

Johnson Lake Trails Guide - sights & amenities at distance points

Mile 0 Post – Matson Trailhead

0.0 SRA entrance, rest rooms, water, DogiPot, donor board, map, parking, rest area

0.4 Pollinator Garden

0.5 Hutchens Pergola Rest Area - Bike repair station

0.7 Hundley Garden Rest Area, Little Free Library

Mile 1 Post Drive 21 1.2 Drive 22

1.3 Cottonwood Rest Area

1.4 Canal road crossing

1.7 Spud's Rest Area

1.9 County road crossing, parking, DogiPot

Mile 2 Post

2.0 Sandy Point Gazebo Rest Area

2.1 Enter/Exit Dam Road. [Share the road.](#)

Mile 3 Post - SRA Entrance

3.0 Enter/exit Dam Road - Parking, swim beach, **Chapel of the Lake**, rest area, bike rack

3.3 SRA Rest Rooms, water

3.5 **DC Express Convenience Store**

3.5 Campground Rest Area, Little Free Library

3.6 SRA Entrance, Dr. 25A, restrooms

3.8 SRA North Rest Area, Bat Interpretation/House, Nature Observation Hut (Secure access key)

Mile 4 Post - Roper Trailhead

4.1 Roper Trailhead rest area, parking, donor board/map, DogiPot

4.1 Bullhead Point Crossing - To **Medos Resort**

4.2 Sunrise Crossing Bridge, **Captain's Quarters services**

4.4 East Shore Drive 1, East side children's playground

4.6 Cosmo Way Rest Area, water, Johnson Lake Dr. Cross.

4.9 Brandt Gazebo Rest Area

Mile 5 Post - at tree grove

5.1 Tree Grove bench

5.3 Kirby Point Rest Area, Donor board/map, parking, bike repair station, picnic table

5.5 County Road #428 crossing

5.7 Drive #6 crossing at Perch Bay

5.9 East Side Gazebo Rest Area, Drive #7 soft crossing

Mile 6 Post – Open Field

6.2 **EMS Building**

6.5 Johnson Lake Drive Crossing

6.6 North Shore Rest Area, water

6.6 Drive #8/9 Co. Rd #751, Donor board/map, parking, DogiPot

6.9 North Cove Drive #10 crossing

Mile 7 Post - Cottonwood Tree Cluster

7.1 Cottonwood Tree Rest Area - Little Free Library

7.2 Merriweather Gazebo North Cove/Merriweather Rest Area, water, DogiPot, bike rack

7.2 Merriweather Dr. #11 Crossing

7.2 **Dr. 12, Rd #751 West, Cyndi Smith's Peace, Love & Lavender Labyrinth**

7.5 North Point Drive #13 Crossing, Rest Area,

7.6 Paul Matson Memorial "What a Ride!" bike.

7.6 North Point Garden, bench, Drive #13A crossing

7.7 **Dr. #14 Services, Lakeshore Marina Lighthouse Nautical Rose** Enter/Exit Eihusen-Henry Trail

7.8 **Price's Rentals (Bikes +)**

7.9 Drive 14A crossing, **Lane to Lavender Labyrinth, Gothenburg Realty & Cottonwood Realty**

Mile 8 Post

8.2 Drive 14B Crossing

8.3 Dr. 14C Crossing, Lakeview Acres Park, Lakeview Acres Pergola, Baldwin Memorial, Story and Map Boards

8.6 Drive #14D Crossing 8.7 Drive #14E Crossing

8.8 Drive #14F Crossing, Enter/Exit Eihusen-Henry Trail

Mile 9 Post – Dry Bay

9.1 Dry Bay Drive #15 Crossing, resting bench

9.3 Bass Bay Drive #16 Crossing, DogiPot

9.3 Bass Bay Gazebo Children's Playground, Rest Area, water

9.4 Pelican Bay Drive #17, Co Rd #750, Parking Turn onto/off Johnson Lake Drive

10 Mile Post - at Inlet Bridge

10.0 Canal Road (gravel) to north side of SRA

10.0 Inlet Canal bridge

10.3 **Crazy Marv's RV & Cabin Retreat. Bike rentals**

10.4 **SRA**, Matson Trailhead, parking, map

Johnson Lake, NE Trails

- Located south of the I-80 Lexington interchange in Central Nebraska. An easy half day drive from most of the state.
- Ten-mile loop around beautiful Johnson Lake, with 8½ miles of 8' wide concrete surface. Riding time 1 to 2 hours. Great for families with children of all ages!
- Park like environment with 23 landscaped rest areas with benches, 7 gazebos/pergolas, 10 trail heads with parking, 3 Little Free Libraries, 5 archways, pedestrian bridge, 2 bike repair stations, Nebraska Arboretum.
- Connects two Nebraska State Recreation Areas (SRA) with water and rest rooms.
- Other area amenities include rental cabins, restaurants, swimming beach, chapel, playgrounds, Lakeside Golf Course, brewery, lavender farm, motels.

Johnson Lake Trails

One of Nebraska's Premier Biking Destinations



Cosmo Way Crossing at Mile 4.6



Great for families with children of all ages!

Johnson Lake Trail



Sunrise Crossing at Mile 4.2

“Four miles of the trail run concurrently with the national coast to coast American Discovery Trail, so from time to time we welcome visitors from afar!”

If only Larry Roper and Paul Matson, for whom segments of the trail are named, could see the realization of their dream “for a safe and accessible off road trail all the way around the lake”. (fifteen years after the dream!)

TRAIL RULES
For Safety and Enjoyment

- *No motorized vehicles
- *Helmets advised
- *Keep to the right
- *Expect to be passed on the left
- *Announce passing on left
- *Keep one ear open
- *Leash all pets
- *Dispose trash & pet waste
- *Be nice and enjoy!

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