

Park Name: Ashton-Tetonia Trail		Statute #: 57-4212(28)	First Established: 1995	Acres: 190
Classification: Trailway		Primary Attraction: Old railroad right-of-way		
Secondary Attractions: Views of west side of the Grand Tetons. Trail crosses historic trestles.				
Recreation Activities: Hiking, biking, horseback riding, nordic skiing, and snowmobiling.				
History				
Local History: Construction of the Teton Valley branch of the Union Pacific Railroad began in 1910 and was completed in 1912 linking several rural towns in the Teton Valley. The railroad transported livestock, peas, grain and limestone. The line also provided some access to tourists traveling to Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons. The line was abandoned in 1984. The Conant Creek Pegram Truss Railroad Bridge was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on July 25, 1997.				
Park History: Using a Federal Highway Administration grant, the IDPR purchased the abandoned right-of-way. The Legislature appropriated operational funds in 1995. The trail was opened to the public in 2010.				
Natural Resources				
Types of Ecosystems Present: Agricultural lands with some lodgepole pine forest, aspen and riparian			Environmental Quality: Fair	
Significant Fauna: Elk, deer, moose, bears, pronghorn antelope, marmots, coyotes, fox, bald eagles, mountain lion, Columbia ground squirrel.				
Significant Flora: Agricultural related plants with the exception of Bitch Creek and other riparian lands. There are also copses of aspen within the right-of-way.				
Invasive/Noxious Species: Unknown			Elevation: 5,259' in Ashton and 6,047' in Tetonia. A 788' gain.	
% Developed: 100%	% Undeveloped: 0%		Non-conforming uses: Unknown	
Visitation				
Day Use: >2,500	Camping: 0	Annual Total: >2,500		
Economic Impact: not included in the 2018 BSU Study				
Recreation Amenities				
Paved Roads (Miles): 0		Gravel Roads (Miles): 0		Day Use Areas: 2
Paved Parking Lots: 0	Gravel Parking Lots: 5	Boat Ramps: 0	Docks: 0	Group Shelters: 0
Miles of trail (paved/gravel): 29.6		Miles of Trail (unimproved): 0		Visitor Centers: 0
Entrance Stations: 0	Improved Restrooms: 0	Vault Toilets: 2	Campsites Serviced (W,E,S): 0	
Campsites Serviced (W, E, or W&E): 0		Companion Campsites Serviced (W,E,S): 0		Dump Stations: 0
Companion Campsites Serviced (W,E): 0		Campsites Primitive/ Standard: 0	Group sites (including equestrian): 0	
Camping Cabins: 0	Deluxe Cabins: 0	Yurts: 0	Cottages: 0	
Future Plans				

A master plan has yet to be developed. There has been mention of the possibility of paving the trail from Ashton to Fall River. Some other interest groups dream of a full loop trail that connects to Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park and back to Victor , Driggs, and Teton.

Issues and Remarks

The park consists of a 29.6 mile long abandoned railroad right-of-way that has a gravel surface. The park is managed by Harriman SP. There are five bridges and restored rail trestles that will require periodic maintenance. Currently there is a 1.4 mile section that requires a detour because land owners are opposed to trail use across their properties.