

# Northeast Ohio Section

There are multiple names for the OTET in and around Northeast Ohio:

- ♦ Ohio To Erie Trail
- ♦ Towpath Trail
- ♦ Cleveland Bicentennial Trail
- ♦ Centennial Lake Link Trail
- ♦ Wendy Park Trail
- ♦ Whiskey Island Connector Trail

**Most folks in Northeast Ohio collectively call it the Towpath Trail.**



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Significant improvements to the trail in the past 5 years:

- ♦ Edgewater Beach Park- now part of the Cleveland Metro Parks system.
- ♦ 100% paved north of Rockside Road.
- ♦ Crushed Limestone with some asphalt Akron to Rockside Rd in Independence.
- ♦ Very safe trail Akron to Cleveland.
- ♦ Many interesting stops / destinations along the way.



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Primarily a flat route which follows both the Cuyahoga River and the Ohio Canal: Cleveland to Akron.

Only four hills of any consequence heading south:

- ♦ Franklin Road Hill (111)
- ♦ Sokolowski's Tavern Hill (110)
- ♦ I 490 Mounds Hill (109)
- ♦ Downtown Akron Hill (72)





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## Word of caution!

Google Maps & Apple Maps have a few major errors routing in and around the flats area of Cleveland due to the Center Street Lift Bridge construction.

Use the Ride With GPS  
Navigation Links found on  
the OTET Website





## Cleveland Edgewater Beach Park

Script Cleveland Sign

Edgewater Beach

Beach House

Ample Parking (Not Overnight)

Large Playground

Multiple weekday & weekend events







## Edgewater Beach







Wendy Park



# Wendy Park

## Start / End of the Ohio To Erie Trail

- ♦ Whiskey Island
- ♦ Wendy Park Bridge
- ♦ Ample parking (not overnight)
- ♦ Picnic area
- ♦ Beach / Kayak launch
- ♦ US Coast Guard Station
- ♦ Whiskey Island Still & Eatery
- ♦ Less than a mile from Edgewater Beach







WENDY PARK BRIDGE @ NIGHT





Metal Sculpture by Stephen Yusko and Stephen Manka

# Wendy Park Bridge Artwork





US COAST GUARD STATION





## Destinations / Stops close to the trail in Cleveland / West 25<sup>th</sup> Street

- ♦ Cleveland Westside Market
- ♦ Great Lakes Brewery
- ♦ Market Garden Brewery
- ♦ Ohio City Burrito
- ♦ Joy Machines Bike Shop
- ♦ Mitchell's Ice Cream Shop

There are multiple bike racks on  
West 25th Street.

**Bring a Bike Lock**





# Downtown Cleveland Destinations

An aerial photograph of downtown Cleveland, Ohio, taken at dusk. The image shows a dense urban landscape with numerous skyscrapers and buildings. The skyline is dominated by several tall, modern structures, including the Terminal Tower and the Key Tower. A prominent blue steel truss bridge, the Bixby Creek Bridge, spans the Cuyahoga River in the foreground. The river is calm, reflecting the city lights. In the lower left, there's a modern building with a curved facade and a red sign. The overall scene is a vibrant mix of urban architecture and natural elements.

