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*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](http://www.lpsnrd.org). Click on Recreation then click on Trails.

## 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 Resource District is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

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# Oak Creek Recreational Trail

and Oak Creek Equestrian Trail



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Stretches of natural prairie, majestic oak woodlands and breathtaking high-land vistas make the 12-mile Oak Creek Trail, from Valparaiso to Brainard,



one of Nebraska's most versatile recreational trails. The corridor was once occupied by the Union Pacific Railroad but was taken out of service, using the

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federal Rail Bank process, in 1993. The trail opened, following a local fund raising effort, in 1996.

The crushed limestone trail (when starting at the south end) begins at North Oak Bridge in Valparaiso, with a shelter and kiosk nearby, and follows the Bates Branch of Oak Creek out of town for several

miles. Trail users will notice a gradual uphill terrain from Valparaiso to Brainard. The gradual slope, in fact, helped dictate the route of the original rail corridor.

The community of Loma marks the trails approximate halfway point. Loma is home to St. Luke's Czech Catholic Shrine, built in 1912. Universal Studios filmed much of the full length motion picture, "To Wong Fu, Thanks for

Everything, Julie Newmar" in Loma in 1995, using the shrine as its offices and later donating a large sum toward the building's renovation.

Just before reaching Brainard, the trail follows the top of a scenic ridge. Visitors to Brainard will find a



village park and a swimming pool. Trail parking and other services are available at all three communities. A restroom and connector trail at Loma opened in 2008.

The Oak Creek Recreational Trail shares its corridor with a separate equestrian trail. Also extending the entire 12 miles, it was created over several years time by the Horse Trails Committee of the Nebraska Horse Council.

