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Guides



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Heritage Trail**  
*Kansas, Missouri*



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## Overview

The Riverfront Heritage Trail is located in the heart of Kansas City, Missouri. This downtown 8.6-mile trail showcases the city's heritage, as well as its continuously redeveloping downtown areas. The trail also features connections that span west across the river into Kansas City, Kansas.

## About the Route

Beginning at the northern terminus, the trail passes through the Richard L. Berkley Riverfront Park. The area was previously used as a landfill and an industrial site but is now reclaimed as a riverfront park and used for cultural events throughout the year. The trail's wide, smooth

surface makes traveling through the park an easy experience. The perfect views of the Missouri River are not to be missed. The trail passes under the Heart of America Bridge and continues through the park, bearing right to stay on the trail. Interpretive signage tells the story and heritage of the Kansas City riverfront.

The Town of Kansas Bridge is at the southern end of riverside section of the trail. If the paved trail becomes broken and unpaved, you've missed the bridge and gone too far. To walk across the bridge, climb the stairs or take the elevator (hidden around the back side, near the stairs). Crossing the bridge, the route arrives in the River Market district of downtown Kansas City, Missouri. Eateries are abundant in this area, and nearby museums and theaters provide cultural attractions.

Turn right onto West Third Street and follow the signs for the trail as it continues along the sidewalk. Turn left onto Wyandotte Street. Here, turn right onto West Fourth Street to make the journey west into Kansas City, Kansas, or continue south into Kansas City, Missouri (see directions below). To head west, follow the trail down Beardsley Road and over Forrester Road. Turn right onto Hickory Street and right again onto Eighth Street as you ride through this industrial neighborhood of Kansas City. Be sure to ride to the Riverfront Heritage trailhead at the end of Eighth Street. The trailhead features a Santa Fe railcar and a commemoration of the area's history through four sculptures by a local artisan. The sculptures depict a slave family making their way toward Kansas, which was admitted to the United States as a free state without slavery in 1861. Interpretive signage commemorates the history and lives of African Americans who journeyed toward freedom.

From the trailhead, head north on Madison Avenue and follow the signage for the trail as it continues under I-70. Entering Kansas and crossing the Woodswether Bridge, a new segment provides access to Lewis and Clark Kaw Point Park. Or continue on to reach the westernmost terminus of the trail



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**States:** Kansas, Missouri

**Counties:** Clay, Jackson, Wyandotte

Length: 8.6 miles

**Trail end points:** Berkley Riverfront (1298 River Front Dr, Kansas City, MO) to Jefferson St & Avenida Cesar E Chavez (Kansas City, MO)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Concrete

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

The Riverfront Heritage Trail runs between Berkley Riverfront (1298 River Front Dr, Kansas City, MO), Huron Park, Kaw Point Park (1403 Fairfax Trafficway, Kansas City, KS), and Jefferson St & Avenida Cesar E Chavez (Kansas City, MO).

Parking is available at several locations, including:

- Berkley Riverfront (1298 River Front Dr, Kansas City, MO)
- Ermine Case Junior Park (905 Jefferson St, Kansas City, MO)
- Mulkey Square Park (1100 Summit St, Kansas City, MO)
- Jarboe Park (1636 Jarboe St, Kansas City, MO)
- Huron Park (N 6th St & Armstrong Ave, Kansas City, KS)
- Kaw Point Park (1403 Fairfax Trafficway, Kansas City, KS)

Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for detailed directions.





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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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