# Cleveland Destinations

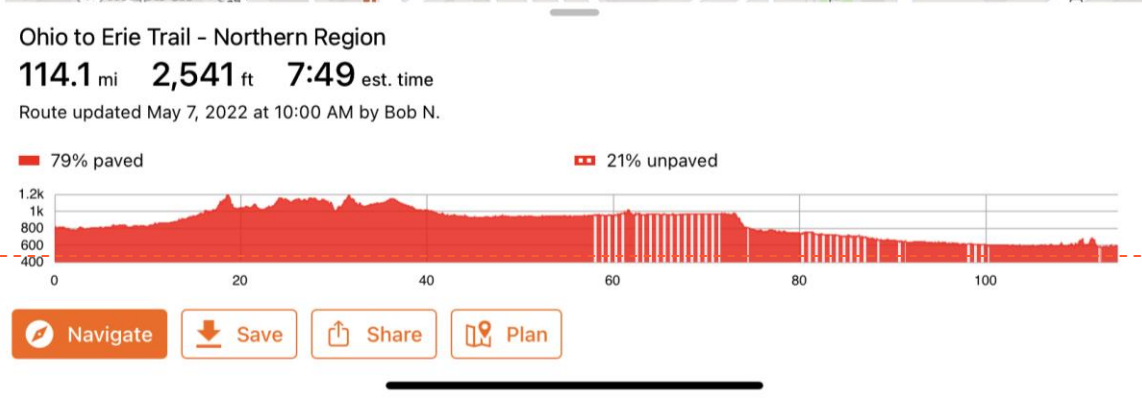
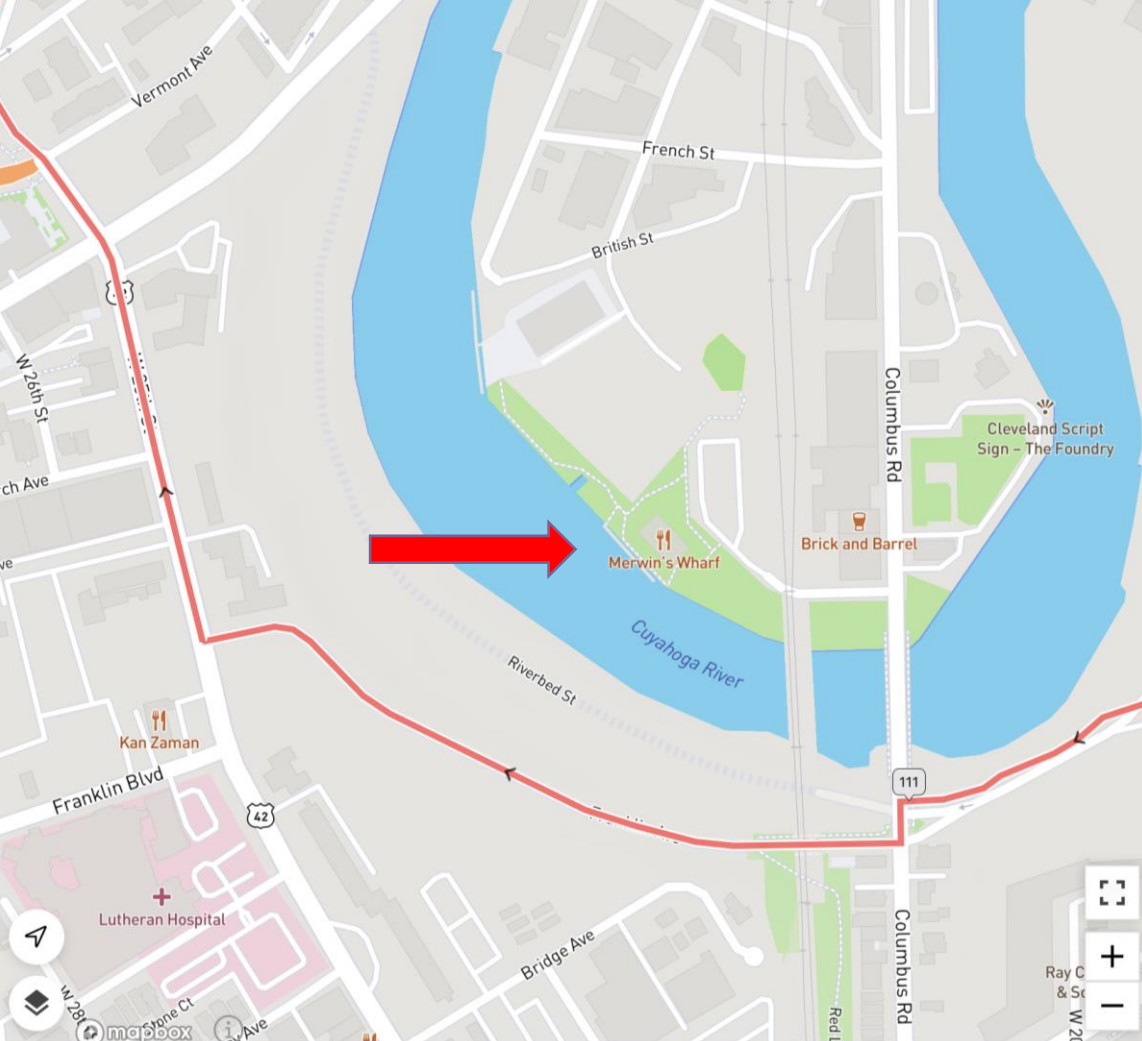
- Rock N Roll Hall of Fame
- Progressive Field & Rocket Mortgage Field House
- Public Square
- Flats & Warehouse District
- Colonial Arcade and East Fourth Street
- Multiple Restaurants, Bars, Hotels & Overnight Parking





