

# Calculating Line Lengths and Statistics

QGIS Tutorials and Tips



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For convenience, you may directly download a copy of the dataset from the link below:

[ne\\_10m\\_railroads\\_north\\_america..zip](#)

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1. □□□□ :menuselection: `Layer --> Add Vector Layer`□ □□□□.



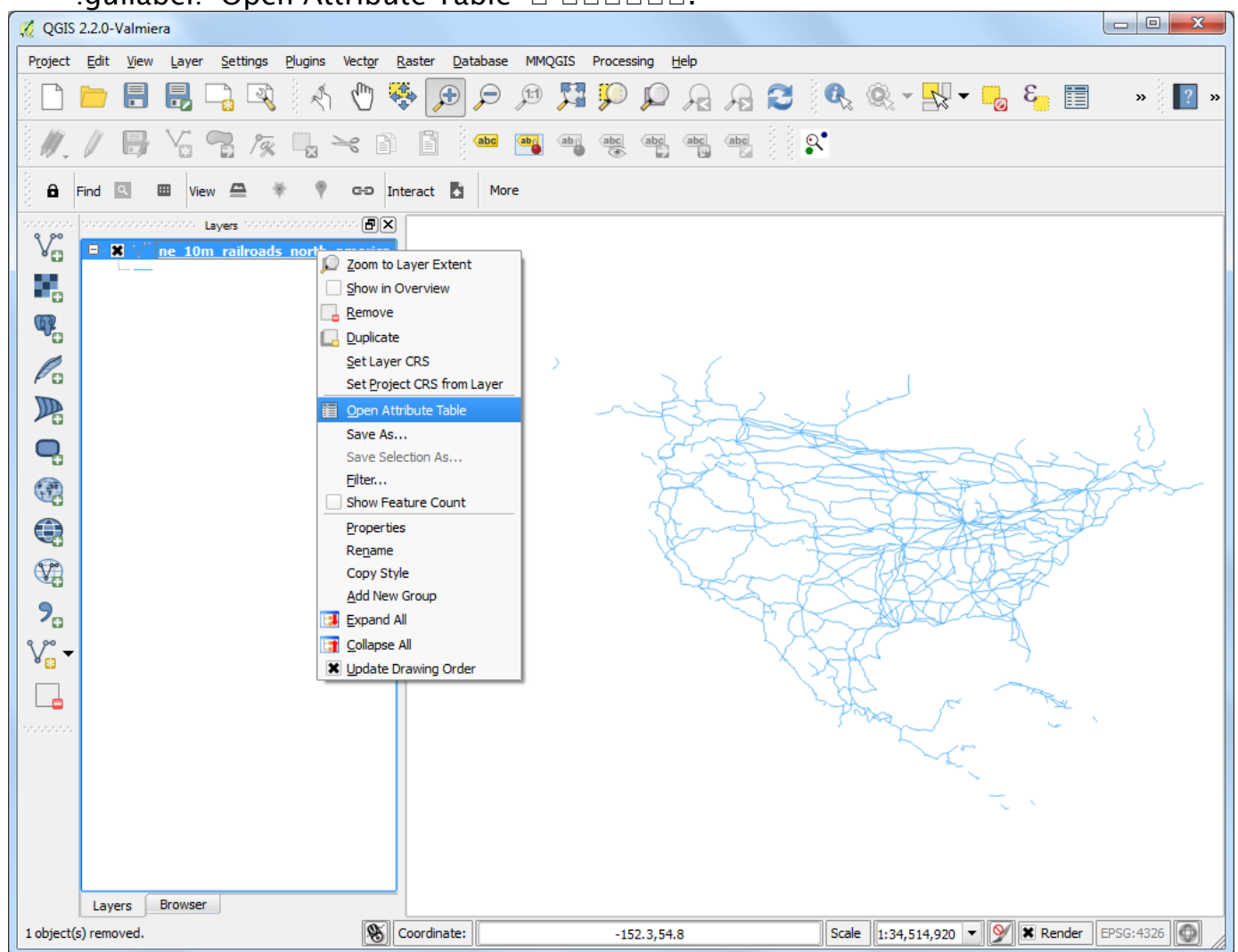
2. ``ne\_10m\_railroads\_north\_america.zip`` □□□ □□□ :guilabel: ``OK`` □ □□□□□.



