

RIVER'S REDGES T.R.A.I.L. GREAT FALLS

TRAILS ALONG THE RESERVOIRS GREAT FALLS, MONTANA



Mayhem Trail

DIRECTIONS

To reach the Lewis & Clark Overlook, follow River Drive No. to Giant Springs Road and drive along the river to the Overlook. To reach the Rainbow Trailhead, follow 15th Street No. to Rainbow Dam Road and drive 6 miles to the trailhead. To get to the Ryan and Sulphur Spring Trailheads follow 15th St. No. and drive 5 miles north of Great Falls on US 87 to the Morony Dam Road turnoff and follow the signs.

LEGEND

- Streets/Roads
 - Paved Trails
 - Gravel Trails
 - Dirt Trails
 - Expert Dirt Trails
 - Rest Room
 - Trail Information
- 1/2 mile

THE LEWIS & CLARK HERITAGE GREENWAY

PPL Montana owns and operates the five hydroelectric developments on the Missouri River in the Great Falls area – Black Eagle, Rainbow, Cochrane, Ryan and Morony. In 1999 the Montana Power Company, former owner of the developments, donated a 2,415 acre conservation easement along Rainbow, Cochrane, Ryan and Morony reservoirs to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks. A second donation to MFWP was a public trail easement through these lands to provide recreational opportunities. The Montana Power Company also partnered with the R.K. Mellon Foundation to convey about 435 acres of lands at Sulphur Spring to MFWP.

The Lewis & Clark Heritage Greenway, located on PPL Montana property on the north shoreline of the Missouri River, permanently protects more than 12 miles of river frontage from commercial and residential development while providing recreational access and opportunities to residents and visitors. The greenway is cooperatively managed by PPL Montana, MFWP, the US Forest Service and other partners.

COCHRANE DAM TRAIL CROSSING

At 103 feet tall and 896 feet long, Cochrane Dam provides an occasional connection between trails on the south and north shorelines. PPL Montana opens Cochrane Dam to bike and pedestrian use on designated Saturdays and Sundays each year from May through September. For dates and times the crossing will be open see trailhead information kiosks or visit www.thetrail.org.

PARKING

1. Lewis & Clark Overlook Trailhead
2. Rainbow Trailhead
3. Upper Ryan Parking
4. Ryan Trailhead
5. Sulphur Spring Trailhead



Cochrane Dam



RYAN ISLAND DAY USE AREA

The Ryan Island Day Use Area, managed by PPL Montana, includes paved accessible paths, rest rooms, picnic tables, interpretive panels and fantastic views of Ryan Dam and "The Great Falls of the Missouri". The island is open daily from 8:00 AM until dark from Mother's Day through Labor Day. Parking and restroom facilities are available to accommodate visitors during the off season.



SULPHUR SPRING TRAIL

Walk this 1.8 mile pedestrian-only trail downstream to the spring and learn the story of these mineral waters that provided a cure for Sacagawea, the Indian woman on the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1805.



Morony Dam Road

16.

17.

Free flowing river the next 200 miles

FISHING AND HUNTING INFO

Fishing from the shore is allowed along the river in the City, in Giant Springs State Park, at Black Eagle Memorial Island and along the reservoirs, with a current Montana fishing license. Fishing from motorized or non-motorized boats is allowed upstream of Broadwater Bay, on Rainbow Reservoir and below Morony Dam. Information on fishing from motorized and non-motorized boats is available from Region 4 FWP, 4600 Giant Springs Road, and (406) 454-5840.

Seasonal hunting is permitted on the Lewis & Clark Heritage Greenway Conservation Easement but hunters must contact FWP, 4600 Giant Springs Road, for map, regulations and information prior to hunting.

Swimming and boating are NOT allowed on Cochrane, Ryan and Morony Reservoirs.

ATTRACTIONS

1. Colter Single Track Trail
2. Rainbow Dam/Rainbow Falls
3. Crooked Falls
4. Power Pole Single Track Trail
5. Whitmore Ravine
6. Mayhem Single Track Trail
7. Crooked Falls Managed Natural Area
8. Cochrane Dam
9. Ryan Dam/Great Falls of the Missouri
10. Ryan Island Day Use Area
11. Ryan Stone Building
12. Lost Fork Loop
13. Box Elder Creek
14. Dry Waterfall
15. Morony Dam/Boat Ramp
16. Sulphur Spring
17. Belt Creek confluence



Thanks to local volunteers who helped build the trails.



Great Falls of the Missouri



South Shore Trail

HELP TRAIL MANAGERS

The trail between Rainbow Trailhead and Sulphur Spring Trailhead on the north shore and Lewis & Clark Overlook and Whitmore Ravine on the south shore are managed by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (406) 454-5840. The south shore trail between Whitmore Ravine and Cochrane Dam is managed by the City of Great Falls (406) 771-1265. The pedestrian-only Sulphur Spring Trail is managed by the USDA Forest Service (406) 727-8733.

To report emergencies dial 9-1-1. Tare port illegal use of motor vehicles, vandalism, trail hazards or use after dark, call 1-800-TIP-MONT or the Cascade County Sheriff Department at 406-454-6848.



To trail website

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