MKT Trail
The Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railway (also known as "Katy"") added a branch line in 1901 from the main line at Martinsville to the prosperous college town of Columbia. County-owned by Boone County since 1977, the Katy Trail remains a popular multi-use trail system for runners, bicyclists, and walkers.

The City of Columbia purchased the quitclaim deed from the railroad, which only owned about 25% of the right-of-way, in 1983. The MKT Trail was one of the first ten trail projects in the state of Missouri. The Katy Trail is now maintained by the City of Columbia using a combination of federal and state funding.

In 2013, the Katy Trail System was recognized by the American Association of State and Commerce Officials (AASHTO) as having the first Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The Katy Trail is a National Recreation Trail and was selected as a National Recreation Trail of Merit in 2004. The Katy Trail is managed by the Boone County Parks and Recreation Department and is a key component of the city’s park and trail system.

The Katy Trail is part of the Missouri Statewide Trail System, which connects to the state-wide bicycle trail network and provides a connection to the Great American Rail-Trail in Texas and the Great Northern Trail in Missouri.

The Katy Trail is a popular destination for cyclists, runners, and walkers, and is a key component of the city’s park and trail system. The Katy Trail is 24 miles long and runs through a number of neighborhoods, recreation areas, and under major roadways. The Katy Trail has 10 surface areas, including the Katy Trail, the old railroad right-of-way, and the Katy Trail community park.

The Katy Trail is a popular destination for cyclists, runners, and walkers, and is a key component of the city’s park and trail system. The Katy Trail is 24 miles long and runs through a number of neighborhoods, recreation areas, and under major roadways. The Katy Trail has 10 surface areas, including the Katy Trail, the old railroad right-of-way, and the Katy Trail community park.

Park Trails
The Katy Trail is a popular destination for cyclists, runners, and walkers, and is a key component of the city’s park and trail system. The Katy Trail is 24 miles long and runs through a number of neighborhoods, recreation areas, and under major roadways. The Katy Trail has 10 surface areas, including the Katy Trail, the old railroad right-of-way, and the Katy Trail community park.

The Katy Trail is a popular destination for cyclists, runners, and walkers, and is a key component of the city’s park and trail system. The Katy Trail is 24 miles long and runs through a number of neighborhoods, recreation areas, and under major roadways. The Katy Trail has 10 surface areas, including the Katy Trail, the old railroad right-of-way, and the Katy Trail community park.

MKT Trail Community Park Trails
The Columbia-Kansas-Texas Railway (also known as "Katy"") added a branch line in 1901 from the main line at Martinsville to the prosperous college town of Columbia. County-owned by Boone County since 1977, the Katy Trail remains a popular multi-use trail system for runners, bicyclists, and walkers.

The City of Columbia purchased the quitclaim deed from the railroad, which only owned about 25% of the right-of-way, in 1983. The MKT Trail was one of the first ten trail projects in the state of Missouri. The Katy Trail is now maintained by the City of Columbia using a combination of federal and state funding.

In 2013, the Katy Trail System was recognized by the American Association of State and Commerce Officials (AASHTO) as having the first Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The Katy Trail is a National Recreation Trail and was selected as a National Recreation Trail of Merit in 2004. The Katy Trail is managed by the Boone County Parks and Recreation Department and is a key component of the city’s park and trail system.

The Katy Trail is part of the Missouri Statewide Trail System, which connects to the state-wide bicycle trail network and provides a connection to the Great American Rail-Trail in Texas and the Great Northern Trail in Missouri.

The Katy Trail is a popular destination for cyclists, runners, and walkers, and is a key component of the city’s park and trail system. The Katy Trail is 24 miles long and runs through a number of neighborhoods, recreation areas, and under major roadways. The Katy Trail has 10 surface areas, including the Katy Trail, the old railroad right-of-way, and the Katy Trail community park.

The Katy Trail is a popular destination for cyclists, runners, and walkers, and is a key component of the city’s park and trail system. The Katy Trail is 24 miles long and runs through a number of neighborhoods, recreation areas, and under major roadways. The Katy Trail has 10 surface areas, including the Katy Trail, the old railroad right-of-way, and the Katy Trail community park.

