

Meridian Trails Tour Map

1) Trailhead to Paddlewheel Point – .4 miles, 10-foot wide concrete, flat grade. The Trailhead is located near the public parking lot east of the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce, 803 E. Fourth Street. Following Marne Creek from the Trailhead to the Missouri River, this section of trail features native plantings, which are identified with numbered guideposts. When you reach Paddlewheel Point, take a short jaunt to the shores of the Missouri River for a beautiful view of the river in its natural state.

2) Auld-Brokaw Trail – 2.75 miles, 10-foot wide concrete (from Trailhead to Summit Street); moderate grade with a few slopes exceeding 5 percent. Built through the generosity of Tom Brokaw and his wife, Meredith (Auld) Brokaw, this section of trail parallels the Marne Creek through the heart of Yankton. The trail links schools, parks and the Rotary Nature Area, where you will find the Outdoor Classroom along the Marne Creek. Amenities found along the trail include a pergola with a picnic area and several benches where you can sit and relax. Hop off the trail at Webster School to explore and tour the Historic Homes District. (Tour maps of the Historic Homes District are available at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center.)

3) Arboretum Trail – 1.4 miles, 8-foot wide asphalt; flat grade on north half, incline on south half. The Arboretum Trail follows the perimeter of the Yankton High School and the Summit Activities Center located at 1801 Summit Street. The trail includes an arboretum with native trees, bushes, wildflowers, and native grasses that are identified with numbered guideposts. The Arbor of Life and Learning sculpture, created by David Ruhnau and donated by Don and Pat Bierle, is also a feature of the trail. An outdoor classroom with bench seating can be found near the Arbor. Recreational fields for soccer, baseball, and football are located along the trail, plus lighted tennis courts.

4) Fantle Memorial Park Trail – 1 mile around perimeter of park with additional interior trails, perimeter is 6-foot wide concrete, interior trails are 8' asphalt, flat grade. Memorial Park is located along Douglas Avenue and Mulberry Street between 19th Street and 21st Street. Enjoy a park setting on trails that circle around and crisscross through Fantle Memorial Park. This beautiful shaded park is home to the outdoor swimming pool, tennis courts, baseball and soccer fields, playground equipment, picnic shelters and abundant open space. At the center of the park is a memorial to veterans who have served our country, as well as two time capsules.

5) Trailhead to Riverside Park (Broadway) – 1.5 miles, 10-foot wide concrete from Trailhead to park (.5 miles) & 8-foot wide asphalt in park; flat grade. This section of the trail follows Marne Creek to the Missouri River and then meanders along the Missouri River through Riverside Park. In Riverside Park, located on Yankton's south edge near the intersection of Douglas Avenue and Levee Street, view the Dakota Territorial Capitol Replica, a sculpture of Captain Grant Marsh, who was a famous riverboat captain in the 1860s, and a beautiful sculpture by nationally renown artist Dale Lamphere. Amenities within the park include picnic shelters, playgrounds, dock facilities, fishing pier, and an amphitheatre where free public concerts are held each Tuesday evening June through August. A baseball field can also be found.

6) Westside Park to West City Limits Road – .75 miles, 8-foot wide asphalt, flat grade. Stretching from Westside Park, located at Fifth and Summit, to the western edge of Yankton, this trail will take you by the Mount Marty College campus and the Dakota Territorial Museum. Westside Park is a shaded park featuring a beautiful man-made lake, ducks, a fishing pond for kids, playground equipment, skateboard park, picnic shelters and restrooms.

7) Highway 52 Trail – 3.14 miles, 8-foot wide asphalt, flat with one moderate incline (5 percent). Paralleling Highway 52 from West City Limits Road to the National Fish Hatchery and Aquarium, this section connects the city trail system to trails found along Lewis & Clark Lake. Lake-area businesses, as well as the National Fish Hatchery and Aquarium, can be found adjacent to the trail along this stretch.

8) Lewis & Clark Lake Trail – 6.9 miles including loops, 8-foot wide asphalt, flat grade. This scenic trail winds from the Pierson Ranch Recreation Area and throughout the Lewis & Clark Recreation Area. The backside (north side) of the trail will take you through forested areas, while the front side (south side) follows along Lewis & Clark Lake. Beaches, boat docks, playgrounds, campgrounds, and picnic shelters line the trail. Resting areas with benches offer beautiful views of the lake and water fountains can be found at many points along the trail.

