

# Flint Hills Tallgrass Prairie Preserve Trails

## Bluestem Trail

**Length:** 2.5 miles (4.2 km) roundtrip

**Terrain:** Natural prairie grass path, approximately 5 feet wide; slope ranges from flat to 15% with a few short, steep hills; 4 stream crossings which may be slick

**Cautions:** Be prepared to get your feet wet. Go slow in wet areas and turn back if the water is high.

**Hint:** Stop and listen to the water and other sounds of nature under the trees.

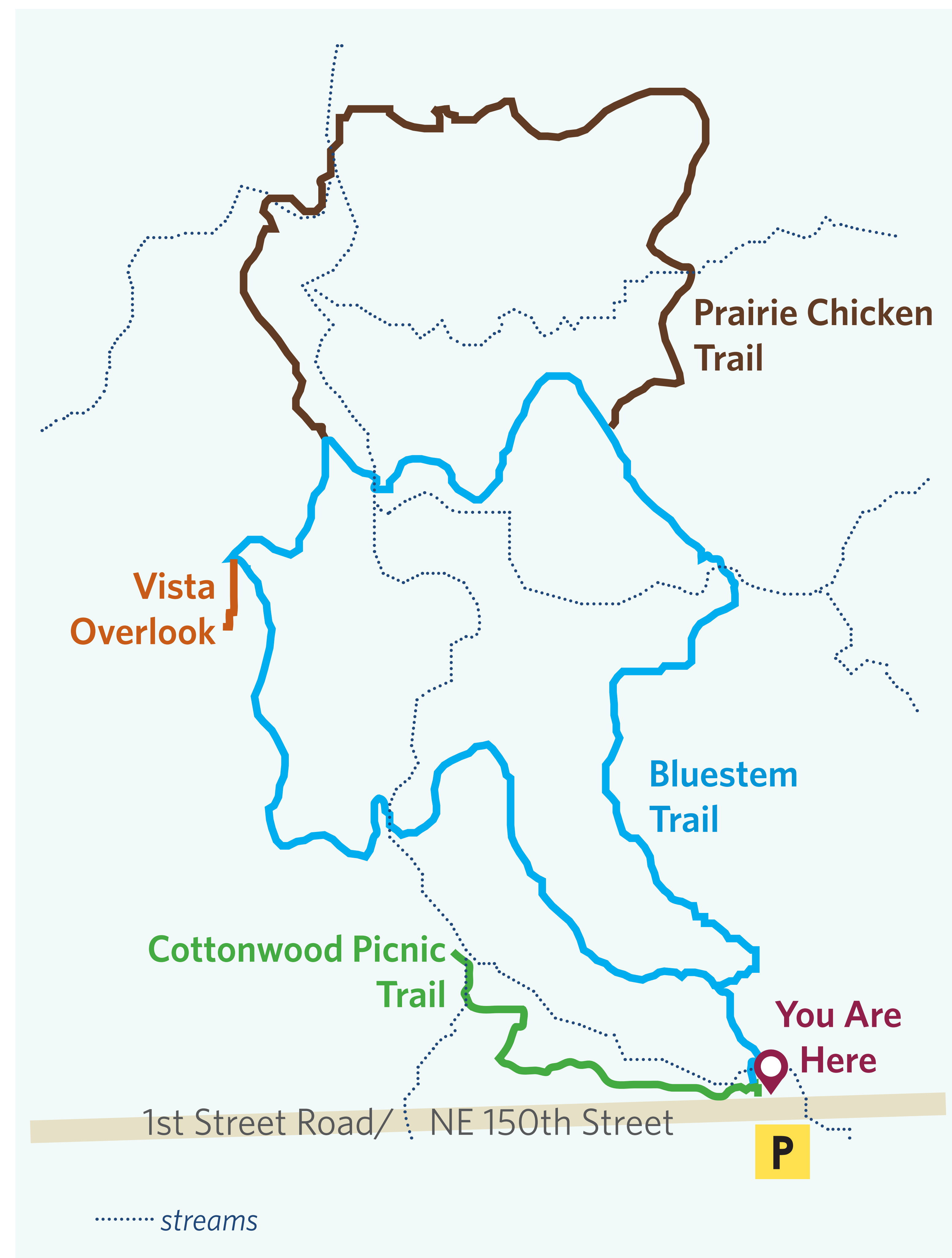
## Cottonwood Picnic Trail

**Length:** 1/2 mile (0.7 km) each way

**Terrain:** Natural prairie grass path, approximately 5 feet wide; slope is nearly level with limited curves

**Cautions:** In some places, steep ledges have naturally formed. For your safety, stay on the designated trail to view them.

**Hint:** A picnic area is tucked under the trees at the end of this trail, but there are no trash cans. You'll need to carry out everything you bring in.



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## Prairie Chicken Trail

**Length:** 1.3 miles (2.1 km)

**Terrain:** Natural prairie grass path, narrower than 5 feet in places; steep slopes with unstable rocky footing; 3 stream crossings which may be slick

**Cautions:** Protect yourself! Take plenty of water, wear sun protection, and stay on the trail. Stream crossings may not be passable during high water.

**Hint:** This trail provides a dramatic, nearly vertical view down into the river corridor.

## Vista Overlook

**Length:** 0.2 miles (0.1 km) each way

**Terrain:** Natural prairie grass path, approximately 5 feet wide; slope approximately 6% for the entire length

**Cautions:** Rocks on the trail surface may be slippery

**Hint:** At an elevation of 1,545 feet above sea level, this is the highest point on the preserve. Plan to stop and take in the views from all directions before heading back.

## Visitor Rules

This nature preserve is privately owned by The Nature Conservancy. Please respect our neighbors and the preserve boundaries.

- Access is limited to marked hiking trails within fenced pasture.
- Trails are open during daylight hours only.
- Take all trash, including pet waste, with you.
- Trails are for pedestrian traffic only, except for wheelchairs.
- No bicycles, ATVs, UTVs, or horses are allowed.
- No camping, hunting, trapping, fishing, or fires.
- Take nothing but pictures. Fossil hunting and collecting of any kind—including rocks, flowers and plants, even if found lying on the ground—is not allowed.