

Proposed Trail Networks

LCT Today Route - N

The LCT Today Route can be put in place between Hamburg and Sioux City in the short term with minimal capital investments, primarily of sign installation and pavement markings. It represents the first phase of implementation for the overall trail corridor, and is the starting point for full implementation of the trail plan. This route uses existing infrastructure, mostly paved, low-volume roads and existing trails. Signage proposed along the route includes the trail designators and basic information system described in Chapter Four, and standard signs (such as Share the Road cautionary signs) specified by the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

The LCT Today Route's primary user group is bicyclists who are reasonably comfortable riding on low to medium volume roads. However, the route has significant shortcomings, including some segments with traffic volumes that exceed 1,000 vehicles per day (noted in the table on the opposite page). With full implementation of the LCT master plan, some segments of the LCT Today route will be incorporated into the ultimate system in their current condition; others will be enhanced to provide better accommodations for trail users; and still others will become secondary connections, replaced by new segments that offer better experiences to more people. As the trail evolves, the LCT will grow to serve more diverse users, fulfilling its potential as a multi-purpose facility that gives many more people the chance to explore its unique and historical environment.

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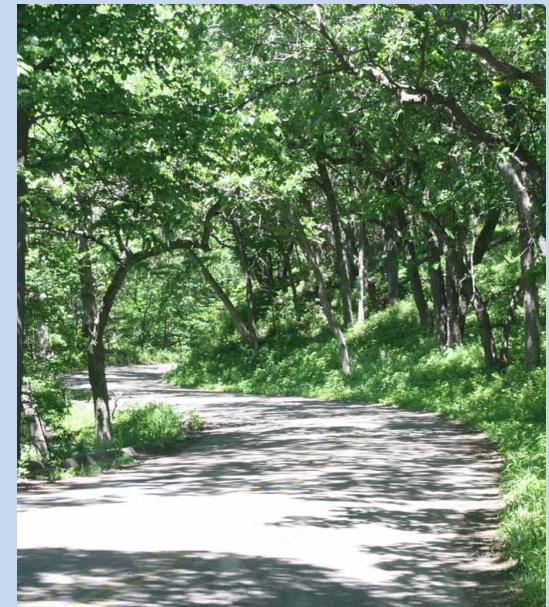
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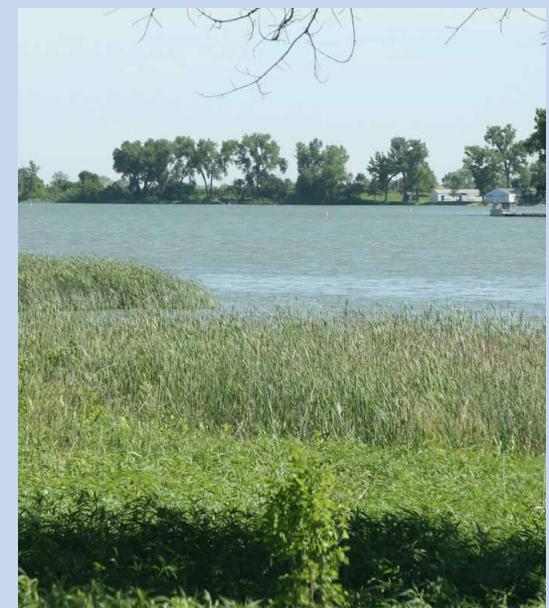
KEY FOR TABLE: Seasonal Alternative Segments Alternative Route for Access to a Major Feature

