



6.5

Miles of free trail

9,000

Humboldt and Iola area residents connected by trail

59

Contiguous miles of trail from Humboldt to Ottawa

4,100

Bicycle trips in first 6 months

The Southwind Rail Trail is a 6.5 mile walking and biking trail that connects the communities of Humboldt and Iola, Kansas. The trail is FREE and open to the public dawn to dusk, 365 days a year.

The Southwind, which adjoins Prairie Spirit Trail State Park, is one of the most heavily-used trails in the state of Kansas. Picturesque bridges, historic railroad signal towers and quaint farms accent the trail, providing users with beautiful scenery. The Southwind is lined with trees that provide shade and a windbreak for visitors on even the most blustery Kansas days.

The trail is owned by the Sunflower Rail-Trails Conservancy, which railbanked this former Santa Fe right-of-way in 2010. Development of the trail was conducted under the leadership of Thrive Allen County, which secured funding

from the Sunflower Foundation, the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City and private family foundations for trail materials and safety features. Local volunteers were the key to the trail becoming a reality, however, and they continue to conduct regular maintenance to keep the trail in excellent condition.

For more information on the Southwind Rail Trail, call Thrive at 620.365.8128 or visit the trail at [facebook.com/southwindrailtrail](https://facebook.com/southwindrailtrail).



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