3. In the Select layers to add... dialog, choose *ne\_10m\_railroads\_north\_america.shp* layer.



4. 00 0000 0000 000000 00 00 0000 0000 00 00 0000 0000. 0 000000 0000 00 0000 0000 0000, 000000 00 0000 0000 0000. 000000 0000 0000 0000 0000 :guilabel: `Open Attribute Table` 0 0000000.



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Attribute table - ne\_10m\_railroads\_north\_america :: Features total: 1127, filtered: 1127, selected: 0

|    | scalerank | featurecla | sov_a3 | uident | add | natrscale | continent     |
|----|-----------|------------|--------|--------|-----|-----------|---------------|
| 0  | 8         | Railroad   | USA    | 1506   | 0   | 0         | North America |
| 1  | 9         | Railroad   | USA    | 1606   | 1   | 5         | North America |
| 2  | 8         | Railroad   | USA    | 1706   | 0   | 0         | North America |
| 3  | 8         | Railroad   | USA    | 1806   | 0   | 0         | North America |
| 4  | 8         | Railroad   | USA    | 1906   | 0   | 0         | North America |
| 5  | 8         | Railroad   | USA    | 2006   | 0   | 0         | North America |
| 6  | 8         | Railroad   | USA    | 2106   | 0   | 0         | North America |
| 7  | 9         | Railroad   | USA    | 2206   | 1   | 5         | North America |
| 8  | 8         | Railroad   | USA    | 2306   | 0   | 0         | North America |
| 9  | 8         | Railroad   | USA    | 2406   | 0   | 0         | North America |
| 10 | 8         | Railroad   | USA    | 2506   | 0   | 0         | North America |
| 11 | 8         | Railroad   | USA    | 2606   | 0   | 0         | North America |
| 12 | 8         | Railroad   | USA    | 2706   | 0   | 0         | North America |
| 13 | 8         | Railroad   | USA    | 2806   | 0   | 0         | North America |
| 14 | 9         | Railroad   | USA    | 2906   | 1   | 5         | North America |
| 15 | 9         | Railroad   | USA    | 3006   | 1   | 5         | North America |
| 16 | 8         | Railroad   | USA    | 3106   | 0   | 0         | North America |
| 17 | 8         | Railroad   | USA    | 3206   | 0   | 0         | North America |
| 18 | 8         | Railroad   | USA    | 3306   | 0   | 0         | North America |
| 19 | 8         | Railroad   | USA    | 3506   | 0   | 0         | North America |
| 20 | 8         | Railroad   | USA    | 3606   | 0   | 0         | North America |
| 21 | 8         | Railroad   | USA    | 3706   | 0   | 0         | North America |
| 22 | 8         | Railroad   | USA    | 3806   | 0   | 0         | North America |
| 23 | 9         | Railroad   | USA    | 3906   | 1   | 5         | North America |

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6. ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Attribute Table`☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ :guilabel:`Select features using an expression ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐.

