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About the Route

The MoPac Trail East has a western endpoint on the outskirts of Lincoln, but as it heads east, becomes increasingly more rural as it leaves the suburbs and moves into a sparsely populated farm country. The trail is rural in aspects, as it travels through farmlands and rolling hills along a crushed-stone pathway that can be

rough in some sections.

Most of the route is sheltered in some sections surrounded by the trees that line the old railroad corridor. Along the route, trail users will pass the towns of Eagle and Elmwood, both of which have modest dining and retail options.

Connections

In Lincoln, the MoPac Trail East continues as the [MoPac Trail West](#).

For almost its entire length, a separate path for horseback riders, called the Charles L. Warner Equestrian Trail, parallels MoPac Trail East.

The MoPac Trail East is part of the Great American Rail Trail, a 3,700-mile route from Washington to Washington D.C.

Trail History

The MoPac Trail East was built along the former Missouri Pacific Railroad Corridor (hence "MoPac") which was active until 1984 when heavy flooding destroyed a portion of track in Elmwood. In 1991, the Nebraska Trails Foundation and the Great Plains Trails Network purchased the rail property, which was deeded to Lower Platte South NRD.



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States: Nebraska

Counties: Cass, Lancaster

Length: 21.6 miles

Trail end points: S 84th St. (Lincoln) to 322nd St. (Wabash)

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Horseback

Riding, Mountain Biking, Walking, Cross

Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Mopac Trail East runs between S 84th St. (Lincoln) and 322nd St. (Wabash), with parking at the western end.

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for detailed directions.

Note: Equestrian parking is available at the Charles L. Warner trailhead. Voluntary user passes (\$1/day or \$5/year) are available at several self-service donation boxes along the trail.