Segment	Mileage	Existing Context	LCT Today Design Treatment
Woodbury County			
Sioux City Riverfront Trail from Riverside Park (existing terminus) to Floyd Boulevard	4.8	Existing paved multiple-use path	Paved multiple-use path
Floyd Boulevard, Riverfront Trail to Dace Avenue	0.1	4-lane urban street with adjacent sidepath	Paved sidepath
Dace Avenue, Floyd Boulevard to Cunningham Avenue	0.3	4-lane urban street	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
Cunningham Avenue, Dace Avenue to Transit Avenue	0.8	2 and 3-lane urban street	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
Transit Avenue, Cunningham to St. Aubin Street/Morningside Avenue	1.5	Sidepath along the edge of city parks, wide 2-lane urban street east of Cecilia Street	Paved sidepath to be implemented by the City of Sioux City between Cunningham and Cecilia Streets; Shared route with pavement markings and signage between Cecilia and St. Aubin Street
St. Aubin Street from Transit Avenue to Sergeant Road	0.7	2-lane urban street	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
Sergeant Road, St. Aubin Street to Juniper Court	0.9	2-lane urban street	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
Juniper Court/Hickory Lane/Southern Hills Drive from Sergeant Road to Lancelot Lane	0.9	2 to 4-lane urban street	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
Lancelot Lane, Southern Hills Boulevard to Singing Hills Boulevard	0.2	3-lane urban street	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
Singing Hills Boulevard, Lancelot Lane to Harbor Drive	1.6	Sidepath	Paved sidepath
Harbor Drive, Singing Hills to 8th Street	2.0	2-3 lane urban street with significant industrial traffic	Shared route with pavement markings and signage. Harbor Drive is scheduled for realignment as part of the I-29 reconstruction project. Any realignment should include the configuration recommended for the ultimate facility
8th Street, Harbor to D Street	0.5	2-lane urban street	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
D Street, 8th to Topaz Drive	0.8	2-lane urban street, divided boulevard through traditional town center	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
Topaz Drive, D to Port Neal Road	0.3	Wide 2-lane urban avenue	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
Port Neal Road (K25), Topaz Drive to K45 at Salix	10.3	Paved 2-lane industrial and county road. (ADT>1,000 vpd immediately south of Sergeant Bluff)	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
K45, K25 (Salix) to Iowa 141 (Sloan)	6.3	Paved 2-lane county road (ADT > 1,000 vpd)	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
Iowa 141, K25 to K42	1.3	Paved 2-lane state highway (ADT>2,000 vpd)	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
Monona County			
K42, Iowa 141 to Cherry Street	15.1	Paved 2-lane county road	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
K42, Cherry Street to K53	1.9	Paved 2-lane county road	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
Cherry Street, K42 to Iowa 175	2.0	Paved 2-lane county road	Shared route with pavement markings and signage; route provides access to Blue Lake and Lewis and Clark State Park
Iowa 175, K42 to Dogwood Avenue	1.8	Paved 2-lane state highway, (ADT>1,500 vpd)	Shared route with pavement markings and signage; route provides access to Blue Lake and Lewis and Clark State Park
Dogwood Avenue, Iowa 175 to K42	1.6	Paved 2-lane county road	Shared route with pavement markings and signage; route provides access to Blue Lake and Lewis and Clark State Park
K42, Dogwood Avenue to 10th Street (K45) in Onawa	3.1	Paved 2-lane county road, shared route.	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
K45, K42 to Harrison County Line	12.2	Paved 2-lane county road, shared route (ADT>1,000 vpd between Blencoe and Onawa)	Shared route with pavement markings and signage

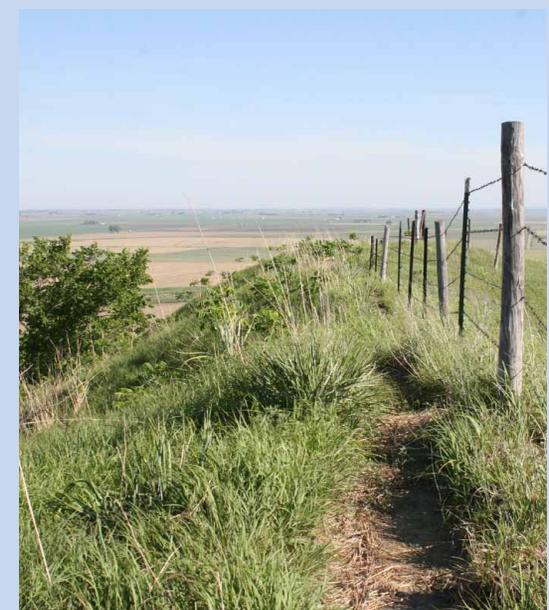
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Stone State Park



