

Trail Information

Kolonieweg was built in 1998 with funds raised by Amana Colonies Trails, Inc. a nonprofit group working in cooperation with the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and the Amana Society, Inc. In addition to the generous support of local individuals and businesses, major grant funding was received from the Iowa Department of Transportation. Signs located on the trail were paid for by a grant from The Greater Cedar Rapids Foundation. Restoration of the Amana Depot was provided in part by a grant from Prairie Meadows Racing Association of Central Iowa. Trail maintenance is funded by our generous donors and fund raising events.

Support the Trail!

The Amana Colonies Trails, Inc. is a non-profit 5013c that manages on-going trail maintenance and the future plans of extending Kolonieweg to eventually connect all seven villages.

Donations are thankfully accepted and appreciated. Check with your employer to see if they provide a company match to your donation.

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Your comments are welcome too!

Become a Volunteer!

If you are interested in participating in trail projects, maintenance or sensational fund raising events, then we want you!

Volunteers get to assist and contribute to a variety of programs and events. Call or check the website for additional information.

Help Pave the Way!



This is a wonderful opportunity for you to help pave the Amana Colonies Recreational (Kolonieweg) Trail and make a contribution to our fund raising effort. With a contribution of \$200 for a brick or \$1000 for a paver, we will personalize it per your specifications and place it within the display along the trail for all to see.

Attend a Fund Raising Event!!

Each year the Amana Freezer 5K Run\Walk is held during Winterfest in January and the Rock the Trail dance party during Maifest in May. Come out and enjoy the entertainment and activities while also supporting the trail!

Sponsor a Fund Raising Event!

Event sponsorship is a unique opportunity to advertise your business/service while also supporting the trail. Please call or check the trail website for additional information.

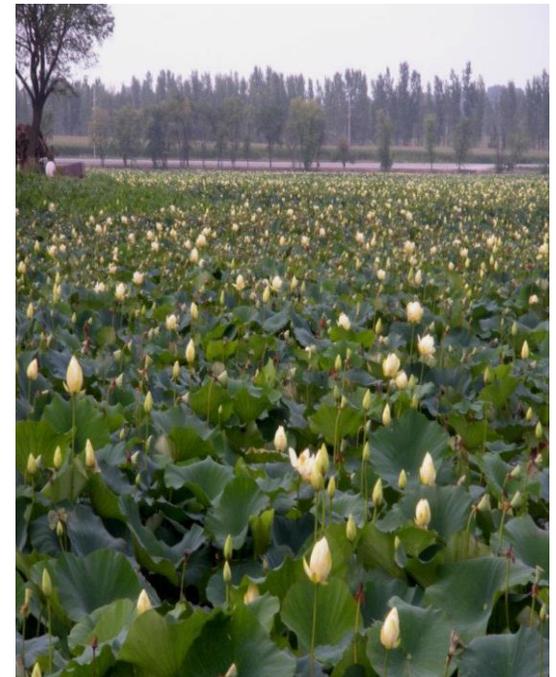
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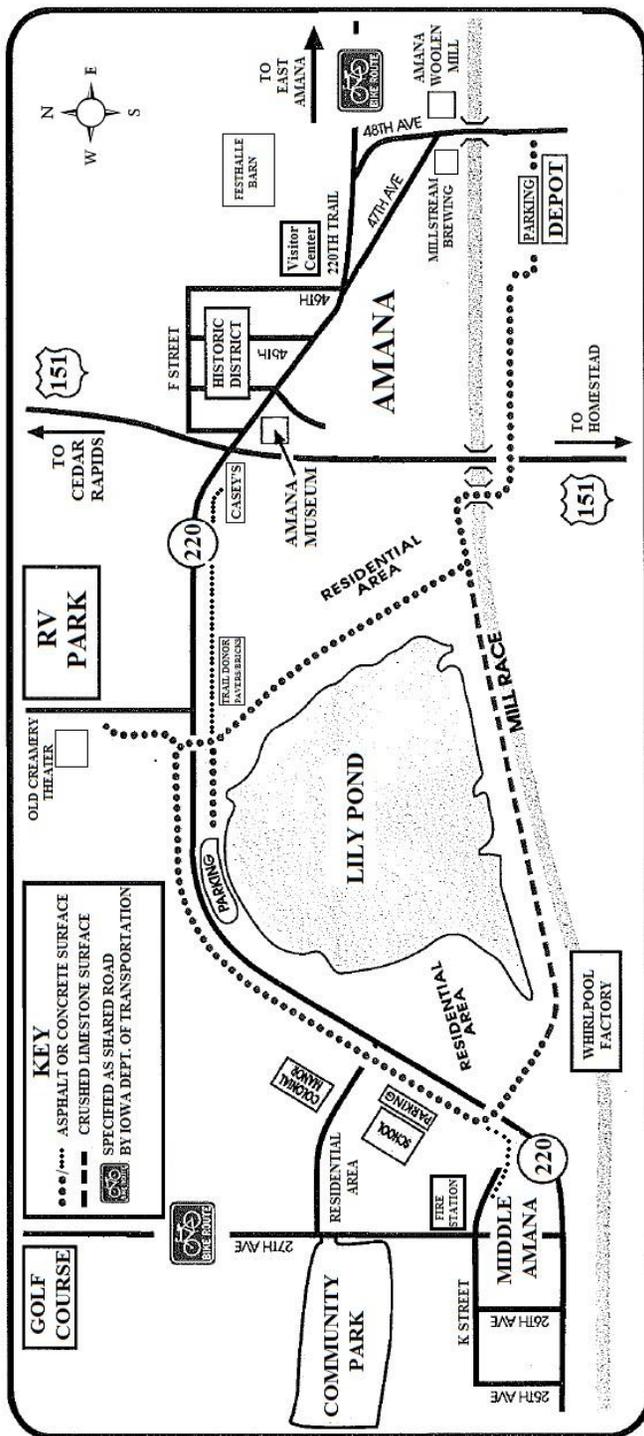


