newest portion of the Linn Creek Recreational Trail is complete. At the trail's intersection with Highland Acres Road, you can directly connect with the Iowa 330/ US 30 Trail. That trail will take you farther southwest to the small town of Melbourne.