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|    | scalerank | Select features using an expression | uident | add  | natrscale | continent       |
|----|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------|------|-----------|-----------------|
| 0  | 8         | Railroad                            | USA    | 1506 | 0         | 0 North America |
| 1  | 9         | Railroad                            | USA    | 1606 | 1         | 5 North America |
| 2  | 8         | Railroad                            | USA    | 1706 | 0         | 0 North America |
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| 5  | 8         | Railroad                            | USA    | 2006 | 0         | 0 North America |
| 6  | 8         | Railroad                            | USA    | 2106 | 0         | 0 North America |
| 7  | 9         | Railroad                            | USA    | 2206 | 1         | 5 North America |
| 8  | 8         | Railroad                            | USA    | 2306 | 0         | 0 North America |
| 9  | 8         | Railroad                            | USA    | 2406 | 0         | 0 North America |
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| 19 | 8         | Railroad                            | USA    | 3506 | 0         | 0 North America |
| 20 | 8         | Railroad                            | USA    | 3606 | 0         | 0 North America |
| 21 | 8         | Railroad                            | USA    | 3706 | 0         | 0 North America |
| 22 | 8         | Railroad                            | USA    | 3806 | 0         | 0 North America |
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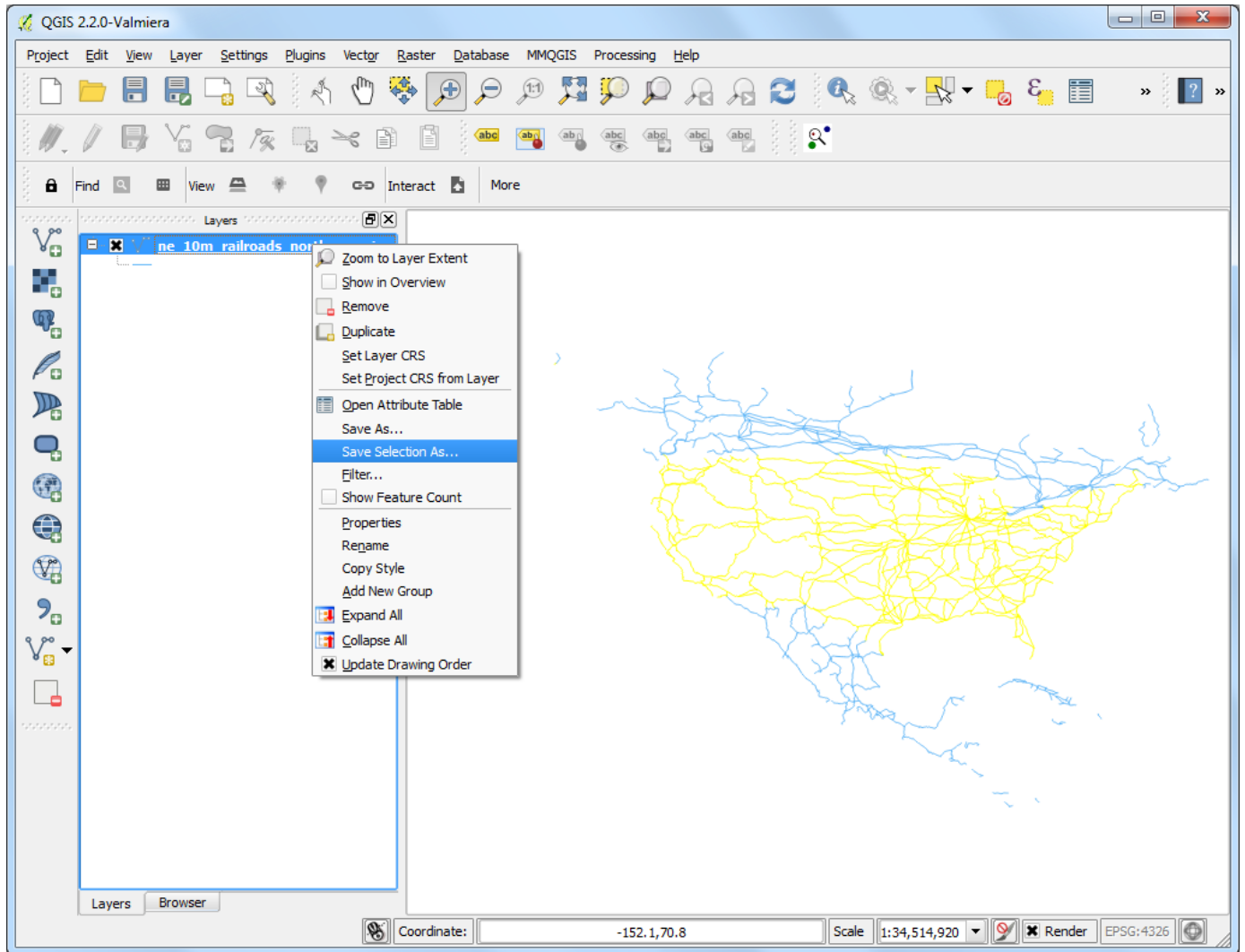
7. Select By Expression dialog box. Functions list Fields and Values sov\_a3, Expression: "sov\_a3" = 'USA', Select, Close.



