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Stay in touch

More information about the Three Rivers Trail and how you can support the trail is at [threeriverstrail.org](http://threeriverstrail.org).



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## Humboldt County Conservation Board

The Humboldt County Conservation Board maintains the Three Rivers Trail. If you run across a washout, a downed-tree, or any other trail problem, please leave a message at the office, 515-332-4087. Please include a location.

### Other Nearby Trails

The Cottonwood Trail, a three-quarter mile paved trail, runs along the east side of the West Branch of the Des Moines River in Humboldt.

Exciting improvements are underway to access the hiking trails on the west side of the West Branch of Des Moines River in the City of Humboldt.

Sheldon Park, west of Humboldt, has extensive hiking trails. Lower Sheldon is a great starting point for these trails.

Many other county parks are also great places to take a walk in the woods, along the stream, or on the prairie.

### Humboldt Hardpack Bike Ride

Each September, volunteers host a bike ride that starts in downtown Humboldt. Riders peddle out and back on the Three Rivers Trail. The route varies by year, but riders can expect support along the ride and lots of great food and drink available at our downtown businesses. The ride supports trail improvements and a future connection to the Prairie Rivers Trail System in nearby Webster County.

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# Three Rivers Trail

The Three Rivers Trail is a 33 mile-long hiking and biking trail in North Central Iowa. It is built on the old rail lines and crosses three major rivers. Its surface is crushed limestone.



## Online Trail Map

Find an online version of this map at [threeriverstrail.org/map](http://threeriverstrail.org/map).



## History

The Three Rivers Trail was started in the late 1980s under the National Trails Act. The National Trails System Act of 1968 calls for establishing trails in both urban and rural settings for people of all ages, interests, skills, and physical abilities using abandon rail lines.

The Three Rivers Trails runs east-west on the old Chicago Northwestern Line and north-south on the Minneapolis-St. Louis Line.

The commitment of the Pocahontas, Humboldt and Wright County Conservation Boards and the support of local citizens made the trail possible. We received support every step of the way from the Natural Heritage Foundation and the Iowa Trails Council.

