

August Trail Plan

Oak Lake Trail + Salt Creek Trail

WELCOME

The 2021 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 we're tackling two trails: Oak Lake and Salt Creek. This is a scenic tour of lakes, creeks, Haymarket Park and the North Bottoms. A portion of these trails are a little more difficult to navigate because they are not clearly marked. So while enjoying the scenery, just make sure to pay attention to the signs and you should have no problems. Enjoy!

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

JOIN US!

Join our community on Facebook to get updates, and post photos from the trail!

Facebook Page

Downloadable Trail Map

Oak Lake Trail

1.5 Miles



Oak Lake Trail



The Oak Lake Trail runs from 1st & Cornhusker to Haymarket Park, and isn't clearly marked.

Note: You can connect to the Oak Lake Trail from the Superior Street trail by running from 1st & Cornhusker to 1st & Superior on the "Oak Lake Connector." It's 1.51 miles, but is not officially part of the Trail-a-Thon..

START

Park at Oak Lake – either along 1st Street or the Oak Lake parking lot – walk North to 1st & Cornhusker. Or you can park on the South side of the Haymarket Park Bridge and run north.

Here's the view at 1st & Cornhusker, the cyclist is pointing south.



Oak Lake Trail

The only sign we could find for this trail is when you cross the Salt Creek Bridge at 1st and Salt Valley Blvd. As you cross this bridge, make a right until you see the Charleston street sign (below). Go left.

Follow this route until you see the North Bottoms neighborhood sign, then turn right and follow that trail until you come to the Haymarket Park bridge.



Oak Lake Trail

At the end fo the Oak Lake Trail you may choose to cross the Haymarket Park Bridge (.21 miles). You can also start here and park on the south side of the bridge.

Here's where you take a right at the North Bottoms sign to get to Haymarket Park Bridge.



Oak Lake Trail

The first picture is the bridge looking south, the second is the bridge looking north.



Salt Creek Trail + Loop

6.54 Total Miles



Salt Creek Trail + Loop

Salt Creek has two parts – a trail (4.03 miles) running from West Van Dorn to Charleston St. and a loop (2.51 miles) that takes you by Bob Devaney and through the North Bottoms neighborhood. Together, this is a scenic 6.54 miles of water, wildlife and city views.

Note: This trail can connect you to Superior St. via 'Salt Creek Connector." It is 2.6 miles. This is not included in the Trail-a-Thon.

Park behind Good Life Fitness on West Van Dorn and then walk .7 miles south from this sign to the Salt Creek/Jamaica North intersection.



This is where Salt Creek intersects Jamaica North. You can start here, running north.



The trail goes under some railroad tracks, and you'll need to follow this little trail under them.



Follow this trail under the train tracks.

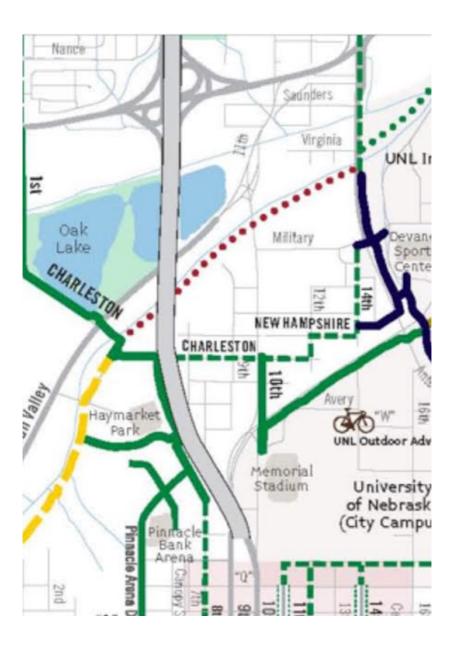


When you emerge, make a left at this sign to continue on the trail.



Here's where the Salt Creek Trail ends at Charleston St. (per the GPTN website, this is 4.03 miles) and the Salt Creek Loop (2.51 miles) begins. The loop takes you by the Bob Devaney Sports Center and through the the North Bottoms neighborhood.





Head northeast (straight - not veering onto Charleston St.) towards the Oak Lake Trail.



About a mile later you'll see this sign, which you can ignore.



After that sign, you'll get here. Go left towards the Devaney Center.



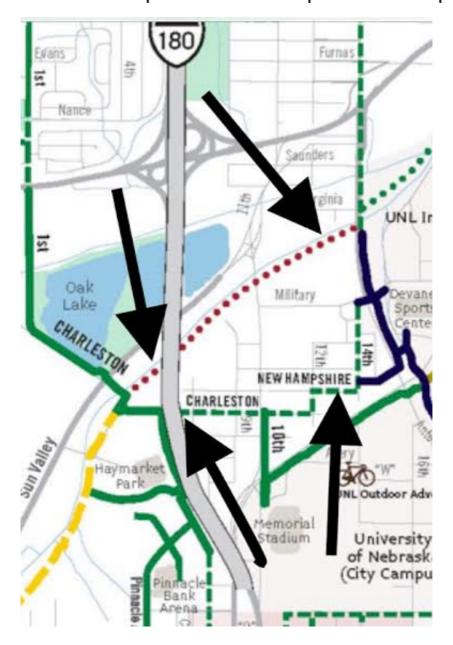
Cross over Transformation Drive and go past the bridge and follow the trail around under the road.



Continue straight on the trail and cross under the road, into the North Bottoms.



Follow the map below to complete the loop.



THANK YOU

Stay safe, active & healthy. We look forward to seeing you on the trails! Post your photos to the Facebook page and be sure to come back in September for more trails!