



January Trail Plan

Bison Trail +
Pioneers Park Loop

WELCOME

The 2020 Trail-a-Thon is your chance to explore every inch of trails in our area by running, jogging or walking! Our goal is for more people to see and appreciate the great trail system in Lincoln!

Each month, we'll send Trail-a-Thon participants a guide to that month's trails. This month's challenge starts on January 1st, but you may run, jog or walk this trail ANY TIME during the month!

We hope to make the Lincoln Trail-a-Thon an experience that you will never forget!

JOIN US!

If you haven't registered for the Trail-a-Thon, please do! Then join our community on Facebook to get updates, and post your photos from the trail!

[Register for Trail-a-Thon](#)

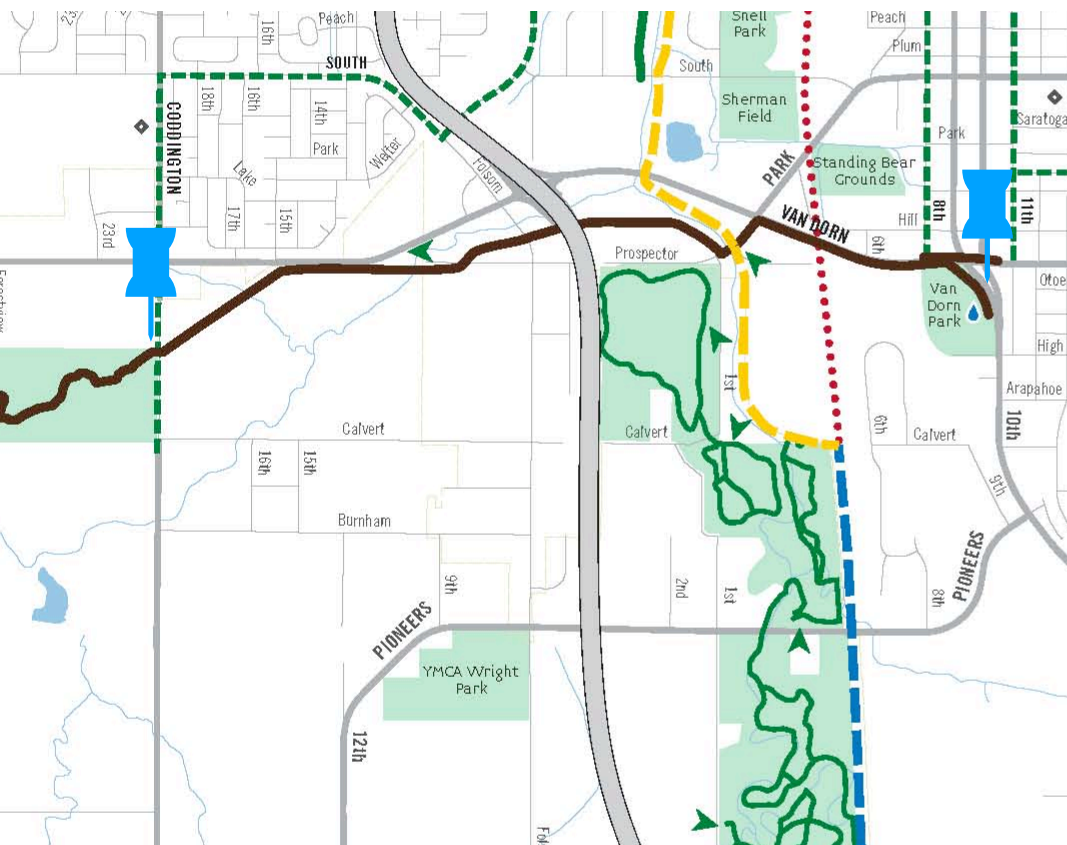
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The Bison Trail

