

What to Expect

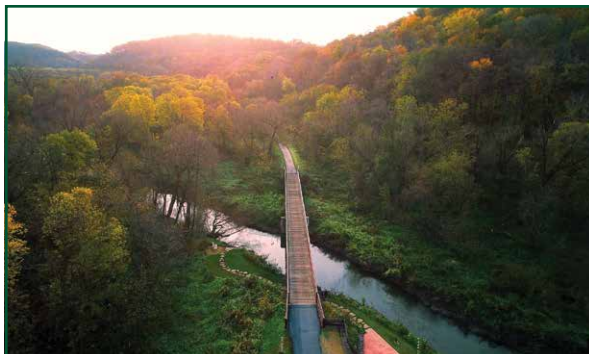
The Cannon Valley Trail runs through diverse and spectacular scenery on a former Chicago Great Western Railroad line, connecting the cities of Cannon Falls, Welch, and Red Wing. Hikers, bicyclers, in-line skaters, and cross country skiers enjoy a quiet, people-powered experience. Motorized vehicles and pets are not allowed.



In 1983, when the railroad announced its intention of abandonment, private citizens realized the recreational potential of the line. With the assistance

of the Minnesota Parks Foundation, they purchased the right-of way with donated funds. They then convinced Cannon Falls, Red Wing, and Goodhue County to manage this rail-trail project with a Joint Powers Board. The nine person Board is comprised of three members from each unit of government. State and Federal grants, and donations, provided funds for development. The Trail was dedicated May 31, 1986, and the asphalt surfacing completed in 1992.

Paralleling the Cannon River, the Trail offers glimpses and panoramas of the valley and descends 115 feet in elevation from Cannon Falls to Red Wing. From overhanging cliffs to views of extensive wetland complexes, nature's seasonal changes are vividly displayed. The trail is open year round.



Wheel Pass Required

Daily and Seasonal Wheel Passes are required:

- April 1 - October 31
- For all bicycles, in line skates, skate boards or similar non-motorized wheeled recreational devices
- Aged 18 and older

Exemptions:

- Pedestrians
- Wheelchair users
- Strollers

Wheel Passes available at:

- Online: www.cannonvalleytrail.com
- Trail Office
- Trail side pay stations
- Local Merchants – see list on website



Group Events:

- School & similar educational organizations for activities intended to benefit students, eligible for FREE passes.
- Non-educational groups of 30 or more eligible for reduced rate.
- 2-week advance notice required. Group Application forms available at Trail Office or on website.

Wheel Pass Fees are used for the betterment of the Cannon Valley Trail.

Winter Activities

- The Cannon Valley Trail is groomed for both traditional cross-country skiing and skate-skiing. A Great Minnesota Ski Pass is required for skiers ages 16+. Passes are available at locations throughout the state or by calling 888-665-4236.
- Snow shoeing is also allowed on the trail.
- Check our website for information on Winter fat tire biking. www.cannonvalleytrail.com

Donations

Cannon Valley Trail is funded by Wheel Pass Sales, Local Government support and Donations from friends like you.

Please contact the Cannon Valley Trail Office or visit www.cannonvalleytrail.com to find out how you can help support the CVT by donating to:

- Cannon Valley Trail Donation Wall
- Friends of the Trail

All donations are tax deductible, subject to applicable tax laws, and are used to continually improve the Cannon Valley Trail.

Trail Ordinances

To protect the resources of the Cannon Valley Trail and to ensure its safe use, you are required to follow the trail ordinances listed below:

- **NO PETS ALLOWED** - including in baskets and or/trailers
- **NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES**
- **ELECTRIC BIKES ALLOWED** - (Class 1 & 2 per MN State Statute 169.222 Subd. 6A)
- **NO HORSES**
- **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**
- **NO HUNTING**
- **NO WEAPONS** (including bows) unless unloaded and cased.
- **NO CAMPING**
- **PLEASE DO NOT DISTURB** any plant, flower, wildlife or other natural or cultural resource.

Complete Trail Ordinances are available at www.cannonvalleytrail.com/trail-ordinancepolicy/

For further information:

Cannon Valley Trail Office: 507-263-0508

825 Cannon River Ave
Cannon Falls MN 55009
www.cannonvalleytrail.com
info@cannonvalleytrail.com



Office Hours Vary
Closed Saturday and Sunday

Welch Station Access: 651-258-4141

A trail employee is available most weekends (weather permitting) from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. from April – Sept.

