When complete, the Mill Towns State Trail will connect the cities of Faribault, Dundas, Northfield, Waterford, Randolph and Cannon Falls, for a distance of approximately 25 miles. The trail will be an important link in the developing southeast Minnesota trail system, connecting the Sakatah Singing Hills State Trail in Faribault with the western end of the Cannon Valley Trail in Cannon Falls.

There are currently three sections of trail open for use:

A 2-mile paved section between Cannon Falls and Lake Byllesby, connects with Hannah’s Bend Park and the city of Cannon Falls trails which in turn, connect to the nearly 20 mile Cannon Valley Trail to the east. The western end connects with two county parks, Dakota County’s Lake Byllesby Regional Park and Goodhue County’s Byllesby Park.

A second 3-mile paved section connects the cities of Northfield and Dundas. This trail was built as a local trail but has been considered a part of the Mill Towns State Trail since the Master Plan was completed in 2005. The trail connects with the city of Northfield trails near Babcock and Riverside Parks on the north end and with the city of Dundas trailhead and local trails on the south end.

A third, 1-mile segment exists in Faribault between 17th St. NW and Park Ave. This segment connects to a network of local trails and city parks.

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A separate treadway for snowmobiles is groomed between Cannon Falls and Lake Byllesby. There is also a short, shared-use segment open for snowmobile use between Dundas and Northfield. Snowmobiles must be registered and have a snowmobile state trail sticker to use these trails.

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