

# Trails



**Shunga Trail** – This 8.5-mile paved concrete pedestrian/bicycle trail across Topeka begins at SW 29th and McClure (west of Fairlawn) and continues east to SE 2nd. The trail runs along the Shunganunga Creek Corridor through parks, residential areas and into the downtown area.

**Lake Shawnee Trail** – This popular 7-mile paved concrete pedestrian/bicycle trail encircles Lake Shawnee offering scenic views of the lake and passing by the Lake Shawnee Overlook, Ted Ensley Gardens, Lake Shawnee Golf Course and Bettis Family Sports Complex.

**Landon Trail** – 4.75-mile paved and gravel trail along an abandoned railroad track running from SE 15th to SE 45th,

\*The Shunga, Lake Shawnee and Landon Trails are sponsored by Topeka ER & Hospital.

**Dornwood Nature Trail** – 9.9-miles of natural surface, woodland hiking trail accessible from SE 25th and Highland.

**Azura Trails at Skyline Park** – Four single-track, natural surface loop trails comprising 4.47 miles of natural surface trails through wooded and prairie areas.

**Warren Nature Area** – Four miles of natural surface trails beginning at SW 25th and Gage east of Felker Park. The trail includes a wetland to slow and clean runoff water from streets and neighborhoods. Many birds, mammals and aquatic species can be found here.

**Welton Grove Park** – Three miles of natural surface trails.

**Gage Park Fitness Loop Trail** – 2-mile paved trail encircling the park and crossing over Westlake via a bridge.

**Shawnee North Nature Trail** – 2-mile natural surface trail on undeveloped parkland comprised of grasslands and wooded areas. A .8-mile paved perimeter trail encircles the west side of the park.

**Deer Creek Trail** – 2-mile trail from SE Golden to SE 6th and SE 6th to SE 10th.

**Orville Rice Nature Trail** – 2-mile mowed grass and natural surface single track trail following Shunga Creek from SW Gage to Shunga Glen.

**Grant-Bradbury** – Located west of Forbes Field, two miles of natural surface trails run through 80-acres of virgin prairie that has never been plowed. The area includes hundreds of native prairie species, some of which are scarcely found elsewhere in the state.

**Soldier Creek Trail** – 1.8-mile paved concrete bicycle/pedestrian trail from Garfield Park to NW Lyman Road.

**Oakland-Billard/Santa Fe Park Trails** – 1.6 miles of paved trail.

**Freedom Valley** – .75-mile concrete path.

**Clarion Woods Trail** – .5-mile single-track trail through a red cedar forest.

**Willow Park** – .5-mile paved walking paths.

**Betty Phillips Park** – .44-mile paved trail.

**Brookfield Park** – .3-mile paved trail.



The Adopt-a-Trail program is designed to encourage the community to take a hands-on approach to helping keep the county's trails clean and safe. Call 251-6865.

# Trail Guide



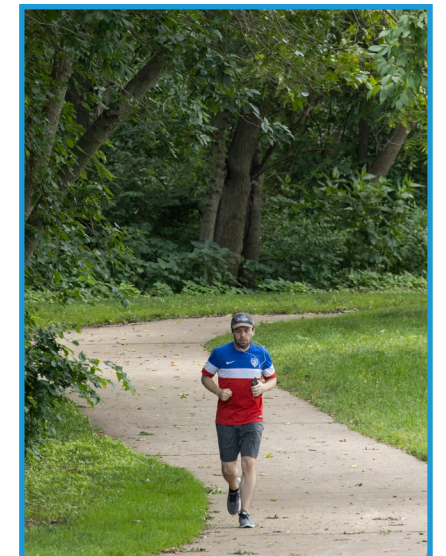
Shawnee County Parks + Recreation's nearly 60 miles of trails offer a leisurely stroll with side ventures into beautiful gardens, or a hike, run or mountain bike ride up hilly terrain leading to panoramic views of the county. There are 30 miles of paved trails and nearly 28 miles of natural surface trails running through forested, prairie and open natural areas. The Master Plan for Shawnee County Parks + Recreation calls for increasing the number and length of trails in our community while connecting as many as possible.



