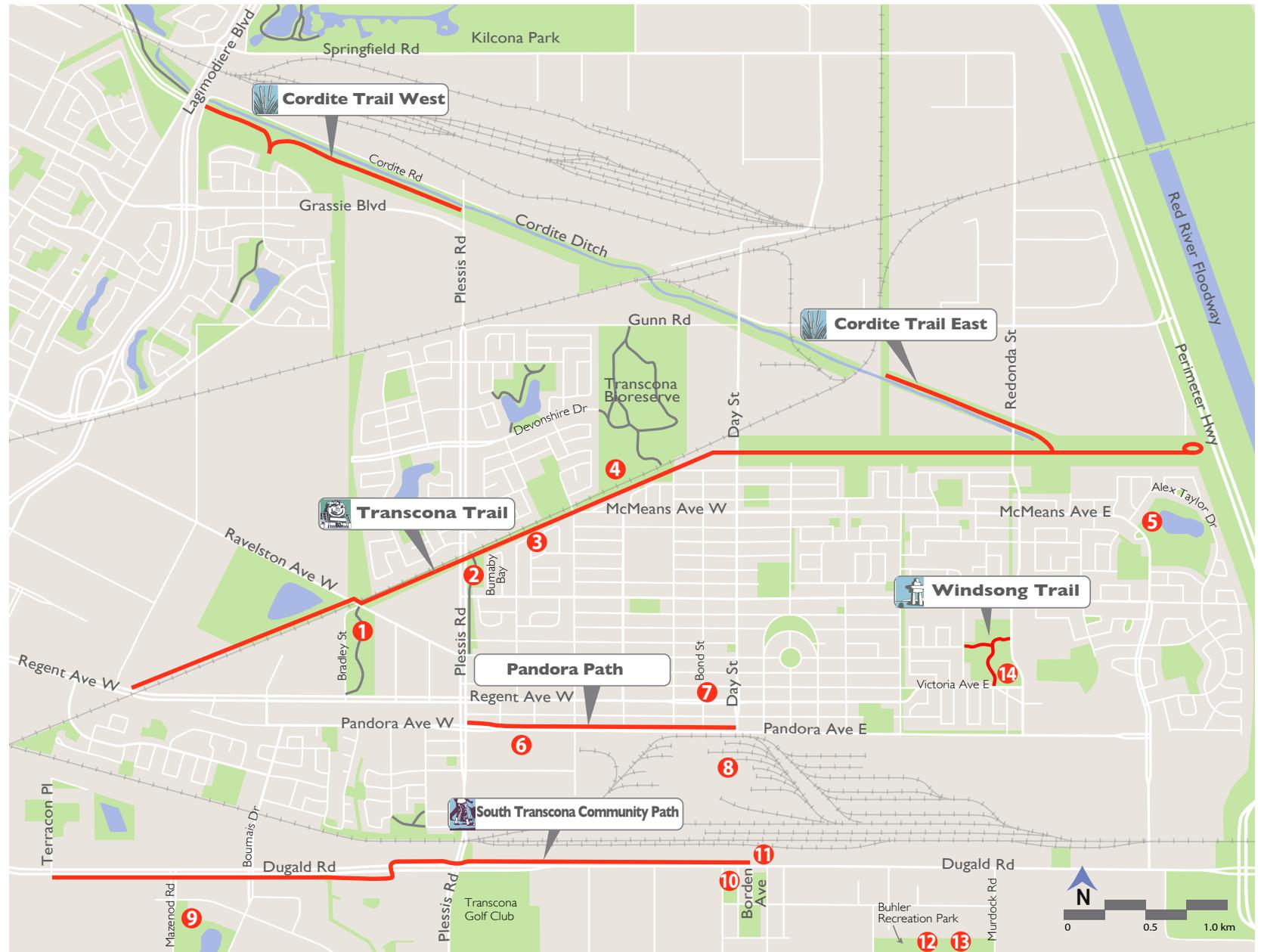




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*TRANSCONA TRAILS INC. is a non-profit group of volunteers working since 2003 to build a recreational trail system and preserve green spaces in Transcona. We encourage using trails for active commuting and recreation. To join our association, volunteer or donate please phone Gail at 222-9688.*

*For information check our website*

*<http://www.mts.net/~ttrails/>.*

*For detailed trail maps, also see*

*[www.WinnipegTrails.ca](http://www.WinnipegTrails.ca)*



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## **TRANSCONA TRAIL-6.7 KM**

Transcona Trail follows a variety of hydro lines along a Manitoba Hydro right of way. The western section of the trail follows the Central Manitoba rail line and is bordered by chain link fence on both sides.

