

PHEASANT RIDGE TRAIL



ALMA,
a thriving, little town located
along the Southern coast of
NEBRASKA,
boasts a beautiful landscape that overlooks
the Republican River Valley.

**The Pheasant Ridge Trail
can be found just off
Hwy 183, on South Street.
It continues along the
shoreline for three miles,
ending at Methodist Cove.**

**Step up your pace for exercise
or just relax at one of the
various vistas. Let nature
capture your spirit and be
greeted by this wandering pathway.**

ENJOY THE TRAIL, BUT USE IT COURTEOUSLY!

TRAIL GUIDELINES

Be respectful of other trail users regardless
of speed, level of skill or mode.
Anticipate other trail users around
corners and blind spots.

Keep to the right of the trail. Save the
left for passing.

When passing, give a clear warning signal
in advance. Hikers, joggers, bikers
listen for the signals from other trail users.

Stay on the designated trail. Do not trespass.

Motorized vehicles prohibited except for
motorized wheelchairs.

Bikes yield to all other trail users.

Keep pets on a **SHORT** leash and under
control at all times.

Pick up your own litter and whatever your
pet leaves behind.

Pheasant Ridge Trail
was completed in
October, 2005.
This project was granted to the
City of Alma by the
Nebraska Game and Parks
Commission and by the
Nebraska Department of Roads.

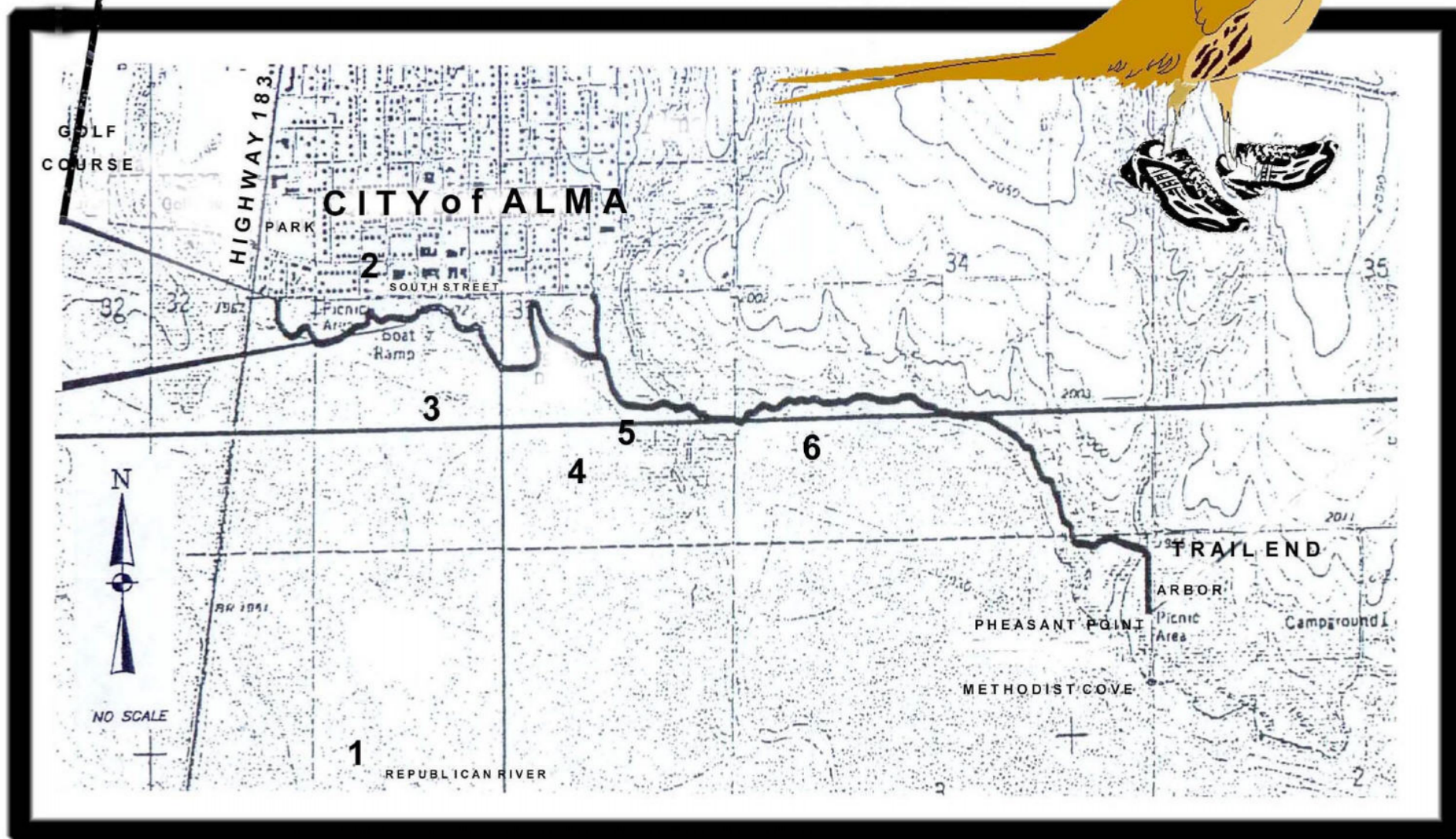
HISTORICAL SITES ALONG THE TRAIL

1. The Indians named the Republican River "Buffalo Dung,"
from the huge herds of buffalo who found it a haven.
2. The Guyer Hotel was located on present day South St.
and claims to have housed Buffalo Bill and Nelson Bucks
surveyors who were later killed by Indians. It was con-
structed of logs and erected in 1873.
3. The Burlington Railroad came thru Alma in 1873. It was
moved from its river route to a site North of Alma when
the Dam was built in 1952.
4. The Republican River Valley Flood occurred in 1935.
This is the area where the worried Mrs. Bohling went
to help her boys with cattle and was swept away by
the water. She was a casualty, but her boys were
found several days later, clinging to a tree.
5. In 1879, the North Surveyor Party and Chief Bear Claw of the Pawnee tribe
met along the banks of Cook Creek. There is a picture of this meeting
in the Alma history book, Alma Toward The Year 2000.
6. This is the site of the first Homestead in Harlan County. In 1870, J. W. Foster
built the first house, a dugout. The site became known as Foster Grove and
in 1871, the first sermon was preached, here.
On that same day, in 1871, William McBride was shot and killed becoming
the first shooting death in the county. It is believed he was buried on land now
known as the Shallenberger residence and that the body was never moved.
That home, at the time of this writing, is owned by Bonnie Collison.
Foster Grove is also the site where the election establishing the
County seat, in 1871, was held.
Mr. Foster died in 1891 and was buried on this property. His grave,
with the original stone, was moved to the Alma Cemetery when the lake formed.

TRAIL ENTRY

PHEASANT RIDGE TRAIL

DISTANCE: 3 MILES



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