

From South Haven ... to Kalamazoo ... and Battle Creek



The Kalamazoo River Valley Trail: Go Places!

The Kalamazoo River Valley Trail will encompass 35 miles of trail throughout Kalamazoo County. Kalamazoo will be a regional hub, connecting Battle Creek to Lake Michigan, D Avenue to Portage, and eventually Lake Michigan to Lake Huron. This existing trail and planned trails in other counties will connect more than 140 miles of trails—connecting together the Battle Creek Linear Park, the Kal-Haven Trail, and the Portage Bicentennial Park Trail.

Currently, there are 22 miles complete of this non-motorized, paved-asphalt trail. One stretch begins at 10th Street, heading east from the Kal-Haven Caboose and stretching 4.8 miles to Westnedge Ave. You can also enjoy a section that connects 35th St. in Galesburg to D Avenue, traveling through River Oaks County Park, Mayors' Riverfront Park, Verburg Park, along Riverview Dr., and heading north along Markin Glen County Park and the Kalamazoo Nature Center. These two segments are connected by a signed-route throughout downtown Kalamazoo, featuring the Arcadia Creek Festival Place as well as many places to eat and shop. As funds and property become available the trail will continue to grow, realizing a vision that has been in the works since 1991.

Operated as a Kalamazoo County Park, the KRV Trail is free to use and offers something for everyone. Whether you're looking for a relaxing family stroll, a journey into nature, an extensive workout or a bike route to work—the KRV Trail awaits your visit.

Connecting You to...

Battle Creek Linear Park

The Linear Park is a paved trail that winds through the city of Battle Creek, totaling more than 25 miles. For more information contact the City of Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Department at (269) 966-3431, or visit www.bcparks.org.

Kal-Haven Trail

The Kal-Haven is a 33.5-mile path of crushed limestone/slag converted from a railroad bed that connects South Haven to Kalamazoo. It is usable for all non-motorized bicycles, hiking, and snowmobiling when there is a 4-inch snow base. For more information contact the Van Buren County Road Commission at (269) 674-8011, or www.vbco.org/government0129.asp.

Portage Bicentennial Park Trail

The Bicentennial Park Trail in Portage winds over 4 miles following Portage Creek at Kilgore Road, south to the Celery Flats Interpretive Center and Portage City Centre. It's a paved surface and provides access to the 57-mile Portage Bikeway system. For additional information, please call (269) 329-4522, or visit www.portagemi.gov and click on the Parks and Recreation Department.

Gull Road Path

The Gull Road Path stretches from Riverview Drive into Richland following Gull Road. The Path uses a combination of sidewalks and a paved asphalt surface, totaling about eight miles.

North Country Hiking Trail

The North Country Hiking Trail covers 4,600 miles and seven states. It begins in North Dakota and stretches to the state of New York. A portion of the trail travels through Kalamazoo and Calhoun counties, sharing the Linear Park in Battle Creek. For more information visit www.northcountrytrail.org.

Calhoun County Trailway

The first phase of the Calhoun County Trailway was completed in 2014, and includes 5.3 miles of finely crushed and compacted gravel that connects Battle Creek's Linear Park to Historic Bridge Park, traveling through Ott Biological Preserve and Kimball Pines. Along the way, this 10-foot wide trail intersects with the North Country Trail. www.calhouncountyclayway.org

Join the Parks Foundation of Kalamazoo County in Supporting the Trail

A public and private partnership, between the volunteer-led Parks Foundation of Kalamazoo County and Kalamazoo County Parks, is bringing charitable contributions and public dollars together to develop and maintain the KRV Trail. This is a smart use of our community's financial and natural resources. To do your part in supporting the KRV Trail, please call (269) 342-1740 or visit www.ParksFoundationKalamazoo.com.

Thank you to the following public and private partners who are making the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail possible: Friends of the Kalamazoo River Valley Trailway, Parks Foundation of Kalamazoo County, City of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, Michigan Department of Transportation, Kalamazoo Road Commission, and the many citizens, businesses and foundations supporting our efforts.

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