



White River Trail Walk
TRAIL RATED 1B - 5K AND 10K ROUTES
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SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Rails to Trails



Soon to be part of The Great American Rail-Trail, the White River Trail runs along a former Chicago and Northwestern Railroad line, with stunning views of tree-covered buttes in the Pine Ridge area. This crushed rock trail connects Crawford, NE to Fort Robinson State Park. Fort Robinson is a park filled with history, from the surrender of Crazy Horse, the garrisoning of the Buffalo Soldiers and its use as a German prisoner-of-war camp. This is an out-and-back walk that can be started either at Fort Robinson or at Crawford City Park.

This walk is also available through a physical walk box—please do not register at that location or use any materials from that walk box.

Walk Registration:

Registration takes place online using the AVA Online Start Box, on my.ava.org. Follow the instructions provided to create a user account and sign the AVA waiver (one time). Instructions for payment are also included. Download the directions and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.

Walk Completion and Walk Credit:

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your Online Start Box account click on the “My Start Box” tab, then the “Finish Table” tab, then click on “Go to Finish Table” button for the event you have completed. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped “virtual” insert cards that you may choose to print out.

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STARTING POINT LOCATIONS:

This out-and-back trail can be accessed from either Fort Robinson or Crawford City Park. There is a day use fee charged at Fort Robinson State Park.

Fort Robinson State Park

3200 U.S. Hwy 20
Crawford, NE 69339
42.665133, -103.458139

OR

Crawford City Park

Main St.
Crawford, NE
42.687305, -103.417715

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

To Fort Robinson State Park

From Hwy 20, enter Fort Robinson and drive **STRAIGHT** into Fort Robinson to the third intersection. **RIGHT** (n) at third intersection to fee payment area. After paying park fee, drive to trailhead and park on the grass off the side of the road. (See map.)

OR

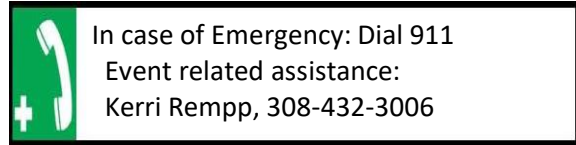
To Crawford City Park

From Hwy 20, **TURN WEST** on Main St. (not marked, follow signs to business district) and follow it to the city park. Park in parking area near the playground.

Restrooms:

Seasonal restrooms are available at Crawford City Park and in the campground of Fort Robinson State Park.

Emergency Numbers:



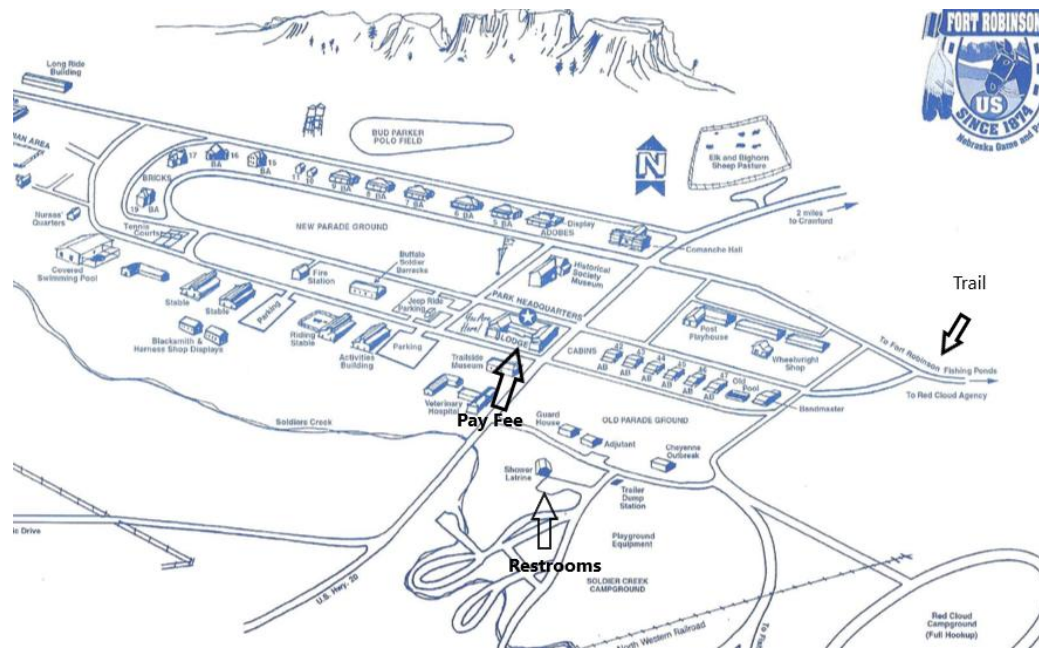
FORT ROBINSON STATE PARK:

Western Nebraska's premier state park, Fort Robinson, has more than 22,000 acres of exquisite Pine Ridge scenery, compelling old west history, exceptional lodging, loads of fun-time activities, scenic camping and the park's own buffalo and longhorn herds.

