

# Let's Ride the Clear Creek Trail!

Future trail extension under I80/380 to Tiffin(2022). Clear Creek Trail continues to Kent Park

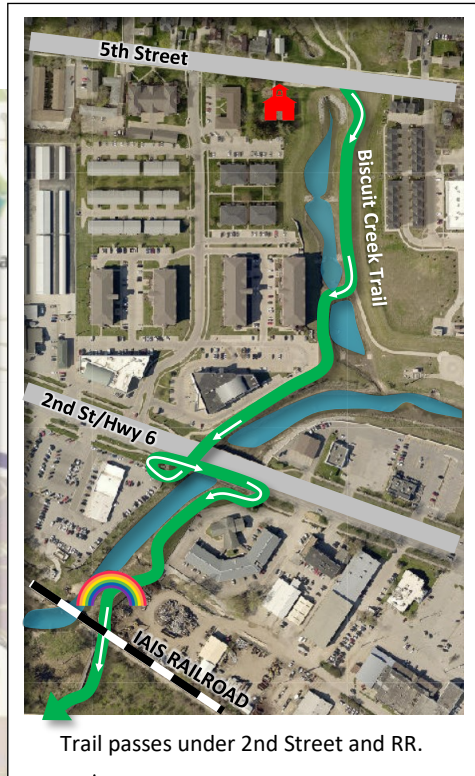
Nature, singletrack (mountain bike) cyclocross, and shopping and dining are all accessible from the Clear Creek Trail. The 5th Street loop is worth adding onto your ride as it will introduce you to two safe and easy locations to cross 2nd Street/Hwy 6.

From the Hawkeye Rec Fields to Creekside Cross is approx. 4 miles (8 miles round trip).

The 5th Street Loop will add about 1 mile to your ride. Reward yourself for the long ride by stopping off for nuts, smoothies, tacos, or empanadas along the do-



Snap a photo at the Rainbow Tunnel and post #ICBikeride



Trail passes under 2nd Street and RR.



Creekside Cross: 2.6 miles of mowed bicycle course + 2 miles of flow track. Open July 1 –Dec. 31.

**SHARE THE TRAIL**

**KEEP to the RIGHT**  
**PASS on LEFT**

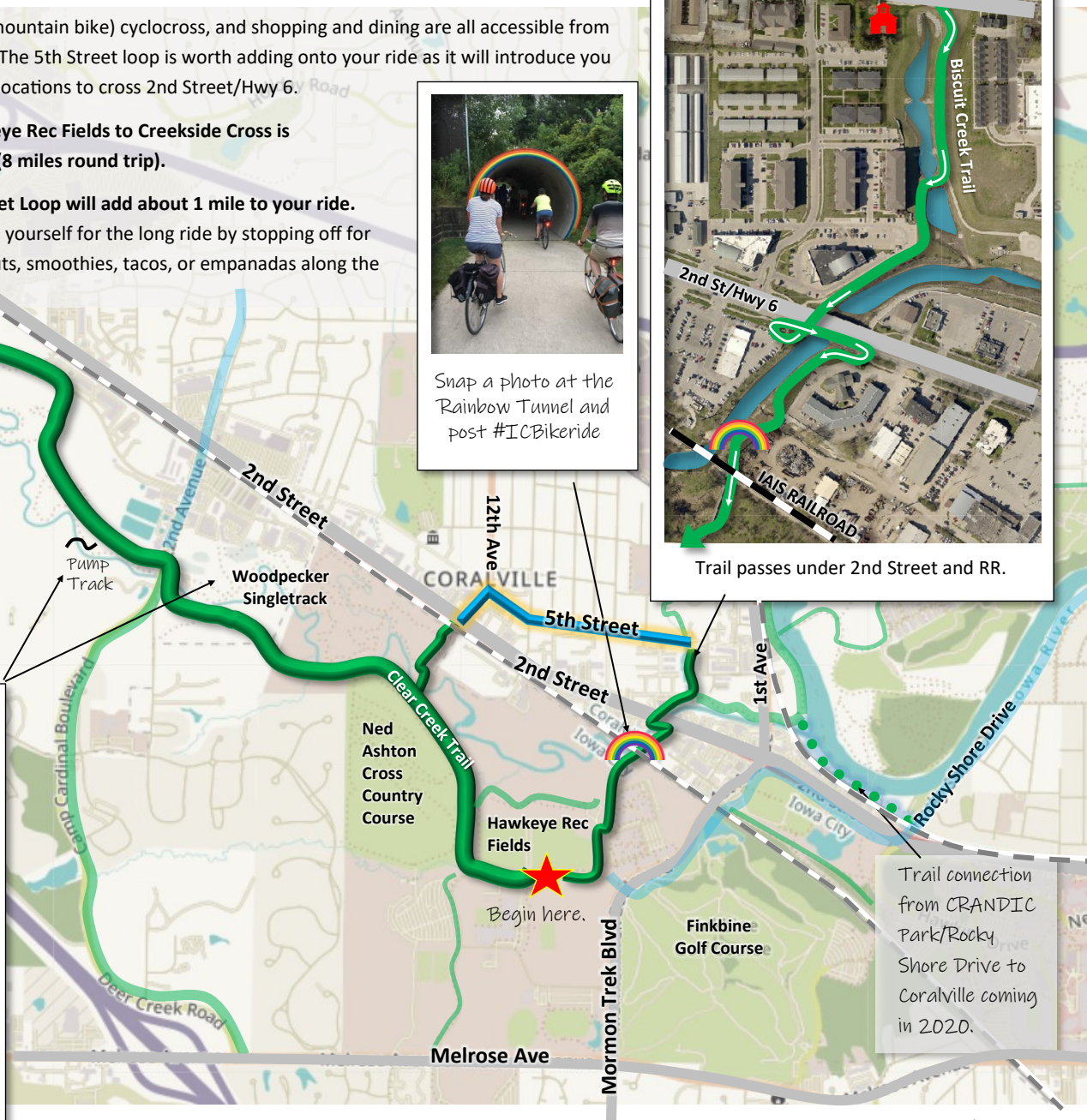
**BICYCLISTS:**  
Watch your speed  
YIELD to pedestrians