8. Back in the main QGIS window, you will see that all lines that fall in USA are selected and appear in yellow.



9. `ne_10m_railroads_north_america`, `:guilabel: Save Selection As...`



10. `guiabel: `Browse`` `usa_railroads.shp``  
`CRS`` `guiabel: `Browse``

### Note

CRS `EPSG:4326` `**degrees**`, `square degrees**` `**meters` `**feet**`





11. :guilabel: Filter`  
 :guilabel: north america equ`  
 :guilabel: North\_America\_Equidistant\_Conic EPSG:102010`  
 :guilabel: OK`



12. □ □□□ □□ □□ □□□ Save vector layer as... □□□□□□ □□ □□ □□ □□  
:guilabel: `Add saved file to map` □ □□□ :guilabel: `OK` □ □□□□.



13. `usa_railroads`~`ne_10m_railroads_north_america`  
 QGIS. `ne_10m_railroads_north_america`  
 QGIS. `ne_10m_railroads_north_america`





15. `Toggle editing` `Open field calculator`

Attribute table - usa\_railroads :: Features total: 752, filtered: 752, selected: 0

|    | scalerank | featuredata | sov_a3 | uident |   | continent     |
|----|-----------|-------------|--------|--------|---|---------------|
| 0  | 8         | Railroad    | USA    | 1506   | 0 | North America |
| 1  | 9         | Railroad    | USA    | 1606   | 1 | North America |
| 2  | 8         | Railroad    | USA    | 1706   | 0 | North America |
| 3  | 8         | Railroad    | USA    | 1806   | 0 | North America |
| 4  | 8         | Railroad    | USA    | 1906   | 0 | North America |
| 5  | 8         | Railroad    | USA    | 2006   | 0 | North America |
| 6  | 8         | Railroad    | USA    | 2106   | 0 | North America |
| 7  | 9         | Railroad    | USA    | 2206   | 1 | North America |
| 8  | 8         | Railroad    | USA    | 2306   | 0 | North America |
| 9  | 8         | Railroad    | USA    | 2406   | 0 | North America |
| 10 | 8         | Railroad    | USA    | 2506   | 0 | North America |
| 11 | 8         | Railroad    | USA    | 2606   | 0 | North America |
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| 20 | 8         | Railroad    | USA    | 3606   | 0 | North America |
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16. `Field Calculator` `Create a new field` `Output field name` `**length_km**` `Output field type` `Decimal number (real)` `Precision` `**2**` `Function list` `Geometry` `$length` `Expression` `$length / 1000` `CRS` `meters` `**km**` `OK`



17. 在 Attribute Table 中 单击 编辑 按钮 :guilabel:`length\_km` 单击 编辑 按钮。  
 单击 :guilabel:`Toggle editing` 按钮 单击 编辑 按钮 单击 编辑 按钮。







Basics statistics

Input Vector Layer  
usa\_railroads

☐ Use only selected features

Target field  
length\_km

Statistics output

| Parameter               | Value          |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Mean                    | 127.751569149  |
| StdDev                  | 125.80562595   |
| Sum                     | 96069.18       |
| Min                     | 0.01           |
| Max                     | 936.6          |
| N                       | 752.0          |
| CV                      | 0.984767755... |
| Number of unique values | 743            |

Press Ctrl+C to copy results to the clipboard

0% OK Close