



On the Trail: Little Willow Way

Explore local hiking, biking and equestrian trails with Big Sky Community Organization's summer trail series.



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Little Willow Way is Big Sky's premier river walk. Enjoy a leisurely walk, run or bike ride along the West Fork of the Gallatin River on the 1.6-mile trail.

Little Willow Way is perfect for all ages and abilities, known for excellent views of Lone Mountain, moose sightings and beautiful river access spots to play, wade or fish in the meandering river.

This time of year the sound of the river combined with bountiful wildflowers like Indian paintbrush, wild rose and lupine provides a sensory experience that cannot be beat.

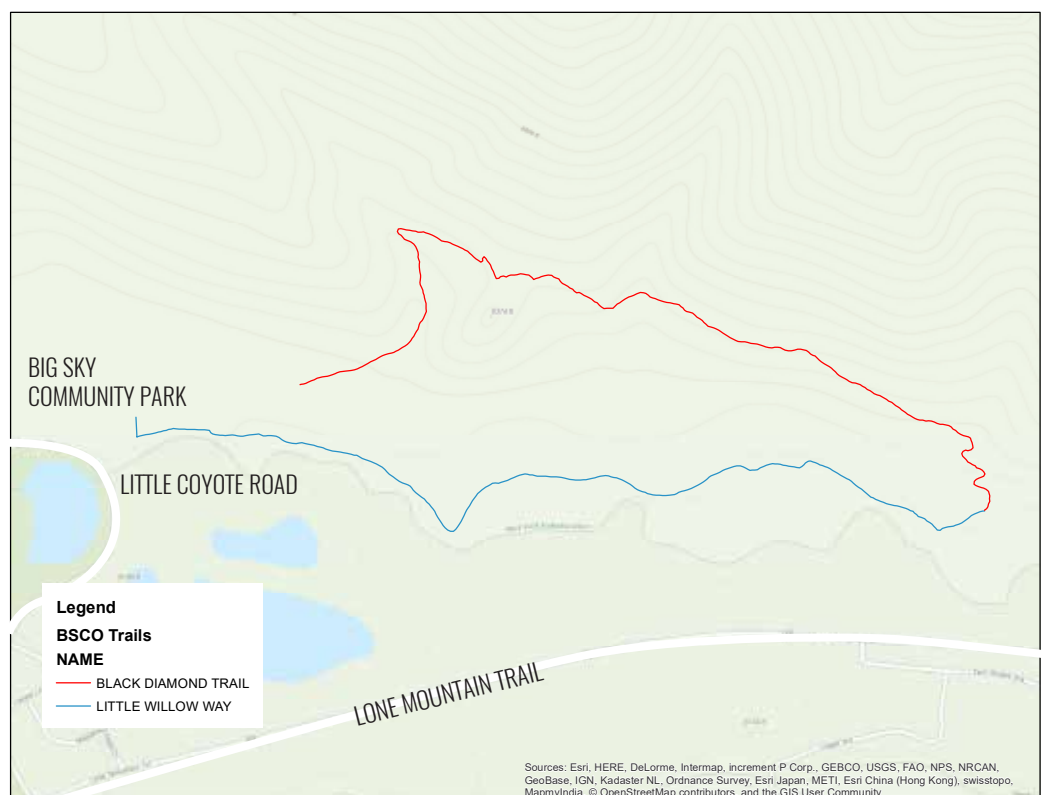
We recommend this trail as an excellent place to take novice hikers, young children, or your dog for a walk. For those looking for a bit more of a challenge, this trail also connects to our Black Diamond Trail, which provides an additional .8-mile stretch of moderate-level terrain.

For more information about Big Sky's Parks, Trails & Recreation Programs visit bscomt.org. The Big Sky Community Organization is a local nonprofit that connects people to recreational opportunities by acquiring, promoting and preserving sustainable places and programs for all.

Little Willow Way starts at the Big Sky Community Park and follows the West Fork of the Gallatin River. PHOTO BY CIARA WOLFE

			
Distance 1.6 Miles Roundtrip	Surface Gravel	Uses Walk, run, and bike	Difficulty Easy

Directions:
From Meadow Village, head north on Little Coyote Road, go past the Big Sky Chapel and pond and take the first road on the right. Look for the Big Sky Community Park entrance sign and park near the picnic pavilion next to the playground area in the park. The trail starts at the pavilion.



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