The Katy Trail is a popular destination for cyclists, runners, and walkers, and is a key component of the city’s park and trail system. The Katy Trail is 24 miles long and runs through a number of neighborhoods, recreation areas, and under major roadways. The Katy Trail has 10 surface areas, including the Katy Trail, the old railroad right-of-way, and the Katy Trail community park.

Park Trails
The Katy Trail is a popular destination for cyclists, runners, and walkers, and is a key component of the city’s park and trail system. The Katy Trail is 24 miles long and runs through a number of neighborhoods, recreation areas, and under major roadways. The Katy Trail has 10 surface areas, including the Katy Trail, the old railroad right-of-way, and the Katy Trail community park.

The Katy Trail is a popular destination for cyclists, runners, and walkers, and is a key component of the city’s park and trail system. The Katy Trail is 24 miles long and runs through a number of neighborhoods, recreation areas, and under major roadways. The Katy Trail has 10 surface areas, including the Katy Trail, the old railroad right-of-way, and the Katy Trail community park.

The Katy Trail is a popular destination for cyclists, runners, and walkers, and is a key component of the city’s park and trail system. The Katy Trail is 24 miles long and runs through a number of neighborhoods, recreation areas, and under major roadways. The Katy Trail has 10 surface areas, including the Katy Trail, the old railroad right-of-way, and the Katy Trail community park.

The Katy Trail is a popular destination for cyclists, runners, and walkers, and is a key component of the city’s park and trail system. The Katy Trail is 24 miles long and runs through a number of neighborhoods, recreation areas, and under major roadways. The Katy Trail has 10 surface areas, including the Katy Trail, the old railroad right-of-way, and the Katy Trail community park.

The Katy Trail is a popular destination for cyclists, runners, and walkers, and is a key component of the city’s park and trail system. The Katy Trail is 24 miles long and runs through a number of neighborhoods, recreation areas, and under major roadways. The Katy Trail has 10 surface areas, including the Katy Trail, the old railroad right-of-way, and the Katy Trail community park.

The Katy Trail is a popular destination for cyclists, runners, and walkers, and is a key component of the city’s park and trail system. The Katy Trail is 24 miles long and runs through a number of neighborhoods, recreation areas, and under major roadways. The Katy Trail has 10 surface areas, including the Katy Trail, the old railroad right-of-way, and the Katy Trail community park.

The Katy Trail is a popular destination for cyclists, runners, and walkers, and is a key component of the city’s park and trail system. The Katy Trail is 24 miles long and runs through a number of neighborhoods, recreation areas, and under major roadways. The Katy Trail has 10 surface areas, including the Katy Trail, the old railroad right-of-way, and the Katy Trail community park.

The Katy Trail is a popular destination for cyclists, runners, and walkers, and is a key component of the city’s park and trail system. The Katy Trail is 24 miles long and runs through a number of neighborhoods, recreation areas, and under major roadways. The Katy Trail has 10 surface areas, including the Katy Trail, the old railroad right-of-way, and the Katy Trail community park.

The Katy Trail is a popular destination for cyclists, runners, and walkers, and is a key component of the city’s park and trail system. The Katy Trail is 24 miles long and runs through a number of neighborhoods, recreation areas, and under major roadways. The Katy Trail has 10 surface areas, including the Katy Trail, the old railroad right-of-way, and the Katy Trail community park.
These trails generally run along creek corridors where possible.

Destination trails are designed to be within walking distance of surrounding neighborhoods, providing a convenient means to get exercise on a trail near the home. Information about Columbia’s many neighborhood park trails can be found on the City’s website, www.CoMo.gov.

Mission

The Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railway also known as “Katy” added a branch line in 1861 from the main line at Alliance to the prosperous college town of Columbia, County seat of Boone County. In 1977 the Katy abandoned the rail right-of-way. Columbia Parks and Recreation applied for and received a $200,000 grant from the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act, U.S. Department of Transportation. The Katy Trail is one of ten rail-to-trails pilot projects in the U.S.

