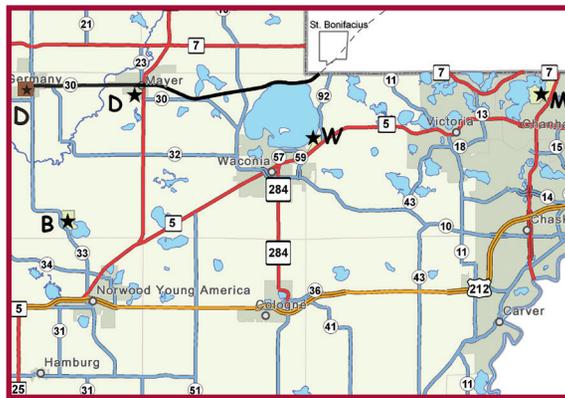
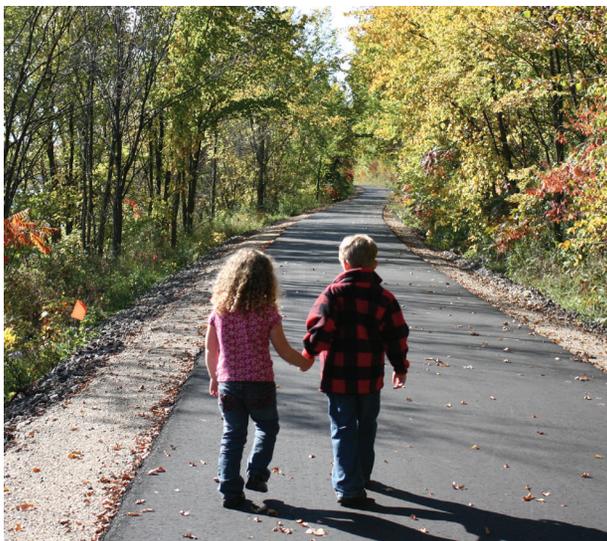




Trail Information

In Carver County the Dakota Rail Corridor is a total of 12.4 miles with the eastern 7 miles paved from Mayer to the Hennepin County line where it connects with the paved 13.5 miles in Hennepin County. The entire Dakota Rail Corridor runs from Wayzata west to Hutchinson. In 2012, Carver County paved the remaining 5.5 miles of trail.

Parking Permits are not required for the Dakota Rail Regional Trail.



Carver County Parks & Trails

- B ★ Baylor Regional Park:** 10775 County Rd. 33, Norwood Young America, MN 55397
Located on County Road 33, 2 and 1/2 miles north of Hwys 5 and 212, near Norwood Young America
- M★ Lake Minnewashta Regional Park:** 6900 Hazeltine Blvd., Chanhassen, MN 55331
Located along Hwy 41, between Hwys 5 and 7, west of Chanhassen
- W★ Lake Waconia Regional Park:** 8170 Paradise Lane, Waconia, MN 55387
Located just east of Waconia on Paradise Lane, next to the Lakeside Ballroom
- D ★ Dakota Rail Regional Trail:** New Germany to the Hennepin County line. Trailhead located in Mayer at Highway 25 & County Rd. 30 and New Germany at County Rd. 30 and County Rd. 33 (East side). Also at St. Bonifacius at Kennedy Memorial Dr. and Bell St. (Hennepin Cty).

