

Middlebury Loop Trail

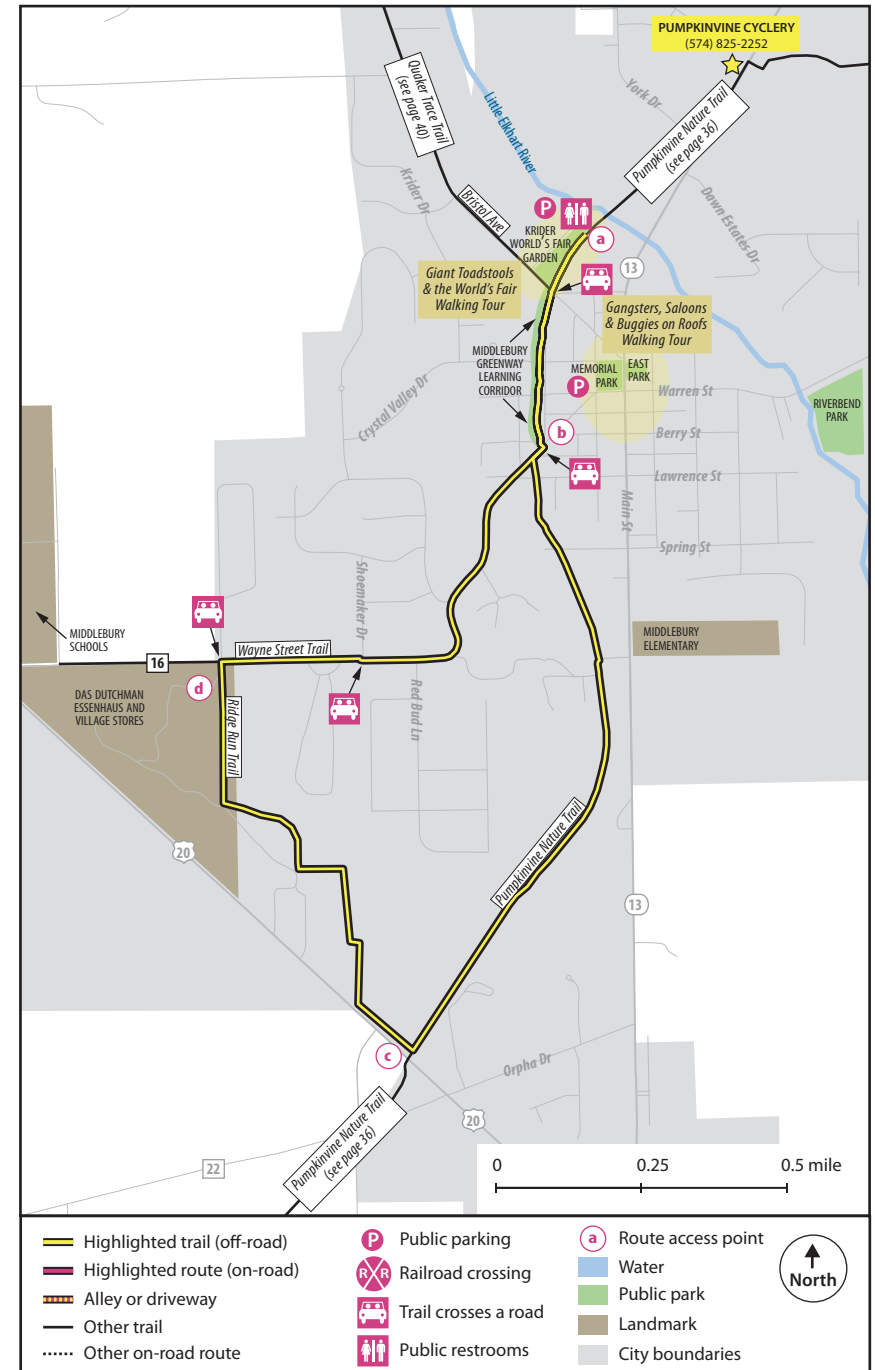
A good route for	Casual bikers and walkers
General location	Central Middlebury
Route access points	<p>a Krider World's Fair Garden</p> <p>b Intersection of Wayne Street, Berry Street, and Railroad Street</p> <p>c Intersection of Pumpkinvine and Ridge Run Trails</p> <p>d Das Dutchman Essenhaus at Wayne Street</p>
Trail length	3.7 miles • loop



The Pumpkinvine Nature Trail has become a model for many other trails in our region, with arguably the largest impact on Middlebury. The Wayne Street Trail begins at the intersection of Wayne Street and the Pumpkinvine. Construction on the Ridge Run Trail began in Spring 2017 and is expected to be open to the public by summer of the same year.