CRAWFORD, NEBRASKA:

Established in 1886 as the Fremont Elkhorn and Missouri Valley Railroad pushed west, Crawford grew from the need to support the soldiers at nearby Fort Robinson with supplies and entertainment. The town was named after Lt. Emmett Crawford, who had been stationed at the fort, but was killed in Mexico during the Indian Wars. Crawford is located in the scenic Pine Ridge area of Nebraska and is known as the "Big Game Capital of Nebraska".

FORT ROBINSON STATE PARK MAP



From Crawford City Park

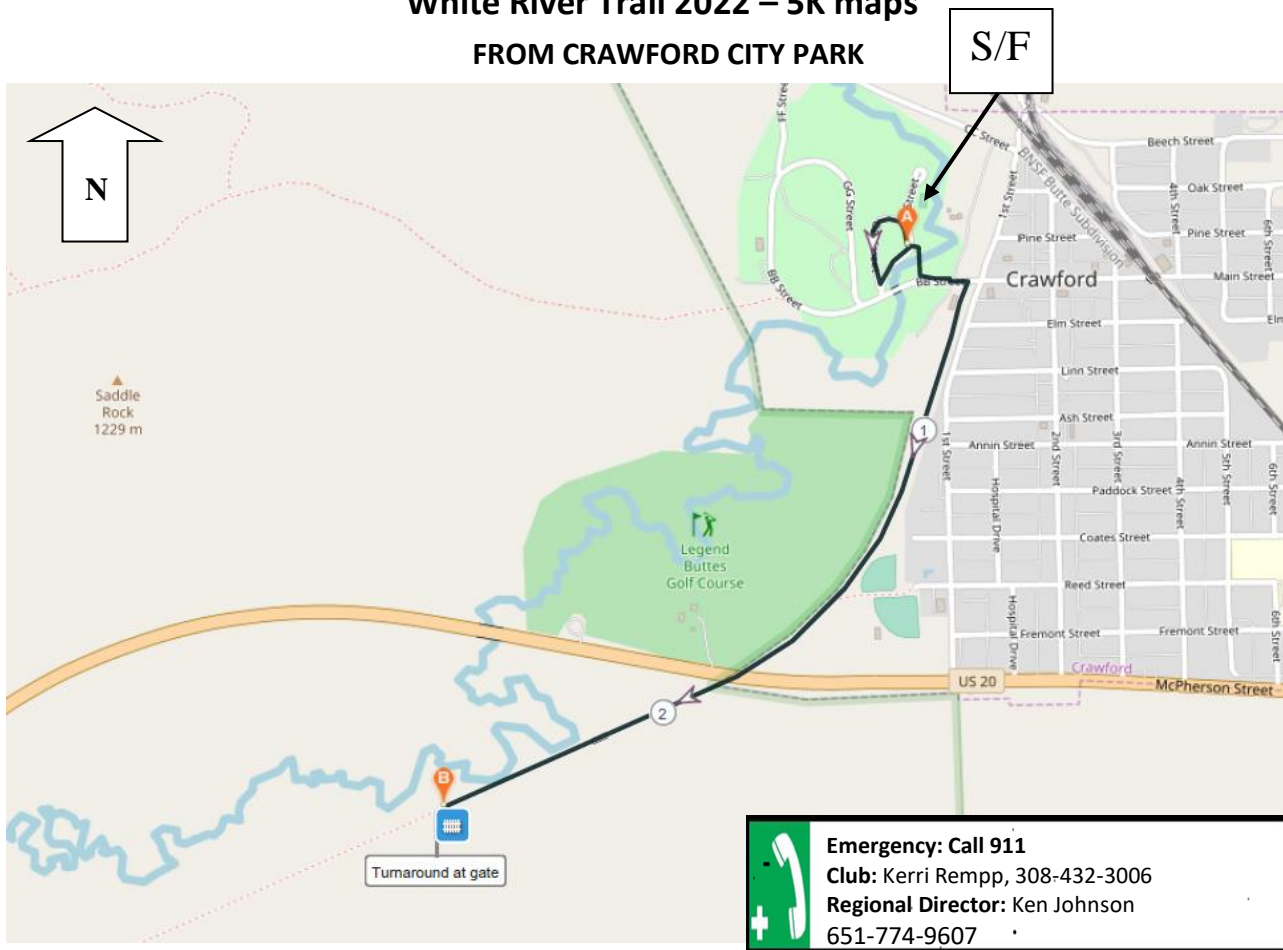
1. From the parking area, head north, **CIRCLING** the playground area counterclockwise on the park road returning to the parking area. (Restrooms available here.)
2. **CROSS** the grass to the east to the white bridge. **CROSS** the bridge and pass the fountain to the sidewalk.
3. **LEFT** (e) on the sidewalk to exit the park.
4. After exiting the park walk cross one road and continue to the White River Trail on the right & turn **RIGHT** (sw) on the trail. You will pass a golf course on your right and **CAREFULLY CROSSING** Hwy 20.
5. **5K: TURN AROUND** at red metal gates on left (south side of trail and east end of hayfield) and **RETURN** to the start.
6. **10K: CONTINUE** to Fort Robinson State Park Trailhead. Take some time to visit the park, then **RETURN** to the trail and **RETRACE** route back to start point.

