

# BUY A TRAIL PASS, GET BETTER TRAILS

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

We hope you enjoy using the trails as much as we enjoy providing them.



Trail rules and regulations are posted at trail heads. The Lower Platte South NRD is committed to doing all we can to assure your trail experience is a safe and pleasant one. Please follow our Rules and Regulations as a courtesy to fellow trail users and 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) > Recreation > 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, with an emphasis on watershed management. 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 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.



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## HOMESTEAD RECREATIONAL TRAIL



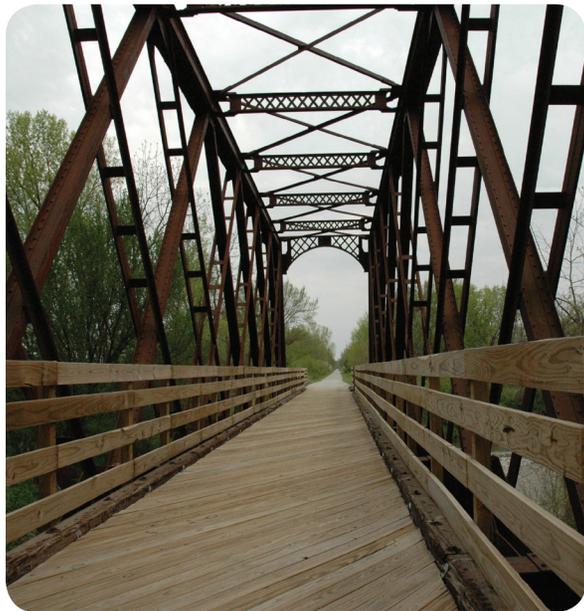
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# TRAIL HISTORY

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 and Roca.



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.

# HOMESTEAD TRAIL

Users are sure to frequent the Homestead Trail for fitness and pleasure outings.



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.

