



December 2023

An adventurous year for the trail community!

The Ohio to Erie Trail is growing and improving every year because of our generous trail supporters and friends. We receive glowing compliments from first-time visitors as well as the super fans who do the 326 every year. Their trail experiences keep getting better and more memorable as the off-trail sections are replaced with new trail.

MORE DEDICATED TRAIL MILES

We are excited about the completion of a new trail segment in Delaware County. The 326-mile Ohio to Erie Trail route is now 90% dedicated trail and has only 34 miles of street or road connections. It's an incredible milestone towards creating a connected trail network from the banks of the Ohio River to the shores of Lake Erie.

TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

Whether you are a first-time adventurer or a multi-year 326 Club member, this summer required extra patience and navigation tools. We provide alerts and notations on our interactive map to help you find your way when there is a temporary closure. In cases where the OTET route has multiple turns, we have begun offering special navigation handouts and for your reference the Sunbury page is enclosed.


OUR WORK AHEAD

The vision of creating a multipurpose trail from Cincinnati to Cleveland started with Ed Honton in 1991. His vision has become a reality with 90% of the Ohio to Erie Trail on a dedicated trail through the state. The trail is at a transformative time with the final trail miles within reach. Communities have embraced the trail realizing the health, recreational, economic, and tourism benefits it delivers to their front doors. The trail's board of directors began reassessing the trail's mission at a recent retreat. This effort continues into 2024 to align the trail's mission, vision, and strategies to meet the needs of the trail visitors, businesses, and communities.

SHARE YOUR ENTHUSIASM!

How did you first hear about the Ohio to Erie Trail? When you share your trail adventure with your friends and fellow trail enthusiasts, it tells a truly compelling story. Our newly redesigned cycling jersey is a great conversation starter, so check out our online store to order yours. If you have not yet donated this year, we hope you will support our advocacy for the completed trail and our beloved trail completers!

On behalf of the board of the Ohio to Erie Trail, we wish you a wonderful holiday season and a fantastic 2024!


Thomas M. Bilcze
President


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Executive Director

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

New trail and attractive amenities

DELAWARE COUNTY

Sunbury has a new ½ mile section between Cherry Street and Hartford Rd. The repurposed railroad bridge over the Big Walnut Creek offers stunning tree top views.

COMMUNITY MURAL PARK

Depicts London historical scenes surrounded by a vibrant native perennial garden. It is an invitation to stop, rest and explore. (header photo)

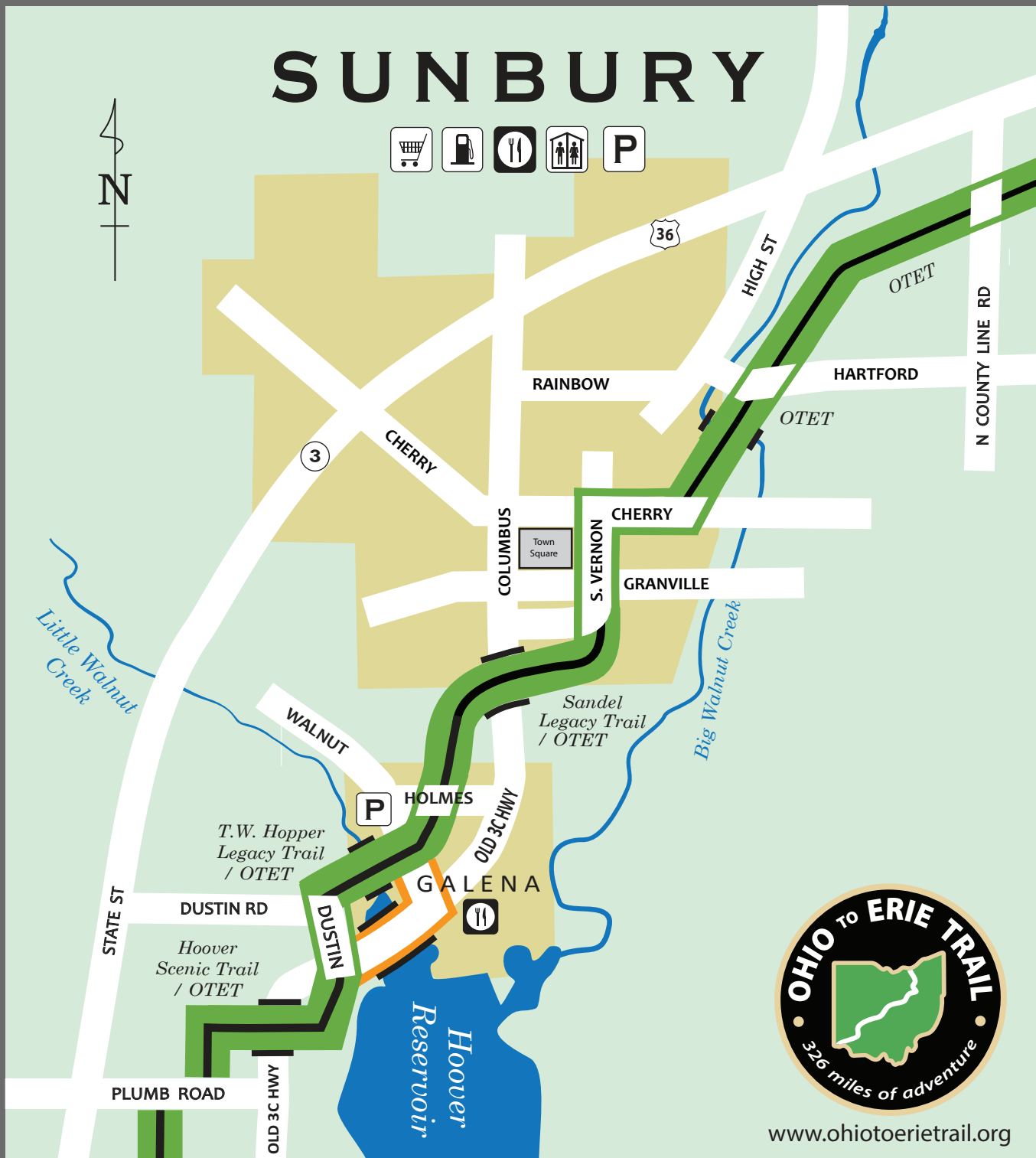
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FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE TRAIL

