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Guides



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Bridge &  
Cartwright  
Tunnel Trail**  
*North Dakota*



## Fairview Bridge & Cartwright Tunnel Trail

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Both historical and unique in its design, the Old Fairview Bridge was built to accommodate both cars and trains—though not at the same time! The Old Fairview Bridge and Cartwright Tunnel Trail is now open to pedestrians and cyclists to cross the Yellowstone River in North Dakota just east of Fairview, Montana.

In addition, the Cartwright Tunnel is another unusual feature of this short trail. The tunnel is 1,458 feet long and was built in 1912 and 1913—most of the digging having been done by hand. Horse- and mule-drawn machinery, along with blasting materials, were also used.

The bridge and tunnel were built by the Great Northern Railroad for its Montana Eastern Railway, which was never finished.



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**States:** North Dakota

**Counties:** McKenzie

Length: 1miles

**Trail end points:** Sundheim Park to CR 1  
(Cartwright)

**Trail surfaces:** Dirt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Wheelchair  
Accessible, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available at Sundheim Park on the west bank of the Yellowstone River. Take State Route 200 and at the park's access road, head south.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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