

31st Annual Youth Day

Join us for a fun

Duck Race



Celebrate and bring community support to
the Youth of Franklin County.

June 6th - 10am-1pm

City Park, Ottawa



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INTERNATIONAL

FROM RAILS TO TRAILS



*Celebrating
30 Years!*
1996-2026

The Leavenworth, Lawrence & Galveston Railroad (LL&G) was chartered in 1858 to create Kansas' first major north-south rail line. Tracks were built through Ottawa (1868) and Garnett (1869), continuing south through Iola and further into southeast Kansas, later becoming part of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe system. The rail line operated until the mid-1970s. In 1990 it was sold to the Kansas City Terminal Railway.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks requested public use of the rail corridor so it could be "railbanked" and preserved as a future trail. In 1992, the title to the corridor between Ottawa and Iola was transferred to the state agency for the development of a non-motorized rail-trail, making the Prairie Spirit Trail Kansas' first significant rail-trail and a catalyst for subsequent trails across the state. The cities of Garnett, Iola and Ottawa backed the plan.

PHASE I - March 30, 1996, the first 17-mile section around Garnett, from Richmond through Garnett to Welda, officially opened with a grand celebration at the Garnett depot.

PHASE II - 1998 the northern 16-mile segment from Ottawa to Richmond officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony in Ottawa.

PHASE III - The southern 18 miles of trail from Welda to Iola was completed in 2008. Ottawa and Iola have added an additional mile each, bringing the trail's total to 53 miles.



Iola

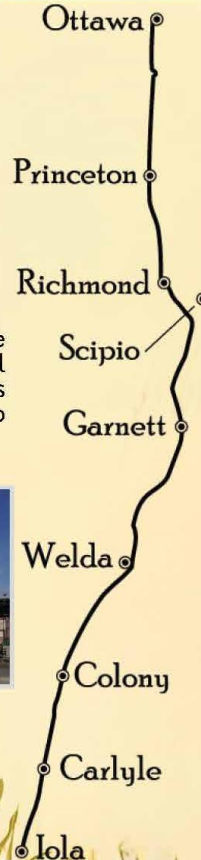
Today, the Prairie Spirit Trail State Park connects to the Southwind Trail at Iola, and intersects the Flint Hills Trail (Osawatomie to Herington) to the north at Ottawa.



Old Museum Depot, Ottawa



Lake Garnett, along Prairie Spirit Trail



PRAIRIE SPIRIT RAIL TRAIL STATE PARK

The first significant
rails-to-trails project in
Kansas!

Join us:
June 6, 2026

**NATIONAL TRAILS DAY
SANTA FE DEPOT
7th & MAIN STREET
GARNETT, KANSAS**

*Event Parking at 9th Avenue
and Oak Street.

rails to trails conservancy

Hall of Fame

INDUCTEE

In 2011, the Prairie Spirit Trail State Park was inducted into the Rails to Trails Conservancy Hall of Fame.



kansasoutdoors.gov
simplygarnett.com

Friends of the Prairie Spirit Trail group page



Garden Party Sale

June 6, 2026 - 10am-5pm

FRONT PORCH ANTIQUES. 534 N MAIN. OTTAWA, KS



THE
WET LILIES

≡ 4th Annual ≡

CUSTOMER Appreciation Party!



JUNE 6, 2026



6:00 PM



104 E LOGAN, OTTAWA, KS

FOOD TRUCKS

LIVE MUSIC

Queen Pins
TACO TRUCK



POUR SIP
Repeat



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