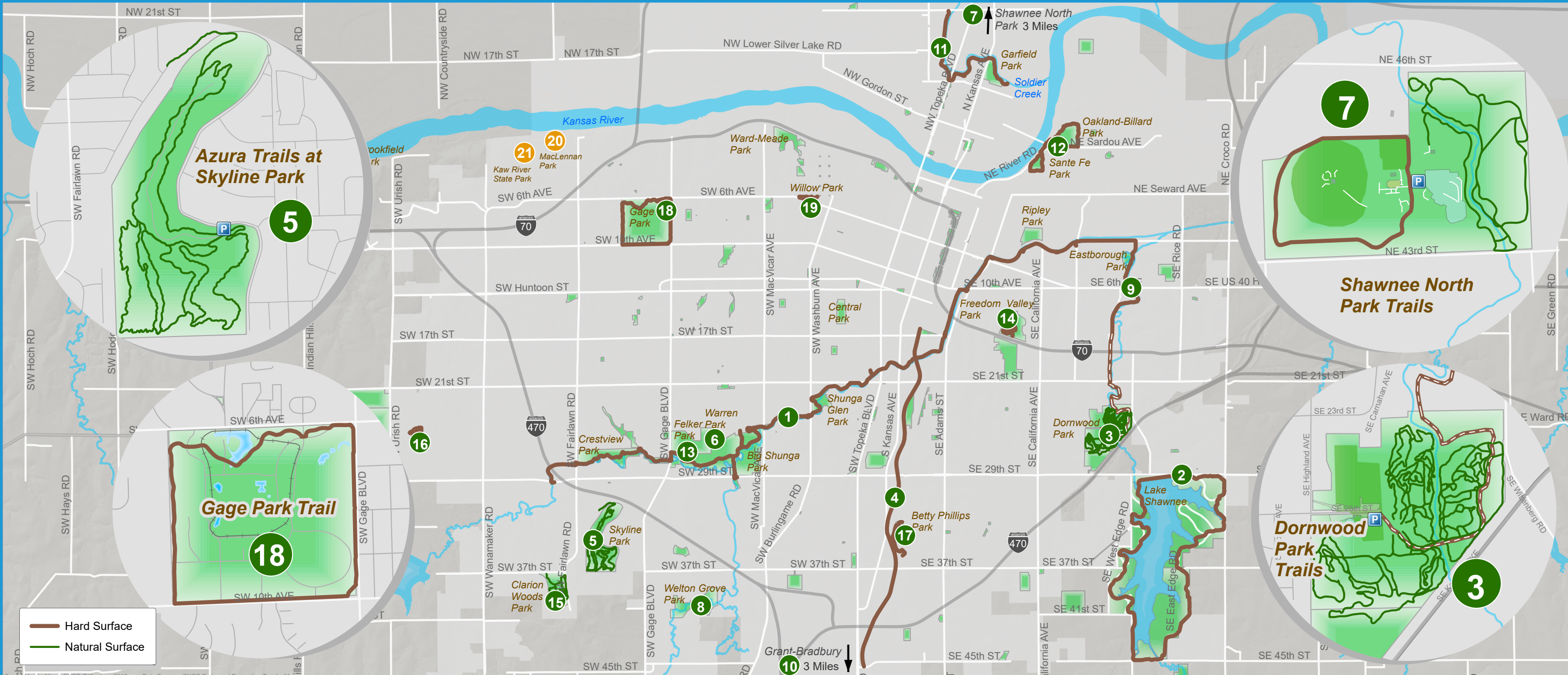
Azura Trails at Skyline Park



Shawnee North Nature Trail



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20. MacLennan Park\*
21. Kaw Valley State Park\*

In research for the Shawnee County Parks + Recreation Master Plan, respondents named trails and nature areas as the community's most desired parks and recreation amenity. We employ public/private partnerships to continually acquire land and add more trails.



A key partner is the Kansas Trails Council whose volunteers have contributed thousands of hours to building and maintaining many of our natural surface trails. Our paved trails have been constructed with a combination of public funding, federal grants and local grants from such organizations as the Sunflower Foundation. Other trail and nature areas are the result of private gifts and bequests.

To volunteer or to Adopt-a-Trail, contact Alexandra Blue, 785.251.6865 or email [alexandra.blue@snco.us](mailto:alexandra.blue@snco.us). For more information on Kansas trails, visit [www.getoutdoorskansas.org](http://www.getoutdoorskansas.org).

\*The MacLennan Park and Kaw Valley State Park trails are maintained by the State of Kansas and are not part of Shawnee County Parks + Recreation. They are included on this map due to their popularity.