1. **Rotary Tall Grass Nature Park**—Just over 0.7 km of limestone trail weave through a rare patch of relatively untouched wet prairie that has never been ploughed.
2. **Train Park**—Home to Locomotive #2747, the first steam locomotive to be built in western Canada.
3. **Off leash dog area**—This section of trail from Plessis Road to Hoka Avenue between the Manitoba Central Railway tracks and well kept backyards, is an off leash dog area. Please clean up after your pets on the trails.
4. **Transcona Community Bioreserve**—This former site of an industrial plant has been turned into a naturalized park with over 1.6 km of crushed limestone trails.
5. **George Olive Park**—This 16 acre nature park named for a former mayor of Transcona, has ponds, waterfowl and its own trails. The area was chosen to be preserved because it is an excellent example of a natural southern Manitoba marsh ecosystem.

## **CORDITE TRAIL WEST-1.8 KM / CORDITE TRAIL EAST-1.1 KM**

The Cordite Trail is named after the Cordite Plant that was built in Transcona because of close proximity to water, fuel, power, labour and rail lines. Between 1941 and 1945, the plant manufactured cordite, an explosive material used in munitions along with nitrocellulose and nitro-glycerine, also used in explosives. As you travel the trail, you will see historical interpretive signs.

## **PANDORA PATH-1.7 KM**

The Pandora Pathway is a asphalt multi-use trail that borders the north side of Pandora Avenue West from Plessis Road to Day Street. This paved path was recently constructed to provide a safe commuter east / west route.

6. **New Flyer Industries**—headquartered in Winnipeg, this is North America's leading manufacturer of heavy-duty buses.
7. **Transcona Historical Museum**—(141 Regent Ave W) maintains and promotes the history, stories and community spirit of Transcona. Exhibits explore the origins of Transcona and the accomplishments of its citizens. Visitors can learn about our railway heritage, veterans, community builders and The Greatest Transconians. There are also extensive archaeology and lepidoptera collections.

8. **CNR Transcona Yards**—Transcona has long been known as a railway town, and the CNR Transcona Yards have maintained a large presence in this area. Transcona was founded in 1909 as the site of the repair shops for the Grand Trunk Pacific and National Transcontinental Railways. Its name is derived from combining Transcontinental with Strathcona, the name of Donald Smith, Lord Strathcona, a former Manitoban who was instrumental in building Canada's first railway. Today the successor to these railways, Canadian National Railway, is still a major employer in the community.

## **SOUTH TRANSCONA COMMUNITY PATH-4.2 KM**

Residents of SouthTranscona used to walk through the CNR shops to get to downtown Transcona on a pathway known as 'The Midway'. When CNR closed that pathway there was no safe way to walk or cycle between South Transcona and the rest of Transcona. This paved path provides a safe commuter path and is enjoyed best on a bike.

9. **Mazenod off leash dog park**—This unfenced, off-leash park is located in the area surrounding the retention pond in the St. Boniface Industrial Park.
10. **South Transcona**—South Transcona is a small suburb that looks and feels like a small town. The South Transcona Community Path ends in South Transcona. Continue cycling

*east approximately 2 kilometres to Murdoch Road. Turn south at Murdoch Road and cycle one kilometre to the Buhler Recreation Park.*

11. **Malting Plant**—Malteurop Malting is one of the largest barley and malting barley producers in the world with an annual production capacity of 90,000 tonnes of Pilsen malt, used by brewers as a base malt, particularly for lagers.
12. **Buhler Recreation Park**—(135 Murdock Rd) The park has ball diamonds, athletic fields for soccer, flag football, ultimate Frisbee and field lacrosse. 5 km of fitness trails and a canteen that may be open on summer evenings.
13. **Lake Shirley Water Ski Park**—this man-made lake built for the 1999 Pan American Games is used for water ski events as well as dragon boat races.

## **WINDSONG TRAIL-0.5 KM**

Windsong Trail is located in Victoria Jason Park. The park is named in memory of Victoria Jason, former Transcona resident who in 1994, became the only woman to paddle solo and complete the Northwest Passage journey in her kayak. Jason gave her kayak the name Windsong for the sound it made as it cut through the waters.

14. **Victoria Jason Park**—home to a skateboard park, baseball and fields, play structures and toboggan hill.