



MAY TRAIL PLAN

BISON TRAIL- 2.6 MILES

PIONEERS PARK LOOP - 3.8 MILES

WELCOME!

The 2022 Trail-A-Thon is your chance to explore every inch of the trails by biking, running, or walking! Our goal is for people to see and appreciate the great trails system in Lincoln.

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!

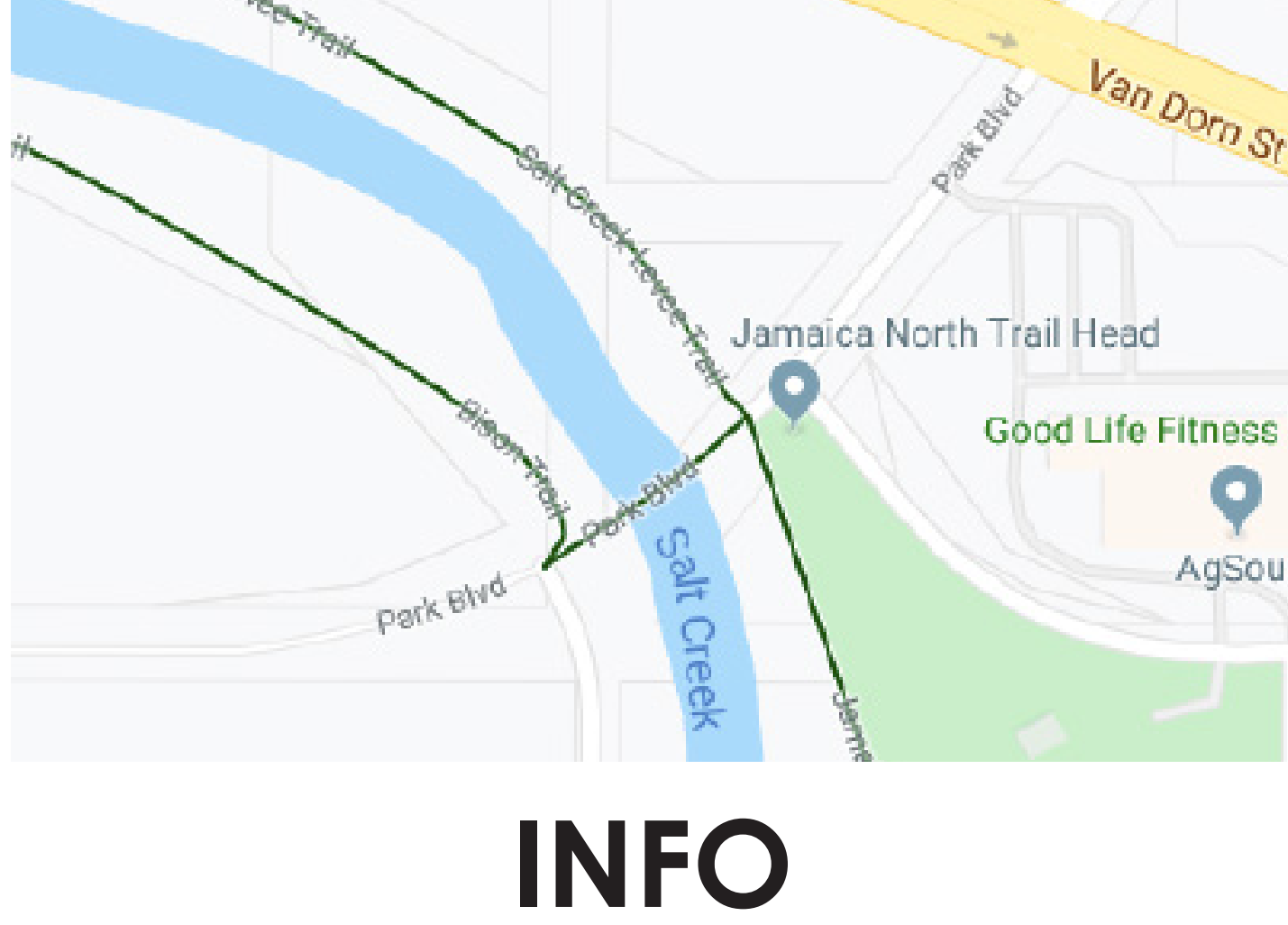
Enter Van Dorn Park from 9th street, just south of Van Dorn. Then look for this sign:



The Bison Trail runs along Van Dorn St. then turns left on Park Blvd. You'll pass Good Life Fitness (be sure to cross Park Blvd. carefully to the trail). You will then encounter a bridge and an intersection of trails, with four paths to choose.