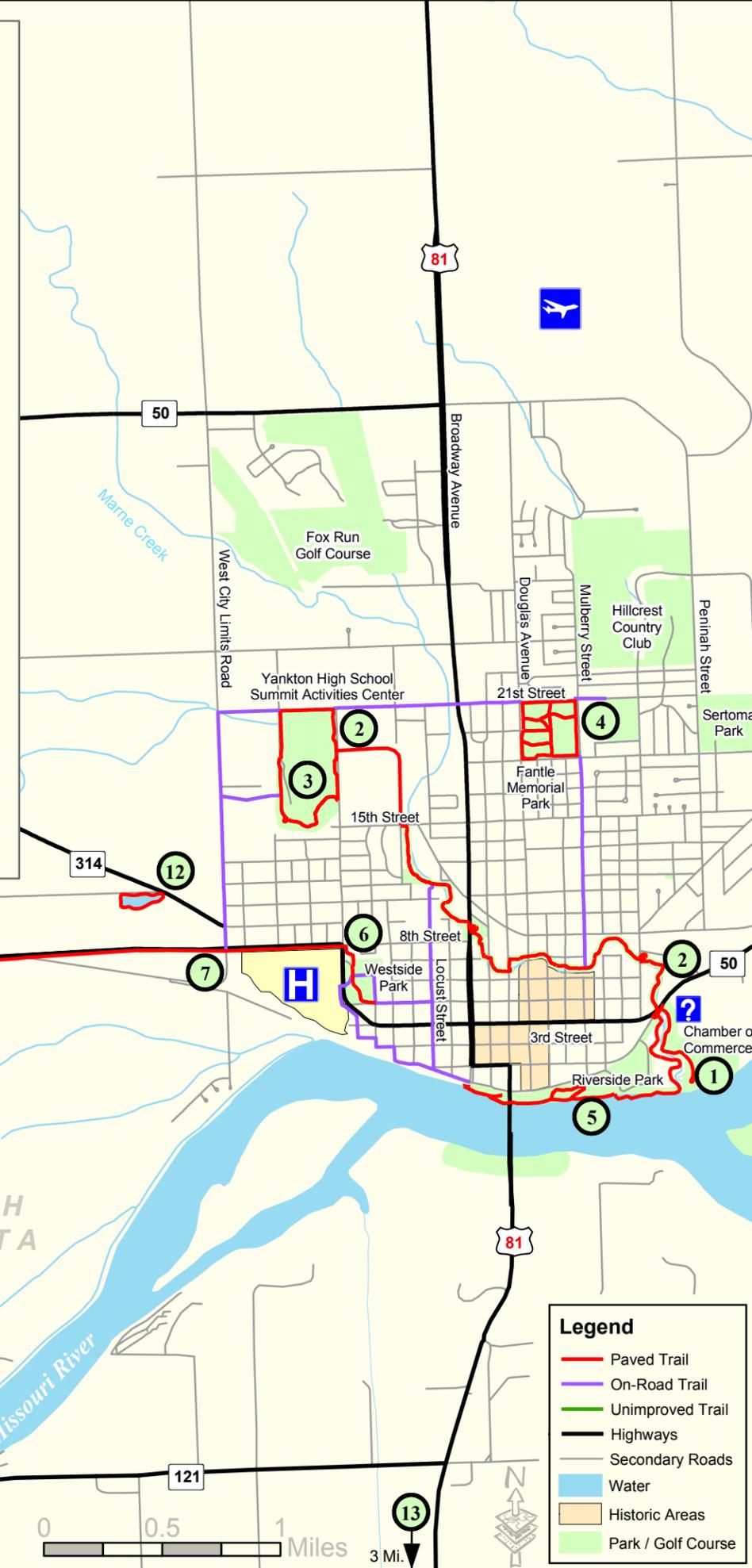
9) Toe Road / Training Dike – 2.9 miles, on-road trail, flat grade. Hop off the paved trail where it intersects with Toe Road to take a ride below Gavins Point Dam and along Lake Yankton. Adjacent to this on-road trail you will find Cottonwood Campground and Day Use Area, Chief White Crane Recreation Area, the Training Dike, the dam spillway, playgrounds, beaches, boat docks, fishing piers, picnic shelters, and the Missouri River.

10) Chalk Bluffs Multi-Use Trail – 4.1 miles, crushed asphalt surface, varied grade including moderate to fairly steep inclines. This trail welcomes equestrian riders, hikers and mountain bikers. Beginners to the more experienced trail users can choose from three different loops with varying degrees of difficulty. The trail goes up and down the sloping bluffs overlooking Lewis & Clark Lake at the west edge of the state Recreation Area.

11) Gavins Point Nature Trail – 1.2 mile hiking trail, natural wood chip and dirt surface. Winding through native woods, across meadows and past scenic overlooks, this trail will add interest and enjoyment to your Lewis & Clark Lake visit. Through the wetlands of Gavins Bay, you may see beaver and waterfowl. Deer, turkeys, rabbits and squirrels can also be seen on the way to the top of Gavins Point. A scenic overlook at the top of the trail offers a beautiful view of the lake and the chalk rock bluffs. A shelter and interpretive panel are available for your enjoyment at the top of Gavins Point. This trail is located at the west edge of the state Recreation Area.

12) Majestic Bluffs Trail – .5 mile, 10-foot wide concrete, flat grade. Located near the Majestic Bluffs living community at 2111 W. 11th Street, this half-mile trail surrounding Majestic Bluffs Lake provides a walk with a view of the countryside including eagles, turkeys, ducks, fish and deer. Twin fountains, illuminated at dusk, add to the beauty of the setting. A walk around Majestic Bluffs Lake at sunset is a sight to behold.

13) Corps of Discovery Welcome Center Nature Trail, 1.5 miles, primitive birding and hiking trail. Not shown on map. At the Corp of Discovery Welcome Center, located 3 miles south of Yankton on Highway 81, you will find a birding and hiking trail that circles the perimeter of the grounds. The trail provides the perfect opportunity to identify and learn about plants, trees, birds and animals found naturally in this wooded area. Numbered guideposts along the trail identify various types of flora and fauna. The Welcome Center also features a scenic overlook of the Missouri River valley.



Legend	
—	Paved Trail
—	On-Road Trail
—	Unimproved Trail
	Highways
	Secondary Roads
	Water
	Historic Areas
	Park / Golf Course