These three trails form a loop, connecting the Middlebury Greenway to neighborhoods, churches, Greencroft Middlebury, and the Middlebury Schools campus. The whimsical Krider World's Fair Garden is the crown jewel in the Middlebury park system. The gardens were originally designed for display in the 1933-1934 Chicago World's Fair and feature water pools and falls, a windmill, toadstool sculptures, pergola, and arbor with swings.

Near the gardens, the Middlebury Greenway Learning Corridor highlights a series of informational signs about unique sights along this section of the Pumpkinvine Trail. Two guided walking tours provide even more insight into the history of this town. Food and entertainment opportunities are located in the downtown area and Das Dutchman Essenhaus Village Shoppes to the west.



For more bike routes, visit HTadventures.com

What's Your Style?

Everyone has a different reason for getting on the trail or taking off on a county road. Knowing what you most enjoy about biking and walking will help you choose the right route.

Each route in the 2017 Biking and Walking in Elkhart County Guide recommends the type of biker or walker that may want to try it out. For example, if you know that you want to take it easy and stop to watch ducks along the river, look for the "Casual" recommendations.



CONFIDENT, BUT CAUTIOUS

- Your route is mostly on trail and sidewalk.
- Some sections require merging with car traffic, but only on local, low-traffic roads.
- You will often be in busier parts of town, close to some good food and entertainment.



CASUAL

- Your route is entirely on off-road trails.
- Expect very few road crossings, if any, and lots of opportunities to view wildlife.
- You will be in the quieter, slow-paced corners of our communities.



STRONG & FEARLESS

- Your route is mostly on county roads, but you will also see sections of our off-road trails.
- Some routes have long, straight stretches great for getting in training mileage. Some will require more navigation.
- You will be in the rural areas of the county, passing Amish farms and corn fields.

Gear Up

You can walk and bike in any weather if you have the right gear!

Walking in the rain can be a very relaxing activity, but only if you are dressed right. Wear a venting jacket with hood, waterproof boots, and two pairs of socks. Carry a water-proof bag for items that should not get wet.

Bicyclists should invest in a good riding poncho that attaches over the handlebars to keep your legs dry. Fenders with mud flaps and water-proof shoe covers are well worth the money, too.

The key to walking and biking in cold weather is wearing several layers so you can remove some as your body warms up. Overheating is a real concern, so remember to wear breathable materials. Wide bike tires with tread are a necessity to bike in snow.

CYCLISTS: CHECK YOUR A, B, C'S

A

Air

B

Brakes

C

Chain



Need to make a connection? Check out the Interurban Trolley map and schedule at interurbantrolley.com. You can secure up to two bikes on a rack located on the front or back of any Trolley. Then, sit back and relax awhile.

Note: Bicycles are not allowed inside the Trolley. If the rack is full, you must wait for the next available Trolley. Regular fare is \$1.00 per person for each one way trip. Children 5 and under ride free when traveling with an adult.

Does your bike need a tune-up? Do you need new gear or want to rent a bike for the day? These locally-owned businesses can help you.

Pumpkinvine Cyclery

413 N Main St, Middlebury
Tu-F: 10-6, Sat: 9-4
(574) 825-2252
pumpkinvinecyclery.com

Family Bicycle Center

3410 S Main St, Elkhart
M-F: 9-6, Sat: 9-4
(574) 294-2865
familybicyclecenter.com

Lincoln Ave Cycling

430 W Lincoln Ave, Goshen
M-F: 10-6, Sat: 9-4
(574) 533-7425
lincolnavenuecycling.com

Elkhart Bicycle Shop

401 E Jackson Blvd, Elkhart
M-F: 10-6, Sat: 9-3
(574) 294-7243
allaboutcycling.net

Want to connect to a community bicycle shop or advocacy group?

Chain Reaction Bicycle Project

510 E Washington St, Goshen
(574) 903-3056
crbp.org

Pedal Power Bike Shop

1320 Prairie St, Elkhart
(574) 361-0009

Bike Elkhart

bikeelkhart.org

Bike Michiana Coalition

bikemichiana.org