



North Dakota News

Sunset on the Wakopa Trail.

Recent Success

Historical Path leads into future!

St. John, North Dakota

The Wakopa Trail's first phase has been completed! This multi-use trail will be a terrific opportunity for residents and visitors of the northern section of North Dakota to get outside and follow in the footsteps of those before them.

The Wakopa Trail is an important component of the history of transportation in the Turtle Mountain Region. The original Wakopa Trail led from St. John north to the Canadian border and south from St. John to Rolla as part of the Devils Lake Trail system. The new trail was developed from an abandoned rail corridor (the Burlington Northern). This trail system was initially a path used by the Native Americans on foot or on horseback, followed by trappers and traders, then ox carts and buggies. It parallels a main stage line and mail route, which in turn was expanded to accommodate the automobile travel we use today on the Turtle Mountain Scenic Byway.

The Wakopa Trail project helps interpret this history, as well as accommodates multiple alternative year-round non-motorized transportation opportunities. Funds for the development of the corridor were primarily Transportation Enhancement funds, through the ND DOT and technical assistance was provided by the NPS RTCA program.

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