Blue Lake; Lewis & Clark State Park

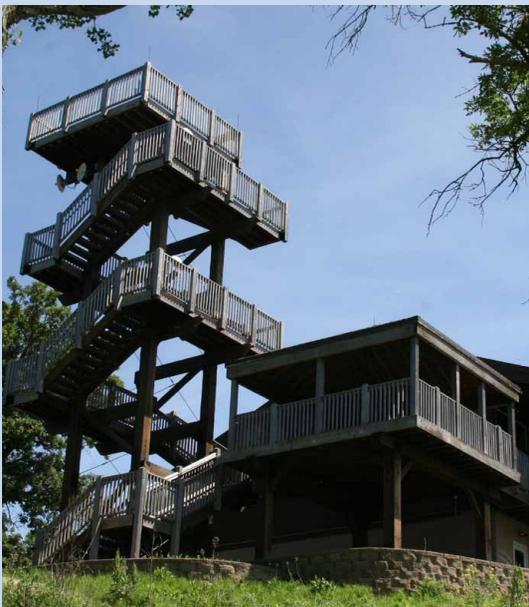


Murray Hill Scenic Overlook

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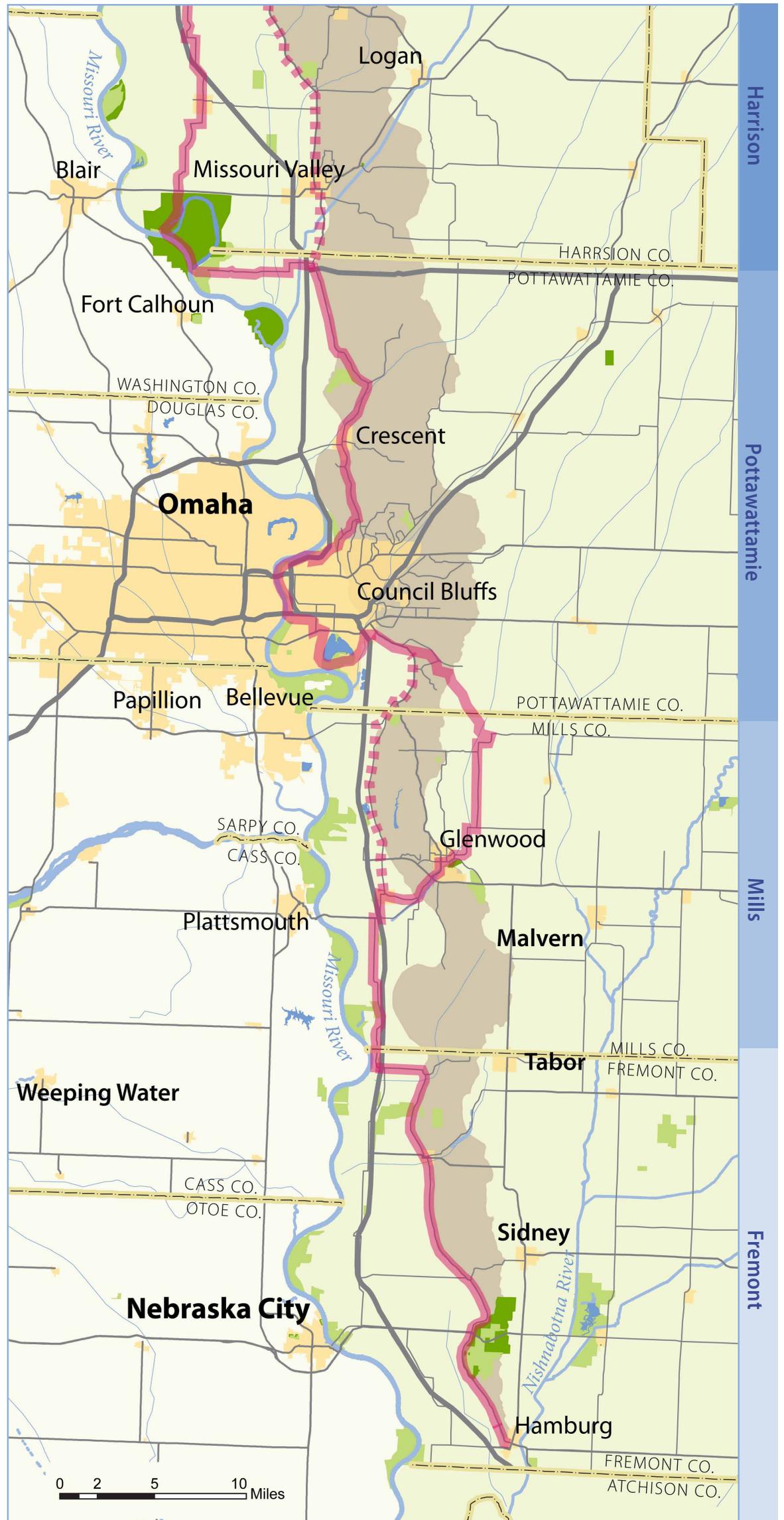
DeSoto Bend National Wildlife Refuge