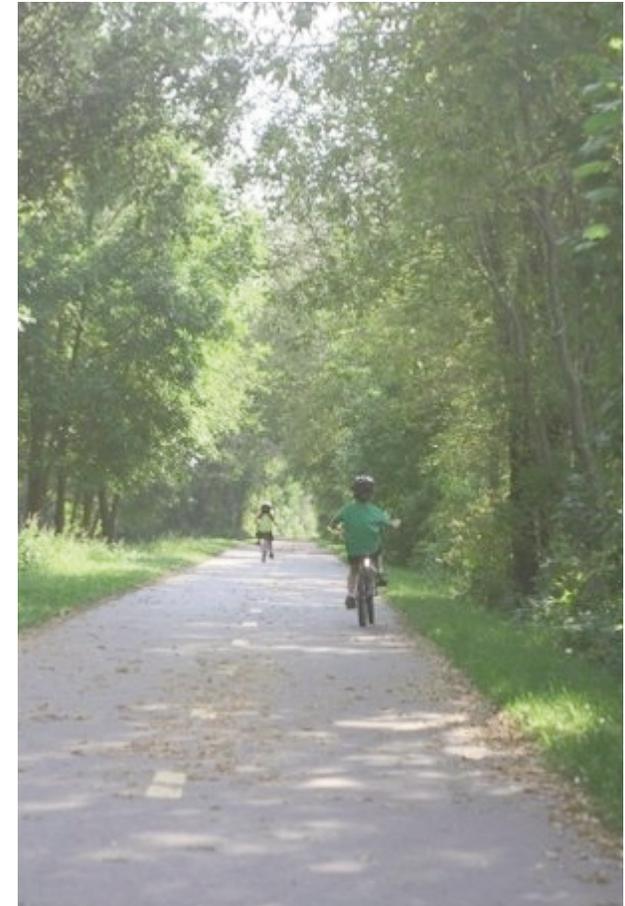


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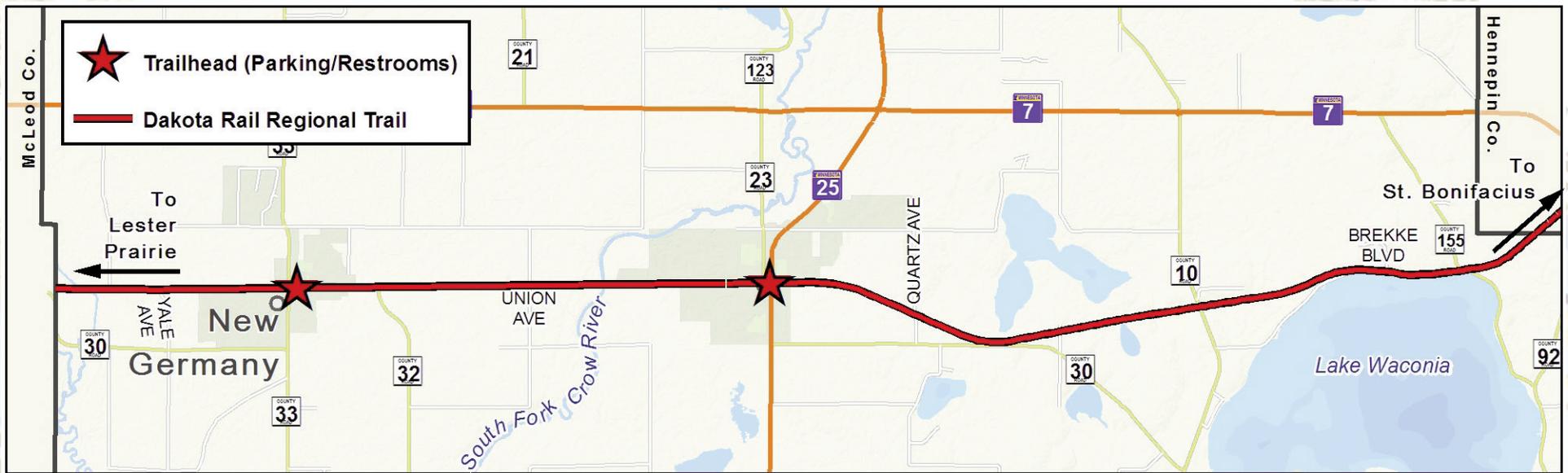
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Dakota Rail Regional Trail



Upcoming Events and Programming



Trail Guidelines

- Walk/Ride on the right side of the trail
- Pass on the left with audible warning (“Passing on your left”)
- Obey all traffic signs; use caution at all intersections (stop means stop)
- Proceed with awareness; watch for trail traffic and wildlife
- Stay on the trail; respect private property
- Non-motorized traffic only
- Keep dogs leashed and in control
- Please help to maintain a clean trail
- Respect others and share the trail
- In case of an emergency, dial 911



History & Timeline

- February 20, 1856- The Mayer village was first settled with the arrival of the railroad.
- 1878- James J. Hill acquired the St. Paul and Pacific and the first division, St. Paul and Pacific.
- 1885- The Great Northern Railroad tracks reached St. Bonifacius.
- December 31, 1886- The line running through Mayer officially opened.
- July 1888- The village of Mayer was named after a roadmaster who worked on the Great Northern Railroad.
- 1890- Mayer Station was assigned as agent for the railroad and began using passenger services.
- 1950- The Great Northern discontinued passenger services.
- Mid 1960's- Mayer Station was no longer needed as agent and the Mayer station was removed.
- March 2, 1970- The Great Northern Railroad merged into the Burlington Northern Incorporated.
- 1984- Burlington Northern stopped operating the line.
- December 3, 1985- The Dakota Rail purchased the railroad and resumed operation.
- 1995- RailAmerica purchased the lines, but continued to operate under the name of Dakota Rail.
- December 2001- HCRRRA acquired the entire railroad corridor from Wayzata to Hutchinson.
- November 2002- Carver County Regional Rail Authority acquired its portion of the corridor from HCRRRA.
- Between the fall of 2004 and spring of 2005- Steel and ties were salvaged from the railroad corridor.
- 2008- Three Rivers Park District developed the first 13.5 miles of trail from Wayzata to St. Bonifacius.
- 2010- Carver County paved 7 miles from the Hennepin County line to Hidden Xing Rd. in Mayer.
- 2012- Carver County paved 5.5 miles from Mayer to New Germany (Western County line).



Original depot located in Mayer

