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OHIO TO ERIE TRAIL



Mustil Store on the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail



TRAIL GATEWAYS

Ohio to Erie Trail Gateway to Microadventures

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THE OHIO TO ERIE TRAIL

TRAIL QUICK FACTS


- ❑ 324.5 miles from Cincinnati on the Ohio River to Cleveland on Lake Erie
- ❑ 23 connected regional trails
- ❑ Passes through 27 cities, villages, and towns
- ❑ 289 miles are off-road traffic-free trail (90%)
- ❑ 35 miles on quiet streets and country roads.



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OHIO TRAILS & BICYCLE ROUTES

THE SPINE OF A STATEWIDE NETWORK OF TRAILS

- 8 USBRS: US Bicycle Routes
- 20 OHBRs: Ohio Bicycle Routes
- 4 Regional Trail Networks
 - Tri-State Trails
 - Miami Valley Trails
 - Central Ohio Greenways
 - Northeast Ohio Trails
- 111 Rail Trails total 1,086 miles (not on map)



There are several local and regional trails networks in the state. Check out these resources:

- Cycling & Bike Paths: ohio.org/cycling
- Ohio to Erie Trail: ohioerietrail.org
- Tri-State Trails (Cincinnati): tristatetrails.org/
- Miami Valley Trails (Dayton): miamivalleytrails.org/
- Central Ohio Greenways (Columbus): centralohiogreenways.com/
- Northeast Ohio (Cleveland): cuyahogageenways.org or noeca.org/bikemaps
- US Bike Route info and trip planning: adventurecycling.org

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VISITORS ARE ON BIKE OR FOOT BUT

THEY VENTURE BEYOND THE TRAIL FOR MANY REASONS


- Foodies with a taste of local food and drink
- Lovers of the arts, music, and crafts
- Festival, fair, and event enthusiasts
- History and architectural buffs
- Photographers of nature, people, and everyday life
- Relaxing and playing in the outdoors
- Seekers of quiet and adventurous times



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TRAIL GATEWAYS TO ADVENTURE

GATEWAYS ARE TRAIL TOWNS THAT LOOK BEYOND THE TOWN

- ☐ Invite visitors to get off the trail
- ☐ What adventures are nearby?
- ☐ Where are locals' go-to adventures?
- ☐ How do I find out more about adventures?


A trail town is a community that embraces a nearby trail, offering services and welcoming outdoor enthusiasts with open arms.



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OHIO TO ERIE TRAIL GATEWAYS

TRAIL NETWORKS ARE GATEWAYS TO OUTDOOR ADVENTURE AND MORE

- Cincinnati – Tri-State Trails
- Xenia – Miami Valley Trails
- Columbus – Central Ohio Greenways
- Massillon – Ohio and Erie Canalway
- Akron – Ohio and Erie Canalway
- Cleveland – Ohio and Erie Canalway



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CINCINNATI

TRI-STATE TRAILS OF SW OHIO,
N KENTUCKY, AND SE INDIANA

Relax at Fountain Square in downtown Cincinnati

Enjoy history and entertainment in Over the Rhine

Shop Findlay Market, Ohio's oldest public market

Enjoy the skyline from a riverboat cruise or dinner

Stroll the streets of Newport and Covington

Walk, bike, or roll across the Purple People Bridge

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center



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XENIA

MIAMI VALLEY TRAILS, THE
NATION'S LARGEST TRAIL NETWORK

Ride in many directions from Xenia Station

Spend a day in artsy, hippie Yellow Springs

Visit Clifton Mill and Clifton Gorge + ice cream

Get lost at the US Air Force National Museum

Enjoy Dayton's Riverscape fountains and park

Paddle the Five Rivers water trail

Hike the Buckeye Trail



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COLUMBUS

CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS CONNECTS THE CITY, PARKS, AND GO-TO PLACES

