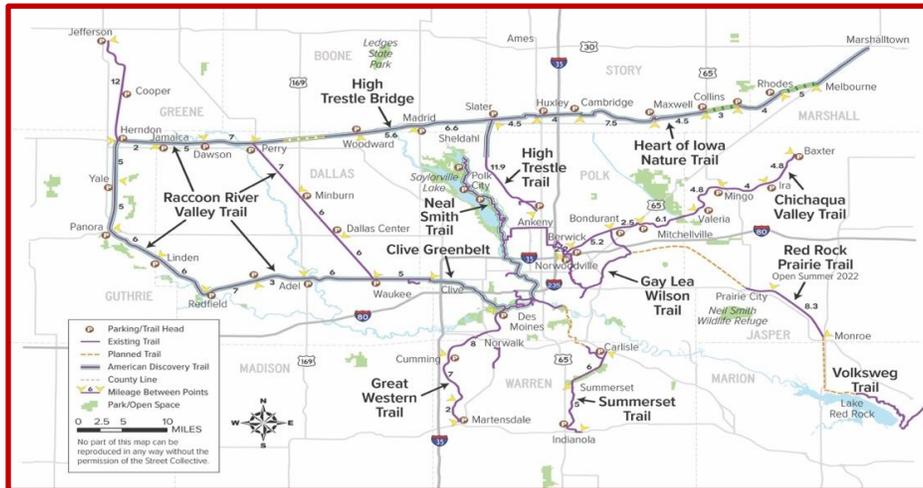


Discover Destination Biking in Iowa!



A Great New Ride Hosted by Melinda and Jared Hoke

Tuesday, September 30 and Wednesday, October 1, 2025

Like Minnesota, Iowa has developed fabulous trails including The Raccoon River Valley Trail, which ULLRs are experiencing this fall. To see exciting details, click all links. <https://www.raccoonrivervalleytrail.org>

We'll stay 2 nights at Hotel Pattee <https://www.hotelpattee.com> lovingly restored, where each room is decorated differently. Great restaurants are in the hotel and Perry. The small towns along the trail cater to bikers with eateries and shopping. There is bike storage in the back of the hotel; no bikes in rooms allowed.

A block of 12 rooms is held and 9 are currently taken, but we can probably exceed this number. You are totally on your own to call and reserve, and all costs for hotel and meals are handled by yourselves. Please call 515-465-3511 to reserve a room and let them know you are with ULLR. The average cost is \$200/night.

Melinda and Jared are hosting, but we're just learning too, so more will be known about itineraries and opportunities closer to the date. A group dinner is being considered as we're told bike groups enjoy this when staying at Hotel Pattee. Contact melindahoke@midco.net 612-618-6919 if needed.

AS ALWAYS, HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION.

The Raccoon River Valley Trail was inducted into the Rails to Trails Hall of Fame in 2021

<https://www.raccoonrivervalleytrail.org/halloffame> and now connected to the High Trestle Trail.

<https://www.inhf.org/what-we-do/protection/high-trestle-trail/> FYI, Minnesota's Hall of Fame trails are Paul Bunyan and Midtown Greenway; no surprises there. It's very interesting to read the trails from around the country including the most recent in Hawaii. Do I hear waves in our future?



High Trestle Bridge connecting the Raccoon River Loop