2.6 MILES



START

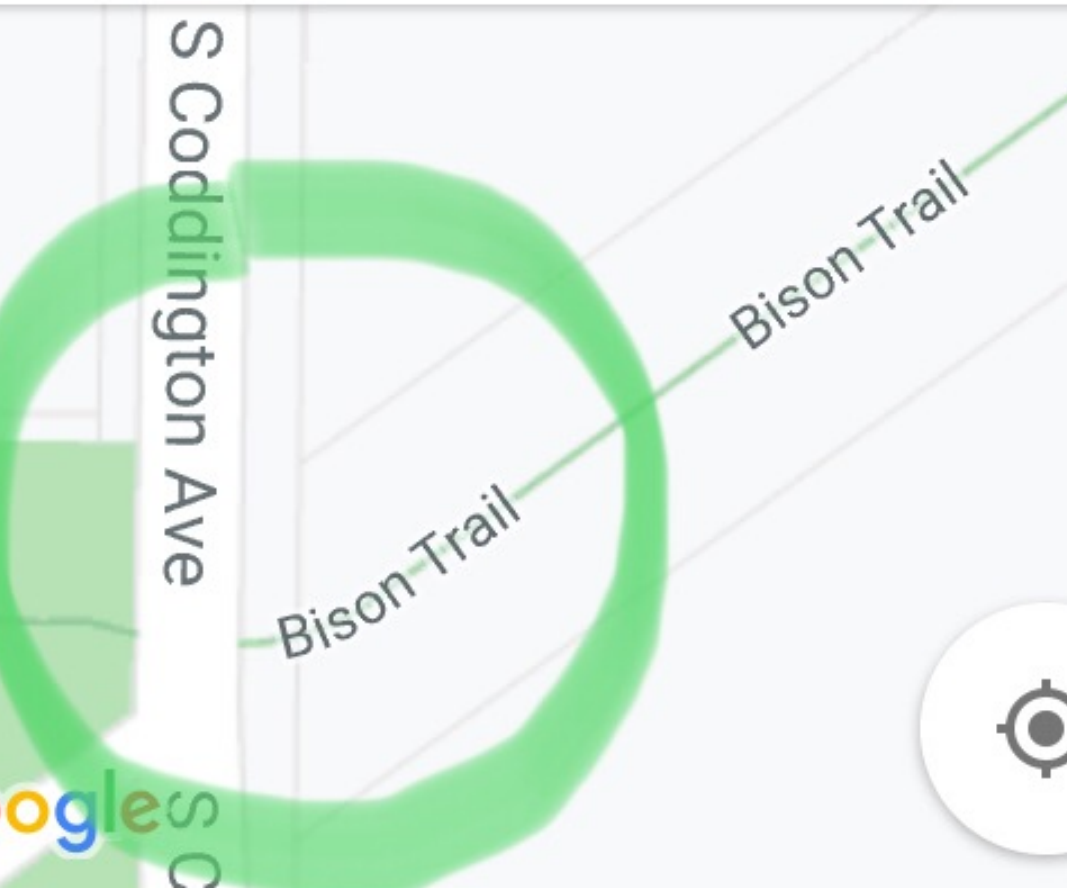
Choose where to start – Van Dorn Park at 9th & Van Dorn or at the Coddington Ave. entrance of Pioneers Park. We recommend Van Dorn Park. The parking is better, the official signage is there, and you can get the big Van Dorn hill out of the way earlier!

Enter Van Dorn Park from 9th street, just south of Van Dorn. Then look for this sign:



END

Bison Trail ends when you enter the east entrance of Pioneers Park by crossing S. Coddington Avenue.

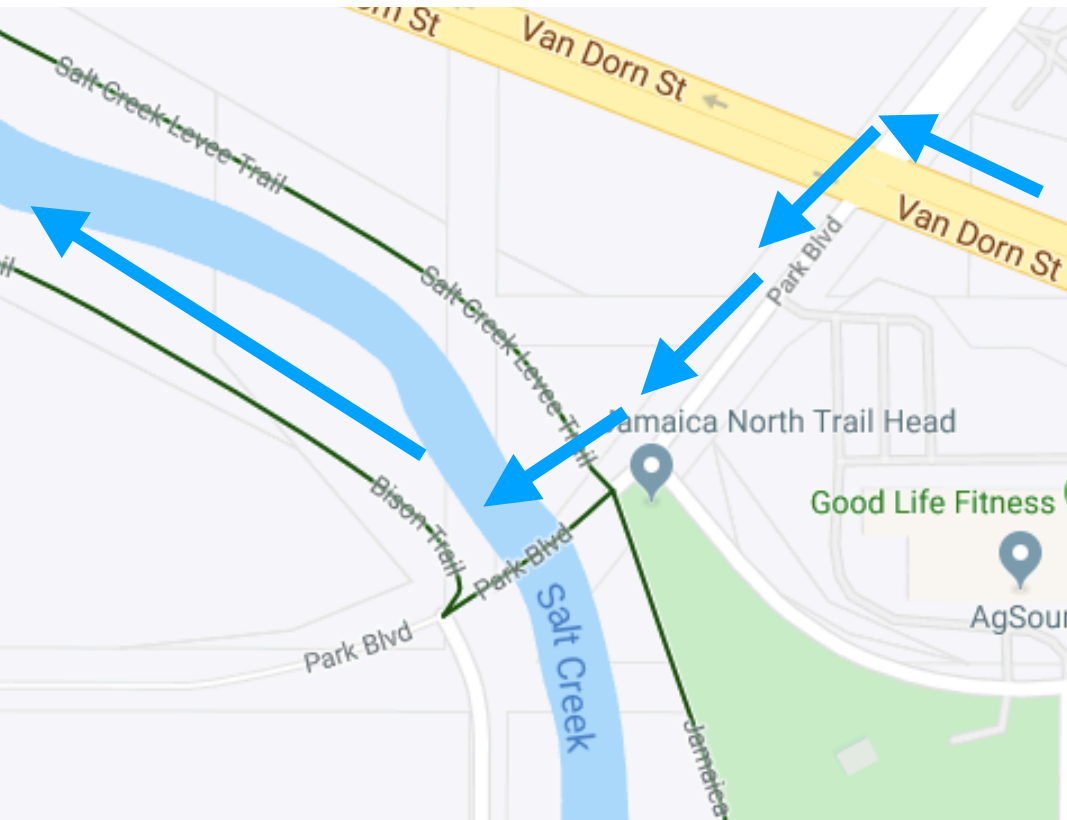


NOTE

Bison Trail runs along Van Dorn St. then turns left on Park Blvd. You'll pass Good Life Fitness, then encounter a bridge and an intersection of trails, with four paths to choose.

