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**Old
Yellowstone
Trail**
Montana



Old Yellowstone Trail

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bridges take users over the river at different points. A second trailhead is located a third of the way down, at Kohls Crossing/Rock Creek Cattle Road. About 6.4 miles from the northern end, the trail splits—the western branch continues as the main route to Deer Lodge and the eastern branch comes to a dead end in about a mile. The trail heads south to Deer Lodge through Grant-Kohrs Ranch, a historic site and working ranch run by the National Parks Service where the history and development of the Western cattle industry comes to life.

This trail is a link in the series of cross-country multiuse pathways known as the [Great American Rail Trail](#).

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11.9 miles of the trail are open for use. Starting at the Garrison trailhead near Sawmill Road & Garrison Back Road, trail users will enjoy the proximity to the meandering Clark Fork River. Refurbished railroad



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States: Montana

Counties: Powell

Length: 11.9 miles

Trail end points: Sawmill Road (Garrison) to
Washington St

Trail surfaces: Cinder, Crushed
Stone, Dirt, Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Mountain
Biking, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

There are two designated access points: In Garrison, the trailhead is near Sawmill Road at the north end of the trail. There is a second trailhead at Kohrs Bend/ Rock Creek Cattle Road. Both trailheads have parking, vault toilets, trash cans and picnic benches. Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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