Hitchcock Nature Center

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Harrison County			
K45, County Line to F20	4.8	Paved 2-lane county road	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
F20, K45 to Iowa 183	8.3	Paved 2-lane county road	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
Iowa 183, F20 at Pisgah to Iowa 127	9.3	Paved 2-lane state highway, (ADT just below 1,000 vpd)	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
Iowa 127, Iowa 183 to K45 at Mondamin	3.4	Paved 2-lane state highway, (ADT>1,000 vpd)	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
K45, Iowa 127 to US 30	14.4	Paved 2-lane county road	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
De Soto NWR road system, US 30 to G12	5.7	Paved 2-lane park road, shared route	Shared route with pavement markings and signage; south refuge access is closed during bird migration seasons.
L20, Iowa 127 to G12	16.7	Paved 2-lane county road, shared route	Shared route with pavement markings and signage; alternative route during seasonal closures of the G12 access to De Soto NWR.
Pottawattamie County			
G12, De Soto NWR to L20 (Old Lincoln Highway)	7.0	Paved 2-lane county road	Shared route with pavement markings and signage; does not provide route continuity during closures of the De Soto NWR entrance
L20, G12 to G27 junction in Crescent	11.0	Paved 2-lane county road	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
L20 (North Broadway), Crescent to Kanesville Boulevard (US 6)	6.8	Paved 2-lane county road with rural section; 2- and 3-lane city street within Council Bluffs corporate limits	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
Pierce Street, Kanesville to 1st Street	0.6	2-lane urban street	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
1st Street, Pierce to West Broadway	0.1	2-lane urban street	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
West Broadway, 1st Street to Main Street	0.4	2-lane downtown street on 100 block, 4-lane, relatively low-volume street between 2nd and Main	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
Main/Washington Street to 6th/7th Street pair	0.3	2-lane downtown street along Main and Washington	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
6th/7th Street one-way pair with Avenue G to 8th Street	0.6	2-lane, one-way urban streets (6th Street NB, 7th Street SB); sidepath along 7th Street from 8th Street to Mill Street	Sidepath where available north of Mill Street; shared route with pavement markings and signage
8th Street, Avenue G to Big Lake Park	1.5	2-lane urban street	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
Big Lake Park and Drive, 8th to 16th	0.8	Park trail and sidepath	Existing facility
Nash Boulevard Sidepath, 16th to 25th	1.0	Paved sidepath connects to Big Lake Trail; bike lanes connect under I-29 to Riverfront Trail	Existing facility
Riverfront Trail, 25th Street to Nebraska Avenue at Ameristar Casino	4.1	Paved multi-purpose path on levee top; sidepath at Ameristar Casino	Existing facility
Access Drive, Nebraska Avenue to I-80 Bridge	0.6	Bike lanes	Existing facility
Riverfront Trail, I-80 to Indian Creek Trail	3.0	Paved multi-purpose path, with sidepath segments along 25th Street and US 275	Existing facility
Indian Creek/Lake Manawa Trails, US 275 to Wabash Trace Trailhead	6.6	Paved multi-purpose path	Existing facility
Wabash Trace Nature Trail, Lewis Central Trailhead to Mineola	9.2	Granulated stone, multi-purpose path	Existing facility
Mills County			
L45, Mineola to Sharp Street in Glenwood	8.0	2-lane county road, ADT>1,000 vpd north of Glenwood	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
Sharp Street, L45 to Locust Street (L35)	0.8	2-lane urban street	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
Locust Street (L35), Sharp to US 34 interchange	1.1	4-lane urban street. ADT>1,000 vpd	Shared route with pavement markings and signage; City should consider lane diet along commercial corridor, with 3-lane section and bike lanes.
L35, US 34 interchange to L31 in Pacific Junction	3.8	2-lane rural section highway, ADT>1,000 vpd	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
L31, L35 at Pacific Junction to J10, south of Mills/Fremont County line	14.8	2-lane low-volume county road	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
Fremont County			
J10, L31 to L44	2.6	2-lane moderate-volume county road	Shared route with pavement markings and signage
L44 (Bluff Road), J10 to Hamburg	22.6	2-lane low-volume county road, shared route	Shared route with pavement markings and signage

