



The Thornapple Trail Association

The Paul Henry-Thornapple Trail from Kent County, through Barry County and into Eaton County is growing. New sections in Caledonia, Middleville, Hastings, Nashville and Vermontville have been completed. Join the Thornapple Trail Association, and help us grow. For more information go to our website.

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Check out our web site at: www.ThornappleTrail.com
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Trails Legend

- Paved Trail
- Connector Route
- Grass and Gravel Trail
- Under Development
- Proposed or Planned Trail
- Highways
- Roads

Paul Henry – Thornapple Trail Access

| Access Site | Parking | Restrooms | Water |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-----------|-------|
| 1 Bowen Park | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 2 Stauffer Avenue Staging Area | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 3 Wing Street Trailhead | Yes | No | No |
| 4 Downtown Caledonia | Yes | No | No |
| 5 Middleville Staging Area | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 6 Irving Trailhead | Yes | No | No |
| 7 Apple Street Riverfront Trailhead | Yes | Yes | No |
| 8 Tyden Park | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 9 Bliss Riverfront Park | Yes | No | No |
| 10 Maple Valley High School | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Trestle bridge over the Thornapple River on the newest section of paved trail between Nashville and Vermontville.

Trail north of Caledonia

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Paul Henry-Thornapple Trail

Offering several stretches of stunning scenery, The Paul Henry-Thornapple Trail is a work in progress that inches closer to completion with each passing year. As you venture along the trail, you'll travel through the heart of the Thornapple River Valley with its mix of farmland, quaint country towns, wetlands, woodlands and several shady tunnels of trees.

The trail's origins date back to 1990 when the Michigan Central Railroad sold major portions of its right-of-way to the State of Michigan, the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy and the Thornapple Trail Association. The 42-mile multi-purpose trail is being built in phases and will eventually connect Grand Rapids with Hastings, Vermontville and Eaton Rapids, and then link to other trails east and west from there.

Currently, paved sections of the trail include 10.8 miles from Kentwood, to Caledonia, 3.6 miles between Middleville and Irving, and the 2.4-mile Hastings Riverwalk, and 1.5 miles of newly paved trail from Vermontville to Maple Valley High School near Nashville. Make sure to check out this newest section of trail which travels through lush woodlands and wetlands and over a bridge on the Thornapple River. The paved trail will also be extended south of Caledonia to 108th Street and north of Middleville to Crane Road.

You'll find several good staging areas in Kentwood. To get on the trail in Caledonia, park on Main Street near the corner of Mill Avenue where the paved trail heads north. The staging area in downtown Middleville is near the bridge behind the village offices. Trail access is now available at Maple Valley High School east of Nashville.

Hastings

Nashville

Vermontville

The trail passes along the edge of the Thornapple River in downtown Middleville.

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