To stay on the 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 Trail.



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.

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

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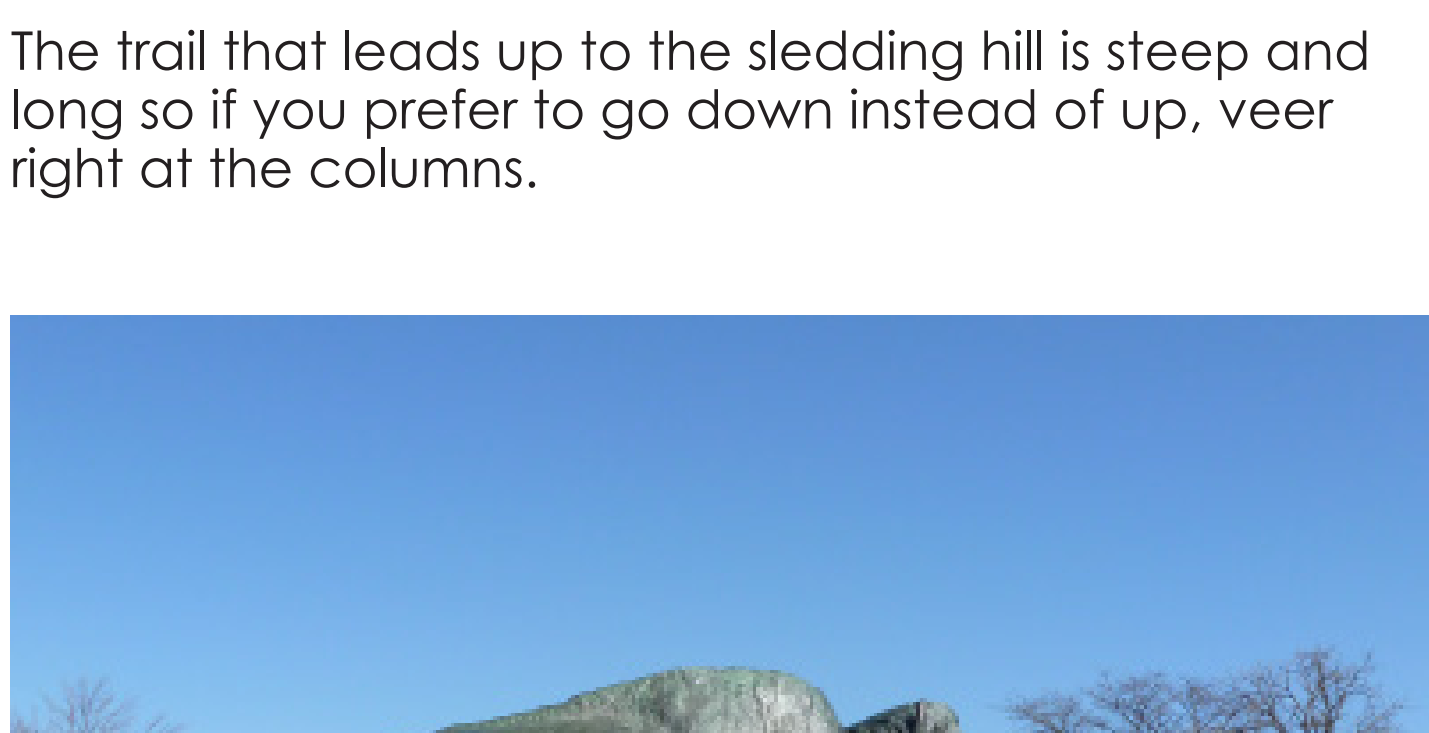
You can start anywhere, but we chose the east entrance to the park, where the Bison Trail meets up with the park. You'll see the little sign below.

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.