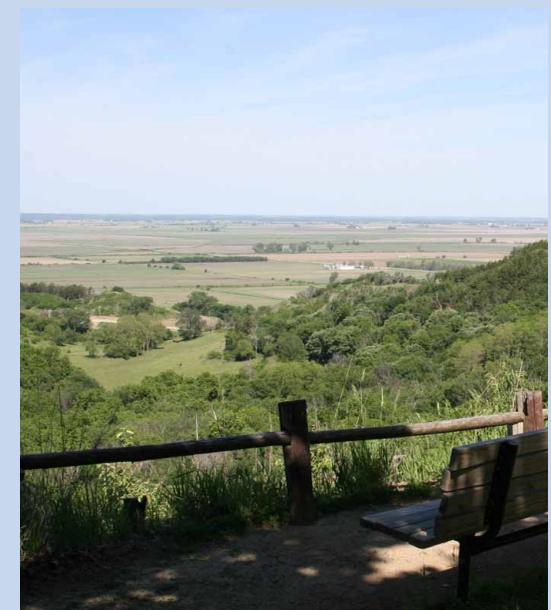
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The Garden Grove; Crescent



City Jail from Henderson; Glenwood Historical Museum



Waubonsie State Park

LCT Explorers Route and Express Segments - N

The Explorers Route is the ultimate concept for the fully realized LCT. Its design presents users with a full range of experiences, and the continuous path winds through riverfront, valley, and Loess Hills environments. As the ultimate trail evolves, and segments of the Explorers Route are implemented incrementally, the trail will be a hybrid of "LCT Today" and "Explorers" segments, but always maintain continuity from Sioux City to Hamburg.

The excursion nature of the Explorers Route provides a superior interaction with the many-faceted Missouri River valley and Loess Hills environments, but does not meet the needs of through bicycle tourists. The express segments provide a more direct alternative between points along the way, and can be used in connection with the regular route to create a variety of trail experiences.

Detailed, county-by-county descriptions of the elements and features of the Explorers Route are presented later in this chapter.

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B&R's Pizza Post; Sloan, Iowa



Kiwanis Museum Complex; Onawa, Iowa

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Community and regional stakeholders expressed a strong interest in touring loops - day trips with great appeal to regional residents that also help support "internal" tourism.

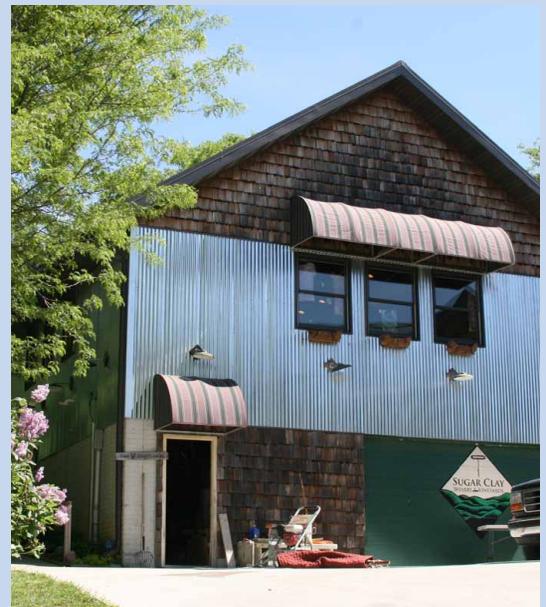
The LCT Tour Loops organize the Explorers and Express segments into loops, with varying lengths that adapt to day trips. In some cases, the loops are connected by additional route segments. The loops are themed around interpretive narratives, adding an educational dimension to the LCT experience. The loops favor off-road facilities to accommodate a wide variety of users. Segments of the tour loops that are part of the primary LCT route should be given greater priority with regards to funding.

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Sugar Clay Vineyard



The Wilds RV and Golf Resort; Bartlett

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