## Tremont: Script Cleveland Sign

- \* Fabulous views of downtown Cleveland
- \* Mile marker 110.5, located on Abbey Avenue
- \* Great photo opportunity
- \* Multiple Restaurants & Bars



Located on the banks of the Cuyahoga River with stunning views of water and wildlife. Close access to downtown Cleveland. Fantastic outdoor dining options. Mile Marker #111

1785 Merwin Avenue, CLE, OH

216-664-5696



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Just south of Cleveland and the Tremont area is Steelyard Commons and the Harvard Road Trailhead

- ♦ Multiple retail options
- ♦ Fast food
- ♦ Harvard Road Trailhead
  - Parallels a branch of the Cuyahoga River, reclaimed industrial lands & wetlands.

**If you get lucky you will see a bald eagle.**

- ♦ 5+ Miles to Rockside Road. Perhaps the best urban trail on the entire OTET.





# Industrial Valley

## A monument to Cleveland's growth

The benefits of Cleveland's industrial growth reached far and wide.

This site is comprised of repurposed construction rubble of the former Valleyview Public Housing estate. To the west are the steeples of Saint Theodosius Church and the Tremont neighborhood, directly below in the massive rail yards and steel mill structures; to the north, in the distance, is the downtown skyline.

For more than a century, this river valley served as the local point of Cleveland's industry. It was the manufacturing and employment center. This is what drew immigrants from all over the world and where entrepreneurs assembled great wealth.













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## Rockside Road Mile #100

- ♦ Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad
- ♦ Restaurants:  
Yours Truly and Lockkeepers Tavern
- ♦ Ice Cream: Malley's Chocolate
- ♦ Restrooms and plenty of free parking



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Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Located south of Rockside Road, Independence, Ohio

- ♦ Crushed limestone riding surface
- ♦ Stunning scenery
- ♦ 100% off road riding
- ♦ Wildlife & greenery abundant

















# Station Road Bridge

## Plenty of free parking

**Thank you for not touching any of the painted surfaces!**

This historic bridge has been completely renovated. The main span is sporting an antique distressed black finish. Scaffolding, which is still in place, is made of galvanized steel. The entire structure is made of steel. The entire structure is made of steel. The entire structure is made of steel.

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Boston Store (Mile #90.5)

Peninsula, Ohio (Mile #87)

- ♦ Restaurants:

Fischer's Cafe, Winking Lizard

- ♦ Century Cycles (rentals & repairs)
- ♦ Crooked Kettle Popcorn
- ♦ Arts & Crafts
- ♦ Restrooms
- ♦ Cuyahoga Scenic Railroad





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Just south of Peninsula you will find:

- ♦ Szalay's Farm & Market (Mile #84)
- ♦ Hale Farm & Village (Mile #83)  
(2 miles off the trail on a dedicated trail.)
- ♦ Portage Path Retail (Mile #78)  
Restaurants, Shopping & Blimp  
City Bikes



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## City of Akron

- ♦ Mile Marker #73
- ♦ Multiple Restaurants & Shopping
- ♦ Brew Pubs: Lock 15 Brewing & Thirsty Dog
- ♦ Hotels
- ♦ Akron Rubber Ducks Baseball
- ♦ Canal Park





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## Multiple safe areas to park

- ♦ Edgewater Park (Mile #114)
- ♦ Merwin's Wharf (Mile #111)
- ♦ Steelyard Commons (Mile #108)
- ♦ Rockside Ride (Mile #100)
- ♦ Brecksville Station Trailhead (Mile #94)
- ♦ Boston Store (Mile #89)
- ♦ Peninsula Ohio (Mile #87)
- ♦ Portage Path Shopping (Mile #78)
- ♦ Canal Park (Mile #73)