Alert others when passing

**Bicycle Friendly**



Woodpecker Singletrack: 5.9 miles of trails extending east and west of Camp Cardinal Blvd. along the creek.



Trail connection from CRANDIC Park/Rocky Shore Drive to Coralville coming in 2020.



### **Third Week—New Challenge!**

This is the 3rd in a series of routes designed to get you and your family (or friends) out bicycling. Each week (May-June) a new route will be published for you to ride whenever it is convenient for you. The goal is to introduce you to a new bicycle facility or route in a new part of the community. Each ride will present a new challenge or opportunity to get you feeling more comfortable bicycling in more situations. You will be introduced to new parks, neighborhoods, and adventures.

**Ready to step up your skills to the next level? This ride is about going the distance—8 miles round trip; 9 if you add the recommended on-street loop.**

**IMPORTANT: Bring water on the ride as public fountains are closed due to the Covid virus. There are restrooms at the trailhead at Camp Cardinal Blvd.**

ENJOY!

**A little bit of everything! That is what the Clear Creek Trail has to offer.** There are a few hills between the Ned Ashton Cross Country Course and Camp Cardinal Blvd. but the rest of the trail is pretty flat. Along the way you'll ride through woodlands, wetland, and prairie. Stop off to try mountain biking or the pump track if you are up to it. At the west end of the ride, you can see the Creekside Cross Cyclocross Park. It is closed now so the course can dry out; the course opens in July. Also, note that the Clear Creek Trail will be extended in 2002, running under I80/380 to Tiffin. From Tiffin, the trail continues west all the way to Kent Park. (Think of this as training for future summers when you can ride to Kent Park for a swim before riding home!) From the Clear Creek Trail you can get to the Coralridge Mall, the UI Rec Fields, and the west campus. It is a great route for recreation as well as commuting.

On your return, take the north fork (left) at Ned Ashton Cross Country Course to head up 12th Avenue and then east (left) on 5th Street—a low-traffic street. There are several great food stops along the way where you can get takeout—doughnuts, smoothies, empanadas, tacos! Treat yourself and support a local business.

From 5th Street, take the Biscuit Creek Trail south (right) just after the old schoolhouse. You will be able to cross under 2nd Street and then ride through the Rainbow Tunnel under the Iowa Interstate Railroad. This leads to a boardwalk trail through a little wetland area. You'll find yourself saying "Hey, I didn't know this was here!" You will be glad you tried this overlooked route. Also, we'll use this convenient link in future rides.

**Be sure to snap a photo along the way and post with #ICBikeride.**

### **Before you go:**

- Fill your water bottle and take it along.
- Make sure your tires are inflated and your brakes work.
- Wear a helmet and a light-colored shirt.
- A bike bell is always helpful for trail riding to let others know you wish to pass.
- Remember to ride to the right; pass on the left. Be courteous.
- Review your hand signals so you can use them to signal turns and stops.

You can find a helpful one-page guide called "Bicycling Rules of the Road" here: <https://www.mpoic.org/resources/publications>. The guide is provided in 6 languages: English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Spanish, and Swahili.