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Lewistown City Trail System Montana



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Much of the trail system occupies the former railroad bed of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad. The abandoned railroad was acquired in 2006. The tracks were removed and then bed surface improved with crushed gravel to create 10-foot wide paths for recreational physical activity. High points of the trail system include the Brewery Flats Recreation Area and the Frog Ponds area. Brewery Flats is a former industrial site that was reclaimed and restored in the 1990s. Big Spring Creek, was rerouted and the fish habitat restored and native riparian species replanted. These efforts transformed the brownfield into a vibrant natural area with plenty of wildlife. The trail here runs through grassy plains and then meanders alongside the creek for a spell.

The Frog Ponds have also been restored. First constructed in the mid-20th century, the two ponds had filled with sediment so they were dug out and stocked with trout. Trail users can pause here on the benches provided and take in the serenity of the water before moving further along. Naturally, the ponds are popular fishing spots.

For equestrians, there is an 8-mile section (16miles both ways) which runs parallel to the former railroad bed. To ride this segment of trail, begin on the western edge of Lewistown. The trail takes riders through the countryside, where quaint farmland morphs into picturesque riparian habitat.



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States: Montana Counties: Fergus Length: 20miles Trail end points: E. Main Street to SR 87 (Highway 87) Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Crushed Stone Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Fishing,Wheelchair Accessible,Horseback Riding,Mountain Biking,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Yogo Inn trailhead (211 East Main Street) trailhead is commonly used as a starting point for trail users. From here, you can head south on the trail.



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