From Fort Robinson

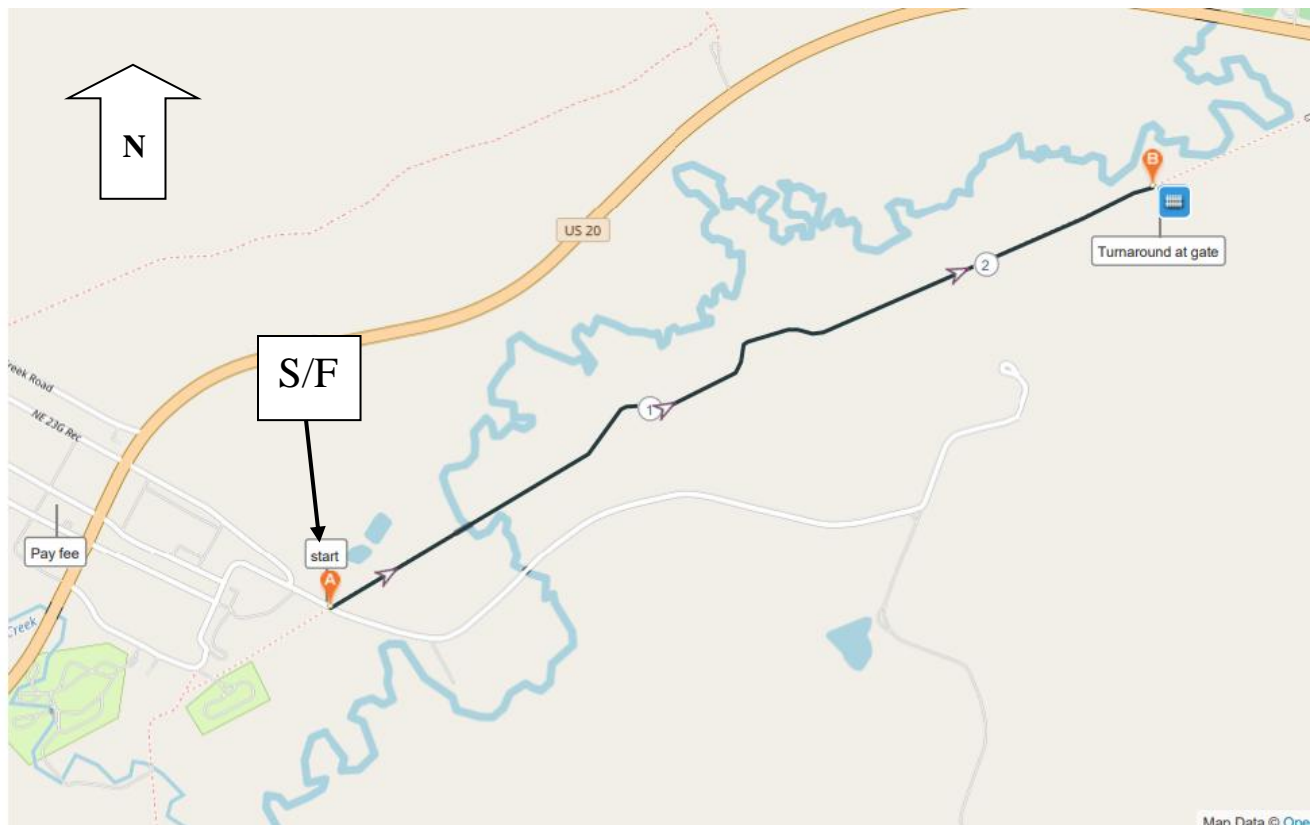
1. From the trailhead, head **LEFT** (ne) on the White River Trail.
2. **5K: TURN AROUND** at red metal gates on right (south side of trail and east end of hayfield) and **RETURN** to the start.
3. **10K: CONTINUE** walking on trial, passing a golf course on your left to the Crawford City Park and **CAREFULLY CROSSING** Hwy 20.
4. At City Park entrance, **CROSS** park road and turn **LEFT** on sidewalk to park fountain on right.
5. **RIGHT** (n) at the fountain. **CROSS** bridge and grass to the park road by the playground (restrooms available).
6. At park road, turn **RIGHT** (n) following the road as it curves around counterclockwise.
7. When you return to the playground, **RETURN** to the bridge and **RETRACE** your steps back to the trail and **FOLLOW** the trail back to Fort Robinson.

White River Trail 2022 – 5K maps

FROM CRAWFORD CITY PARK



FROM FORT ROBINSON STATE PARK



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White River Trail 2022 5K and 10K
White River Trail 2022 – 10K map -starting from either end



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