The City of Columbia purchased the rail right-of-way from the railroad, which only owned about 28% of the right-of-way needed for the trail development. The rest was acquired from individual landowners. The City developed the trail from the intersection of Fourth Street and Cherry Street south into Boonville in three phases, opening the first phase in 1982 and completing the third phase in 1991. The County of Boone purchased the remaining right-of-way in 2013.

The Katy Trail is named in honor of the Katy, the successful, but short-lived Columbia-to-Boonville railroad that ran from the University of Missouri campus to Boonville. The Katy Trail System includes the Katy Trail and Trunk, the MKT Trail, the Hinkson Creek Trail, and connecting trails. The Katy Trail System makes up 17 miles of trails providing a pedestrian, cycling, and recreation opportunities.

The Katy Trail System has 10 trailheads, 38 parking lots, 23 restrooms and 16 picnic areas.

The Katy Trail System is a park-like environment, providing a scenic and relaxing bike, rollerblade, walk, or run environment.

The Katy Trail System is a multi-use trail, which means that it is open to all users. Recommendations have been made to the Katy Trail System Committee to open the trail to e-Bikes. Residents of Columbia have strongly encouraged the Katy Trail System Committee to open the trail to e-Bikes. The Katy Trail System Committee has chosen to open the Katy Trail System to e-Bikes.

The Katy Trail System is a premiere trail system in the State of Missouri. The Katy Trail System has been recognized and honored by several national organizations.

The Katy Trail System has been named one of the nation’s best urban trails by American Trails, the national nonprofit organization working on behalf of the nation’s trails, trail users, and trail advocates. Columbia Parks and Recreation is proud to contribute to this designation. As a Bicycle-Friendly Community, the City of Columbia is committed to improving conditions for bicycling.

In 2013 the Katy Trail System was chosen by the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) to be a part of the Katy Trail System Project. The Katy Trail System Project is a state and federal funded project to improve the Katy Trail System. The project will improve the Katy Trail System by adding a paved path, sidewalk, and accessible trail head improvements.

The Katy Trail System Project will improve the Katy Trail System by adding a paved path, sidewalk, and accessible trail head improvements.

The Katy Trail System Project is expected to be complete in 2017.

The Katy Trail System Project is expected to be complete in 2017.

The Katy Trail System Project is expected to be complete in 2017.

The Katy Trail System Project is expected to be complete in 2017.
**Welcome**

Columbia Parks and Recreation invites you to explore and enjoy the Columbia Trail System! With more than 65 miles of trails, Columbia has plenty to offer trail users of all types and abilities. The trail system connects to the state-wide Katy Trail, and the longest developed rail trail in the nation. The Columbia Trail System features a variety of trails in different settings—parks, nature sanctuaries, along creeks and through wooded areas—with a variety of trail surfaces, distances, landscapes, and attractions. Trail users can enjoy viewing wildlife and nature, and to enjoy the Columbia Trail System.

**Hosting a Trail Event**

Groups interested in holding a special event at the City’s trails, such as a bike ride or fun run, are encouraged to contact the Special Use Applications, which can be found on the department’s website. Groups are strongly encouraged to submit an application in a timely manner to secure their event.

**Mountain Bike Trails**

**Rhetts Run**

A 1.1-mile trail network comprised of native Missouri flora and fauna as they existed prior to European settlement. The trail is in fact, the 9th and 10th Olympic course designers considered Rhetts Run one of the world’s most challenging mountain bike courses designed by the 1996 Olympic Games course designers and are considered to be one of the world’s most challenging mountain bike courses.

Location: Cosmo Park, 1615 Business Loop 70 West (three miles north of downtown Columbia)

**Jay City State Mountain Bike Skills Course**

A big mountain bike skills course. A 1.1-mile course on board fresh, a quarter-mile course designed for persons with disabilities. Part of the 1996 Olympics key course designers and are considered to be one of the world’s most challenging mountain bike courses.

Location: Jay City Station, 1173 S. Scott Blvd.
Destination Trails

Destination trail are designed to connect people to where they work, shop, to school and play, as well as for fitness and recreation. These trail generally run along creek corridors where various natural habitats provide parking and restrooms.