Electric Vehicle Chargers available at WSA and CF Commuter Parking Lot (One Block West of Trail Head)



Cannon Valley Trail

Goodhue County, Minnesota



Share the Trail

*Watch for and obey all signs.
Look both ways at road crossings.
Be in control of your bicycle at all times.
Watch for hazards on or near the trail.
Use the right hand side of the trail.
Announce your presence when passing others.
Wear a helmet.*

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CANNON VALLEY TRAIL

Goodhue County, Minnesota

A 19.7 mile (31.7km) long recreational trail connecting Cannon Falls, Welch, and Red Wing, Minnesota

	2.6	6.2	7.4	12.2	13.7	17.8	22.0
Mill Towns Trail / Goodhue Co. Park	2.6	6.2	7.4	12.2	13.7	17.8	22.0
Cannon Falls	3.6	4.8	9.6	11.1	15.2	19.4	
Anderson Rest Area	1.2	6.0	7.5	11.6	15.8		
Sunset Trail (West crossing)	4.8	6.3	10.4	14.6			
Welch Station Access	1.5	5.6	9.8				
Belle Creek		4.1	8.3				
Cannon Bottom Rd.			4.2				
Red Wing Old W. Main Access							

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Cannon Valley Trail follows the route of a former Chicago Great Western Railroad line that connected Red Wing and Mankato, MN. Upright concrete posts, many of which still remain, were used to identify the number of miles from Mankato.

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CANNON FALLS
EL. 815.00

Downtown Access

Archie Swenson Fields Access

East Side Park

Bob O'Gorman Rest Area

Hannah's Bend Park

Riverside Park

Minneska Park

Athletic Field

For further information about Cannon Falls, contact the Cannon Falls Area Chamber of Commerce • 103 4th St. N. • Cannon Falls, MN 55009
Phone (507) 263-2289 • www.cannonfalls.org • tourism@cannonfalls.org

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EL. 815.00
SEE MAP ABOVE FOR DETAILS

Mill Towns State Trail

Goodhue County Park

Lake Byllesby Regional Park

Lake Byllesby

Anderson Memorial Rest Area

Scenic Overlook

River Terrace Prairie SNA

Tangential Wildlife Management Area

Trail Run Creek

Sunset Trail

5 Mile Loop Trail Mt. Bikes Recommended

WELCH
EL. 715.00

WELCH STATION ACCESS

CANNON RIVER TURTLE PRESERVE SNA

REST AREA

WETLAND OBSERVATION DECK

SILVERNALE ARCHAEOLOGY PRESERVE

BAY POINT PARK

RED WING
EL. 700.00
SEE MAP BELOW FOR DETAILS

UPPER & LOWER A.P. ANDERSON PARK

RED WING ARCHAEOLOGICAL PRESERVE

5 MILE HIKING PATH MARSHALL REFORESTATION PROJECT PEDESTRIAN USE ONLY

1/8 MILE HIKING PATH TO PRESERVE PEDESTRIAN USE ONLY

Goodhue Pioneer State Trail

OLD WEST MAIN ACCESS

LOWER A.P. ANDERSON PARK ACCESS

HISTORIC POTTERY PLACE

BAY POINT PARK

LEVEE PARK

BARN BLUFF

DOWNTOWN NOT ALL STREETS SHOWN

TO GOODHUE PIONEER STATE TRAIL

TRAIL - PAVED (solid green line)

MILE POST (triangle icon)

CITY TRAIL - PAVED (dotted green line)

STATE TRAIL - PAVED (dashed green line)

SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA (grey shaded)

STATE FOREST LAND (light grey shaded)

0 1 2 MILES

(BOUNDARIES ARE APPROXIMATE)

PLEASE RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY

SERVICES AND FACILITIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MANY ARE SEASONAL

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

For further information about Red Wing, contact the Red Wing Visitor and Convention Bureau • 420 Levee Street, Red Wing, MN 55066
(800) 498-3444 or (651) 385-5934 • www.redwing.org • visitorcenter@redwing.org

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