To stay on Bison Trail, cross the bridge and go right.

If you go right before the bridge you'll be on the Salt Creek Levee Trail. If you go left before the bridge you'll be on Jamaica North. If you go right left after the bridge you'll be on a private road.



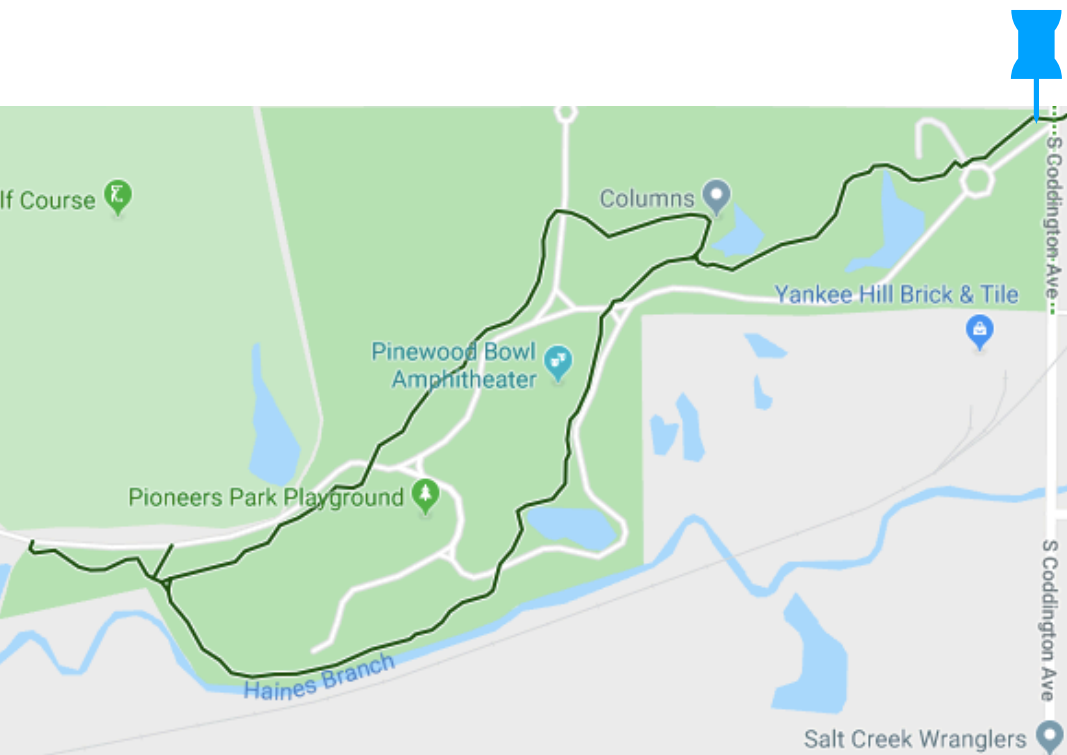
INFO

- The Bison Trail has many small hills towards the middle, but is mostly flat
- You may see deer on the trail, as the middle section is pretty remote
- NOTE: The Great Plains Trail Websites lists this trail as 1.7 miles because their map stops the trail by Good Life fitness but we decided go to Van Dorn Park b/c of the actual signage. So, you have a choice, start/stop at Van Dorn Park or by Good Life Fitness.



The Pioneers Park Loop

3.8 MILES



START/END

You can start anywhere, but we chose the east entrance to the park, where the Bison Trail meets up with the park. You'll see the little sign below.

There are a few small parking spaces by the buffalo circle which is close to the entrance of the park. There is also a gravel parking lot a little further down.



INFO

- Just before you reach the tall columns (you can't miss them), you will have a choice to veer right or go left. We chose left and took that trail. This will lead you past the outdoor theater, lake and around the playground. It will then lead you back up by the sledding hill and back past the columns. And there is the loop.
- The trail that leads up to the sledding hill is steep and long so if you prefer to go down instead of up, veer right at the columns.
- We would suggest running this trail during the day. Even though it was nice and sunny outside when we ran, there was some snow packed/icy patches.



NOTE

The blue arrow below points to a section that looks like it deviates from the loop. We took this to the Nature Center sign and turned around.

You can take off that piece which would reduce the mileage or you could decide to take it a little further to circle around 'where the buffalo roam' which, of course, would increase the mileage a little bit.



THANK YOU

Good luck on the trails this month! Post your photos to the Facebook page and be sure to come back in February for more trails!