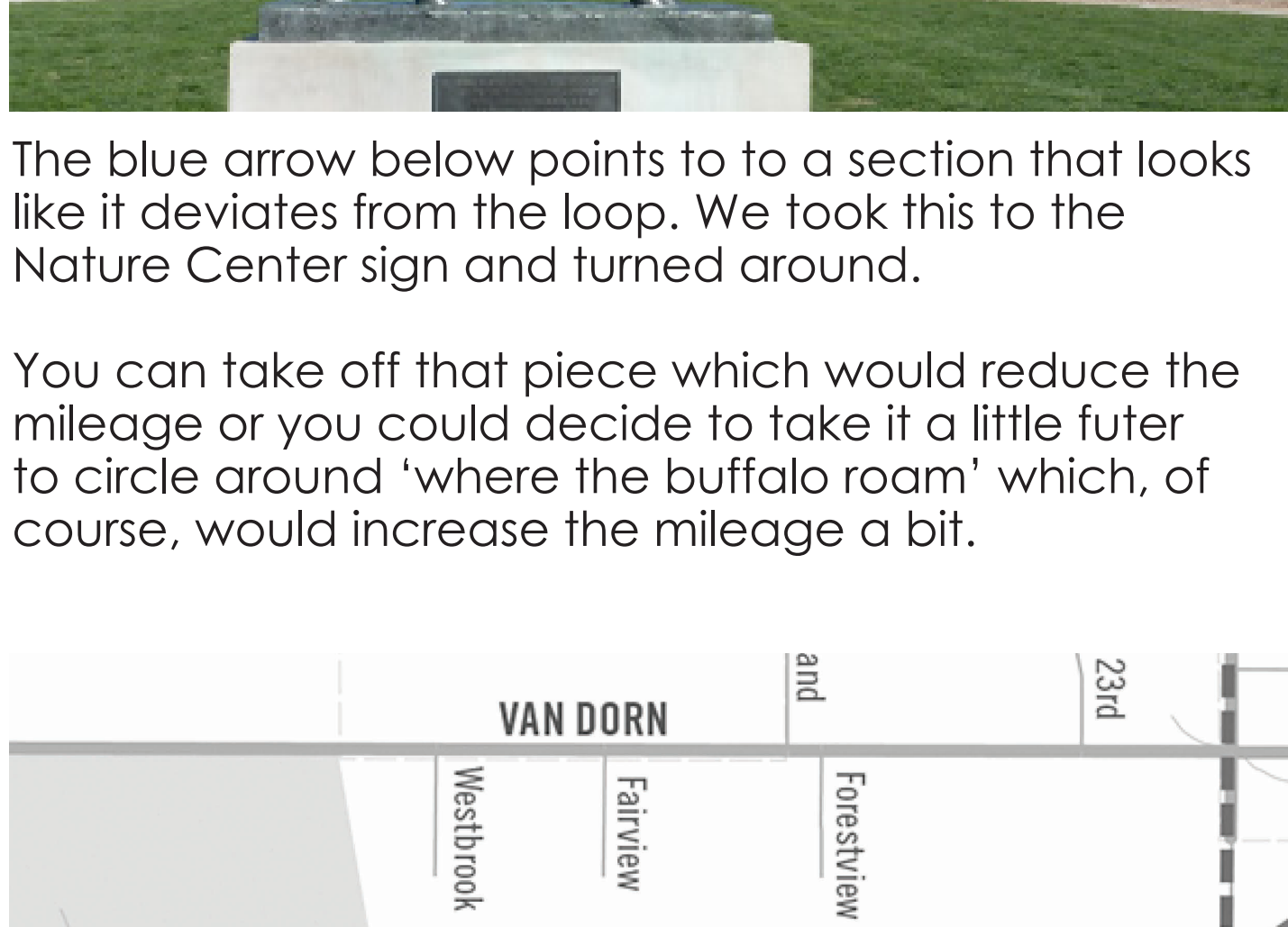
Just before you reach the tall columns (you can't miss them), you will have a choice to veer right or go left. We chose left and took that trail. This will lead you past the outdoor theater, lake and around the playground. It will then lead back up by the sledding hill and back past the columns. And 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.



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 bit.



THANK YOU

Good luck on the trails this month! Post your photos to the Facebook page to share with others taking on this challenge.