- Return your donation in the enclosed envelope.
- Click **Support the Trail** on our website.

The Ohio to Erie Trail Fund is an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.



SUNBURY - Northbound

At the end of the Sandel Legacy Trail the Ohio to Erie Trail (OTET) goes north on S Vernon Street then turns right (east) on E Cherry Street. After a short distance on E Cherry St the OTET jogs left (north) and goes to County Line Road, where it joins the Heart of Ohio Trail (HOOT) and heads toward Centerburg, the official geographic center of Ohio.

Points of Interest:

Visit the chainsaw carving of Johnny Appleseed in the Sunbury Town Square Park.

SUNBURY - Southbound

The Heart of Ohio Trail ends at County Line Road where the OTET continues toward the Village of Sunbury. When travelers reach Sunbury, turn right (west) on E Cherry St then turn left (south) on S Vernon St. The Trail follows S. Vernon St past the Town Square and to the Sunbury Trailhead. The Ohio to Erie Trail (OTET) joins the Sandel Legacy Trail (SLT) and travels south to Galena.

Points of Interest:

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OHIO TO ERIE TRAIL

Are you ready for adventure?

NORTHERN REGION

From Lake Erie in Cleveland to Killbuck, connecting Valley View, Peninsula, Akron, Clinton, Canal Fulton, Massillon, Dalton, Apple Creek, Fredericksburg, and Millersburg.

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

From Killbuck to Columbus, connecting Danville, Gambier, Mount Vernon, Centerburg, Sunbury, Galena, and Westerville.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

From Columbus to Xenia, connecting Georgesville, London, South Charleston, and Cedarville.

SOUTHERN REGION

From Xenia to the Ohio River in Cincinnati, connecting Spring Valley, Corwin, Fort Ancient, Morrow, Oregonia, South Lebanon, Loveland, Milford, Terrace Park, Avoca Park, Mariemont, and Fairfax.



Look for the Ohio Bike Route 1 signs



and in the future the US Bike Route 21 signs

Ohio to Erie Trail traverses 15 counties across the state and is currently comprised of (south to north):

- Ohio River Trail
- Lunken Airport Trail
- Little Miami Scenic Trail
- Prairie Grass Trail
- Roberts Pass
- Camp Chase Trail
- Hilltop Connector
- Lower Scioto Greenway
- Downtown Connector
- Alum Creek Trail
- Westerville Bike & Walk Route
- Genoa Trail
- Hoover Scenic Trail
- T.W. Hopper Legacy Trail
- Sandel Legacy Trail
- Heart of Ohio Trail
- Kokosing Gap Trail
- Mohican Valley Trail
- Holmes County Trail
- Salt Creek Trail
- Sippo Valley Trail
- Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath
- Centennial Lake Link Trail
- Whiskey Island Connector



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