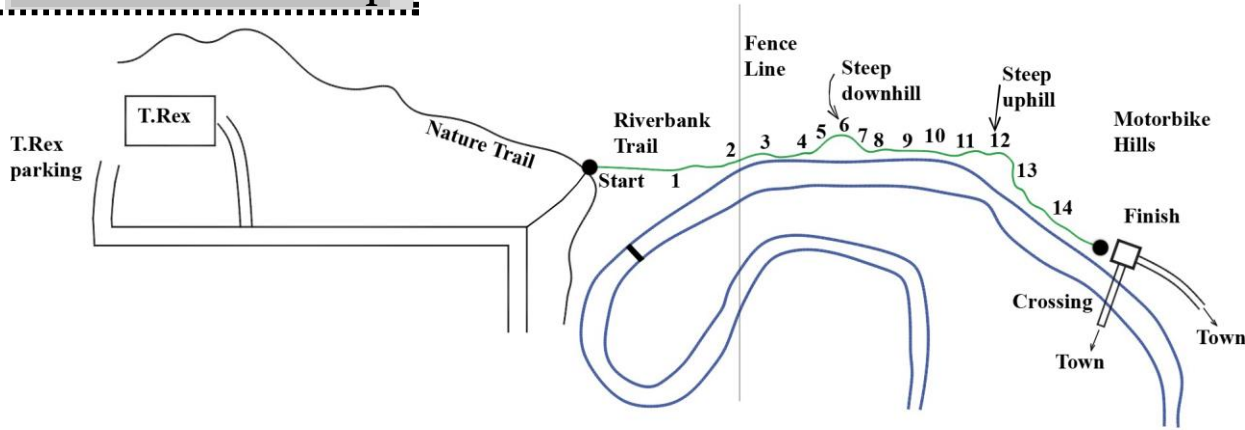


Riverbank Trail Map



We would greatly appreciate your input. Simply return this brochure to the **T-rex Centre** upon completion of the trail or email feedback to **eastend.rm49.rosa@sasktel.net**

1. Did you feel the trail(s) were adequately marked?

Yes A few more needed No

2. Was the information provided on the trail brochure interesting and informative?

3. What particular aspects of the trail(s) did you enjoy the most?

4. Did you see anything of particular interest (wildlife, plants...) If so, please explain

5. Would you recommend the trail(s) to a friend?

Yes No

6. Please provide any additional concerns, suggestions, comment



The Riverbank Trail

Taking you from beautiful native prairie...



To the lush banks of the Frenchman River



Developed by ECTA
(Eastend Community Tourism Auth.)

Warning: ECTA is in no way responsible for the actions of the hiker(s) or the conditions of the trail. Use at your own risk and discretion

Welcome to the Riverbank Trail

Before you begin the trail we ask that you follow the following precautions

- Please stay on the trail, we wish to minimize the damage to local flora and fauna
- Please avoid littering. The environment deserves our respect
- Avoid taking any souvenirs from the trail. Leave objects of interest so future hikers can enjoy them as well.

Difficulty: Moderate to Difficult

- proper shoes and some fitness required
- steep uphill and downhill sections
- uneven footing
- not recommended when wet

Trail Option 1: Do the trail as an out and back by turning around at the motor bike hills and returning to the T-Rex Discovery Centre

Trail Option 2: Upon completion of the trail, go past the motorbike hills and follow a short section of gravel road and highway back into Eastend. You can then be picked up or meander through town on your way back to the Centre.

Option 1 length: 2.4 km

Option 2 length: 4.9km

Surface: The path is marked by numbered (1-14), yellow stakes. For the first section of the trail, you'll be walking along a deer trail. As you descend into the riverbed the trail gets tougher. Watch out for thick vegetation and uneven footing.

Seasons: The trail is best enjoyed in spring, summer, and fall. While it may be available in winter, snow will likely cause difficult hiking conditions

Points of Interest

Vegetation: While walking along the Riverbank Trail you'll encounter two distinct vegetation zones. The first portion of the hike is native prairie. The prairie is composed of grasses such as northern wheat, bluebunch wheat, blue gramma, and fescues. You may also notice sagebrush and cacti, of both the pincushion and prickly pear variety. This vegetation is well adapted to the arid conditions around Eastend. As you drop into the riverbed you'll find smooth brome, reed canary, and northern reed grass. These thrive in the lush conditions along the river and are a source of forage for deer and other wildlife.



Wildlife: While hiking, you have a great opportunity to encounter wildlife. Along the prairie section of the trail, Richardson ground squirrels (gophers) will be a frequent companion. Mule deer, coyotes, and jackrabbits

wander among the hills and coulees above the trail. Mule deer can be recognized by their stot, a unique motion in which all four feet hit the ground with each bound. Along the river, keep a close watch for the beautiful whitetail deer. They can be identified by a reddish body color and a bushy white tail. Beavers and mink frequent the river. Beavers are of particular interest, as they have left dams in various locations in the river. There is often a dam below marker 14 or 15. Beavers build these dams to protect themselves from predators, create a source of deep water for winter and to house their lodges. The riverbed is also an excellent location to do a little bird watching. A few of the local species include the Spotted Sandpiper, Yellow Warbler, Northern Flicker, American Robin, Ring-necked Pheasant, Great Blue Heron, Canadian Geese, various Swallows, Western Meadowlark and the Downy Woodpecker.



Local Land Marks: If you look south while walking to the start of the Riverbank Trail you can spot the rodeo grounds and racetrack. Originally built by local ranchers, these grounds have hosted rodeos since 1914. The area serves as a reminder of Eastend's original ranching culture. In the same area is the Eastend golf course. The course was built in 1967 by volunteers and donated machinery from the PFRA. It is now a pleasant 9 hole, grass green course. Towards the finish of the trail in the Motorbike Hills area is actually the site of the original Eastend Golf Course. Built in 1925, it was a very rough 6 hole course. The fairways consisted of native prairie grass and sagebrush with sand greens. The course was closed in 1960.