

# How to NOT get lost on the Ohio to Erie Trail

## Hints for the Franklin County Route



Northbound Descriptions

as of February 29, 2024

### Franklin County (Greater Columbus)

| Item # | Trail Name                             | Description   | Address (if available)  | GPS  | COMMENT  |  |
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| 1      | Camp Chase Trail                       | Battelle Darby Creek Metropark: after crossing the Darby Creek, the trail goes south on a 1/2 mile dirt/gravel section. This soon connects to a longer paved eastbound section to Darby Creek Dr. | 8465 Alkire Road  | 39.892996, -83.216677                          | If the Darby Creek water is too high, Alkire Road eastbound is an alternative. Pick up the Camp Chase Trail again south of the roundabout at Darby Creek Dr. BEWARE of diagonal RR tracks on Alkire Road east of Darby Creek Dr. MANY have caught a tire and fallen. Use the trail to avoid the dangerous RRx.   | 39.893490, -83.200380 is where the trail crosses Darby Creek Drive   |
| 2      | Camp Chase Trail                       | Sullivant Ave, Georgesville Road Sidepath   | near Sullivant Ave and Countrybrook Dr. W.  | 39.939238, -83.117618                          | After crossing the bridge over the outerbelt, at the intesection with Sullivant Ave, go right and follow the sidepath, cross Georgesville Road and continue north on the sidepath. You will cross Sullivant Ave, a set of RRx and the Camp Chase Trail picks up again eastbound.   | 39.942759, -83.111706 is where the Camp Chase Trail leaves G-ville Rd sidepath                                 |
| 3      | Camp Chase Trail & Scioto Greenway     | Road route: Hilltop Connector between Camp Chase Trail and Scioto Greenway (2/3 of a mile)  | N. Eureka Ave. to McKinley Ave  | 39.963472, -83.066715                          | From N. Eureka to McKinley Ave the route follow low traffic roads. The connection is signed and has partial bike lanes. After you cross McKinley Ave, the entrance to the Scioto Greenway is visible. Once you cross the long trail bridge over the river, DON'T GO NORTH. Go left (south-east) at the trail intersection at 39.967894, -83.054319   | Road route on G-maps <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/1CQgLQTHqAVE9t5v8">https://goo.gl/maps/1CQgLQTHqAVE9t5v8</a> |
| 4      | Scioto Greenway                        | Switchback east of Grandview Ave  | Near Woodlands backyard   | 39.970114, -83.044465                          | Pay attention to the pavement markings. After going under several highway briges/ramps, the Scioto Greenway continues east following the switchback across the bridge over the river. If you end up at Grandview Ave, you went the wrong way.  |  |
| 5      | Scioto Greenway                        | Don't exit at Twin Rivers Drive   |   | 39.967022, -83.028034                          | There is a Bike Route sign pointing to Twin Rivers Drive connecting to the Olentangy Trail. This is NOT part of the Ohio to Erie Trail, so don't get fooled. Keep heading toward downtown on the Scioto Greenway   |  |
| 6      | Scioto Greenway                        | Section between Twin Rivers connector and North Bank Park   | North Bank Park 311 W Long St,  | North Bank Park 39.965486, -83.009733          | People get confused with the twists and turns on the Scioto Greenway as it heads to North Bank Park. Here is a google map route of the 1.3 miles between the Twin Rivers Dr exit to North Bank Park <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/1trbphmkjyyAatEw9">https://goo.gl/maps/1trbphmkjyyAatEw9</a>  | To North Bank Park <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/1trbphmkjyyAatEw9">https://goo.gl/maps/1trbphmkjyyAatEw9</a>   |
| 7      | Downtown Connector to Alum Creek Trail | Downtown Columbus, Arena District road route, 1.75 miles  | Trail continues as a sidepath on the northside of Jack Gibbs Blvd                 | 39.972331, -82.990138                          | From North Bank park, go north on Neil Ave and turn right (east) on Nationwide Blvd. The Interactive Map page provides a RideWithGPS for the 8 miles between the Camp Chase Trail and the Alum Creek Trail (NB or SB are pasted at the bottom of this page. <b>They are also available at <a href="https://ohioerietrail.org/OTET_RWGPS">https://ohioerietrail.org/OTET_RWGPS</a></b>  | <a href="https://ohioerietrail.org/interactive-map">https://ohioerietrail.org/interactive-map</a>              |
| 8      | Downtown Connector (aka 670 Bikeway)   | Transition from DC to Alum Creek Trail  | Near Avalon Park 633 N Nelson Rd  | 39.981736, -82.942202                          | When the downtown connector intersects with the Alum Creek Trail make sure to follow the NORTH branch of the ACT   |  |
| 9      | Alum Creek Trail                       | NB Alum Creek Trail for 11 miles  | Cooper Park, 5740 Cooper Rd.  | ACT in Cooper Park 40.090381, -82.928314       | Once on the ACT, follow it NORTH, it is 11.1 miles between airport drive and Schrock Rd. Keep an eye out about 2 miles before Schrock Road where the trail crosses Westerville Rd (SR 3) and enters Cooper Park (5740 Cooper Rd), follow signs for Alum Creek Trail North through the park and along the Alum Creek. There is No Ohio to Erie Trail signage in Cooper Park, but follow the yellow dashed lines for the main trail. .                                 |  |
| 10     | Westerville Road Route                 | From Schrock Road to Electric Ave, 1 mile Road Route. Follow the INTERACTIVE MAP route.   | Trail continues at NE corner of Electric Ave. and State St. See Google Maps Link. | Electric Ave Trail spot, 40.115328, -82.927533 | We do hear people say they have trouble following the route between the ACT and the Westerville Bike&Hike Trail at Electric Ave. Be ready to consult your resouces. The official route goes east on Schrock Rd bike lane, Left on Charring Cross Dr, Right at the crosswalk onto the trail connector behind Panera, cross State St at the light at Cherrington Road and go north on the State St sidepath to Electric Ave where the trail picks up by a big boulder. | <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/EHKOc6z31coeY5pC8">https://goo.gl/maps/EHKOc6z31coeY5pC8</a>                      |

### Columbus Bonus Files

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| OTET_NB_Columbus     | <a href="https://ridewithgps.com/routes/45686950">https://ridewithgps.com/routes/45686950</a> | 8.2 miles  |  |
| OTET_SB_Columbus     | <a href="https://ridewithgps.com/routes/38697006">https://ridewithgps.com/routes/38697006</a> | 8.17 miles |  |
| ALL Navigation Files | <a href="https://ohioerietrail.org/OTET_RWGPS">https://ohioerietrail.org/OTET_RWGPS</a>       |            |  |