Hinkson Creek Trail

The Hinkson Creek Trail is a 4.5 miles trail that connects Natural Area to The MKT Trail and Columbia Recreation. This trail is part of the Mid-Missouri Trail System that connects Columbia’s downtown area to the University of Missouri Campus.

Hinkson Creek Trail/IMU Recreation Trail

- 0.50 mile — Hinkson Creek Trail is a 0.50 mile trail that connects Natural Area to The MKT Trail and Columbia Recreation. This trail is part of the Mid-Missouri Trail System that connects Columbia’s downtown area to the University of Missouri Campus.

Hinkson Creek Trail

- 4.2 miles — Hinkson Creek Trail is a 4.2 mile trail that connects Natural Area to The MKT Trail and Columbia Recreation. This trail is part of the Mid-Missouri Trail System that connects Columbia’s downtown area to the University of Missouri Campus.

South Providence Trail

- 1.7 miles — South Providence Trail provides off-road access to the 8.8 mile MKT Trail.

Welcome

Columbia Parks and Recreation invites you to explore and enjoy the Columbia Trail System! With more than 65 miles of trails, Columbia has plenty to offer trail users of all types and abilities. The trail system connects to the state-wide Katy Trail and the longest developed rail-trail in the nation. The Columbia Trail System features a variety of trails in different settings - parks, nature sanctuaries, along creeks and through wooded areas - with a variety of trail types for runners, walkers and bicyclists.

Connecting Community

Hiking a Trail Event

Events are planned in conjunction with the City's trails, such as a bike ride or fun run to maximize the complete A Park Special Use Application, which can be found on the department’s website. Groups are strongly encouraged to submit their application in a timely manner to secure their event.

Mountain Bike Trails

Rhett’s Run

This 4.1-mile trail network is comprised of right of ways, trails, parkland, and riparian areas designated by the 1990 Olympic Legacy Design. It includes the University of Missouri campus and the Missouri Department of Transportation’s Katy Trail. The paved trail connects neighborhoods with the student body and the general public.

Location: Cosmo Park, 1615 Business Loop 70 West (three miles north of downtown Columbia)

Jay C's Pastures

This 4.1-mile trail network is comprised of right of ways, trails, parkland, and riparian areas designated by the 1990 Olympic Legacy Design. It includes the University of Missouri campus and the Missouri Department of Transportation’s Katy Trail. The paved trail connects neighborhoods with the student body and the general public.

Location: Cosmo Park, 1615 Business Loop 70 West (three miles north of downtown Columbia)

Contact Us

Columbia Parks and Recreation

11 South 7th St.
Columbia, MO 65201
573-874-7460
www.ColumbiaMO.gov

Hosting a Trail Event

Groups interested in holding a special event at the City’s trails, such as a bike ride or fun run, are required to complete a Park Special Use Application, which can be found on the department’s website. Groups are strongly encouraged to submit their application in a timely manner to secure their event.

Safety Guidelines & Trail Etiquette

This trail makes it fun and enjoyable for everyone by following three guidelines:

• Keep right on the trail, move off the trail when stopping.
• Be courteous, yield appropriately, announce your approach. Bicyclists traveling downhill should yield to uphill traffic.
• Be predictible, use hand signals, equal to a white light and right-hand signal before trail down and after.
• Be respectful of private property.
• Bicyclists are required to wear helmets (15 years of age and younger). CivicDen 14-10-08.
• Dogs must be on leashes and restrained to within four (4) feet. Dogs/children must clean up after their dogs and dispose of dog waste in a sanitary manner. CivicDen 17-17-11.
• Trails have 11 mph. (through traffic) on nature to park hours.

Prohibited Activities

- Mounting equipment is prohibited, except off-road vehicles, powered mobility devices for persons with disabilities and push-pedalled assisted bicycles.
- Trail users may not discontinue or remove any trees, shrubs or other property.
- CivicDen 17-17-11.
- Other prohibited activities include: camping, trapping, homeback riding, hunting, and advertising.

Emergency Numbers

- For trail emergency, 911.
- For parking lot contact us the non-emergency public number at 573-874-7460.