



## Lincoln Trail-A-Thon

### 84th Street Trail



Hey, Lincoln Trail-A-Thon challengers, I feel like we've experienced this year together so I'm just going to admit I have a love/hate relationship with the 84th Street trail. For commuters, the trail provides a convenient, north-south route from Mahoney Park and Adams Street to Old Cheney Road. This is the reason I do have some love for this trail – we need a way to connect our city.

Now for the hate – the hills...the hills...the hills. I've spent some time on this trail so when it came up on the monthly list, I knew it would be a challenge. Maybe some of you started out the Lincoln Trail-A-Thon the way I did . . . with an ambitious plan to run all the trails. But dealing with a knee injury, I knew there was no way I was going to be able to do an out and back run. So I walked my bike from 84th and Old Cheney to Mahoney Park. It worked great to walk the necessary miles and then ride my bike back to my car. If you are struggling to finish this challenge, taking a bike on your trail walk might be a way for you to accomplish your goal, if your year hasn't gone as planned.

I did some research on the trail to write this monthly

bio and came up with nothing. The trail was constructed as part of the street widening project on 84th Street. Because of this, GPTN was not involved in raising any money and there was no press talking about its development or opening.



Hopefully, we've made our trail bios fun to read this year, so I didn't want to let you down this month. That is the reason this trail bio is so late.

I would like to share a fun story I heard about this trail from a group of runners in Lincoln.



The running group is known as the ScooterDoodles. They named themselves this because they meet to run three times a week at the Scooters on S. 84th Street. After running the hills on 84th for years, the group decided they would try to do something about it. They wrote a formal, yet tongue-in-cheek, letter to the City of Lincoln to see if the City would agree to flatten the trail. They mailed the letter, believing they would never receive a response.

Not long after sending the letter, the group was greeted on one of their runs by two City officials with clipboards ready to listen. Unfortunately, the City was unable to meet the request of the group to flatten the hills, but they sat down for a cup of coffee and an exchange of information. This meeting is now in the folklore of the 84th Street ScooterDoodles running group.

Thanks for joining us on this challenge. One month left. One trail left. Goal achieved.



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