Welcome to the Amana Colonies Recreational Trail, Kolonieweg!

The Kolonieweg (German for Colony Trail) is approximately five miles of trail connecting the villages of Amana and Middle Amana. Fun to bike or walk, the trail offers views of Amana waterways, the Lily Lake and colony Farmland.



Recreational Trail Map



Connecting Routes

From Kolonieweg you can access rural roads and village streets to make a longer bike tour of the Amana Colonies (see map). Take a bike trip on Kolonieweg to Middle Amana then north on county road (27th Ave.) past the Amana Colonies Golf Course. Or complete the Kolonieweg loop and head east from the Depot through Main Amana to East Amana.

“Walk, run or ride. There are activities for everyone. Stay the day, or longer. Plan your adventure and Come Explore with Us!”

Trail Entrances and Parking Areas

- Park your car at the Amana Depot in Amana, one block south of the Amana Woolen Mill in the sawmill complex area. The Amana Depot is listed on the National Historic Register.
- Parking is also available at the Lily Pond picnic area (north shore) along Highway 220.
- Or park at the Clear Creek Amana School.

Points of Interest Along the Trail

- The Mill Race Canal is over 6 miles in length and extends from west of West Amana to Amana.
- The Lily Lake is a wonderful habitat for a variety of birds, including geese, pelicans, herons and bald eagles. The lilies bloom in mid-July, early August.
- Personalized Trail Donor pavers and bricks display.

Trail Activities

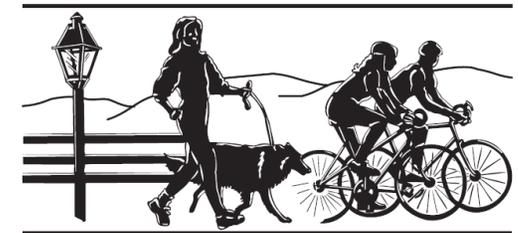
History - In various locations throughout the trail you will find sign exhibits that are specific to that area. It's a wonderful opportunity to get a brief history lesson.

Walk and Learn - The portion of the trail in front of the school provides activities for everyone to learn something new.

Geocaching - Geocaching is the real-world treasure hunt that's happening right now, all around you. There are several in the Amana Colonies area. www.geocaching.com

Observation Areas - As you venture around the trail, you will find several benches to rest and relax on as you take in the beauty and nature around you. There is also a pavilion picnic area available on the Lily Lake side of the trail.

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