Take in sports and concerts in the Arena District

Enjoy nightlife in the Short North or Italian Village


Tour downtown and the Ohio State Capital

Find art and nature at Franklin Park Conservatory

Find O-H-I-O at The Ohio State University

Find the deer and city views on the Scioto Mile

Be a child at COSI, Center for Science and Industry



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MASSILLON

MASSILLON AREA GREENWAYS AND OHIO AND ERIE CANAL TOWPATH

Explore canal-era history via the towpath

Stroll through historic Zoar Village


Canoe or kayak the Tuscarawas River

Explore the history of Massillon and football

Ride the St. Helena III canal boat

Shop at Ernie's Bike Shop

Visit Revolutionary War Fort Laurens



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AKRON

SUMMIT COUNTY TRAILS AND THE OHIO AND ERIE CANAL TOWPATH

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- ☐ Explore nature and history at Summit Lake
- ☐ Easy cycle to Tallmadge, Kent, and Ravenna
- ☐ Enjoy a beer or coffee brew tour
- ☐ Visit eclectic, arty Highland Square
- ☐ Stroll through the Akron Art Museum
- ☐ Have a dog at an Akron Rubber Ducks game
- ☐ Enjoy the manor and gardens at Stan Hywet



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CLEVELAND

CITY NEIGHBORHOODS AND THE OHIO AND ERIE CANAL TOWPATH

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- ☐ Tour the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
- ☐ Kayak on the Cuyahoga River or Lake Erie
- ☐ Tour the Christmas Story House
- ☐ Shop and have lunch at the West Side Market
- ☐ Map out a bike ride to the Cleveland script signs
- ☐ Enjoy a game at a Cleveland sports arena
- ☐ Explore the lakefront from Wendy Park

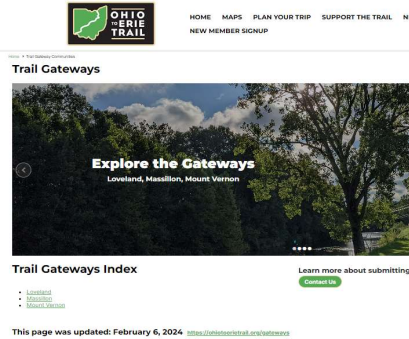


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MOBILE DEVICE

DESKTOP

- ☐ Desktop and mobile friendly
- ☐ Trail collaboration with local communities, and local cyclists
- ☐ Snapshot of gateway communities
- ☐ Encourage trail cyclists to visit
- ☐ Share local cyclists' favorite rides
- ☐ Supplements local visitor information
- ☐ Leads visitors to the local information
- ☐ Work in progress, evolving and growing



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Gateways

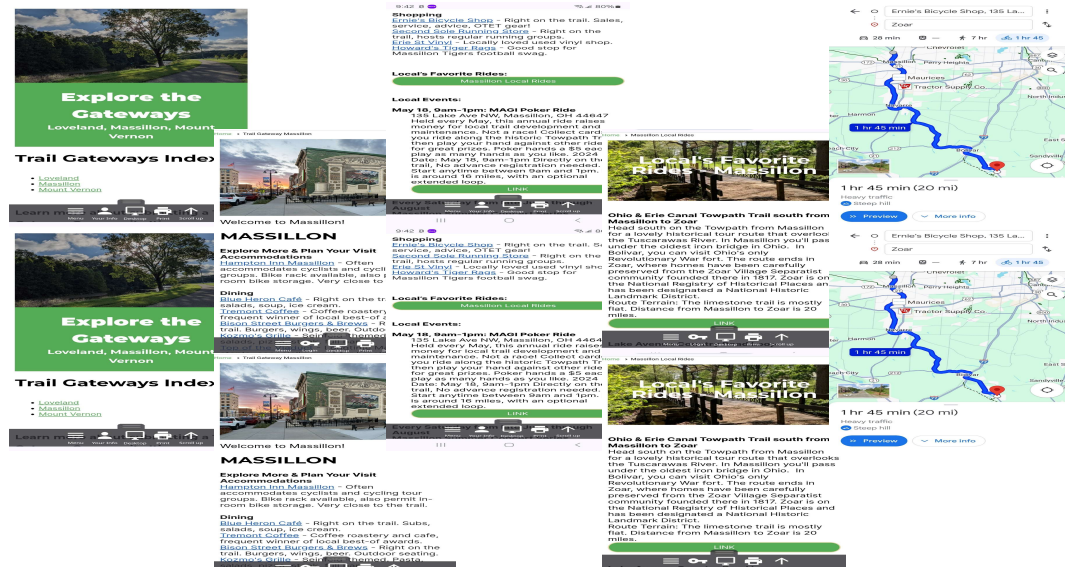
Loveland, Massillon, Mount
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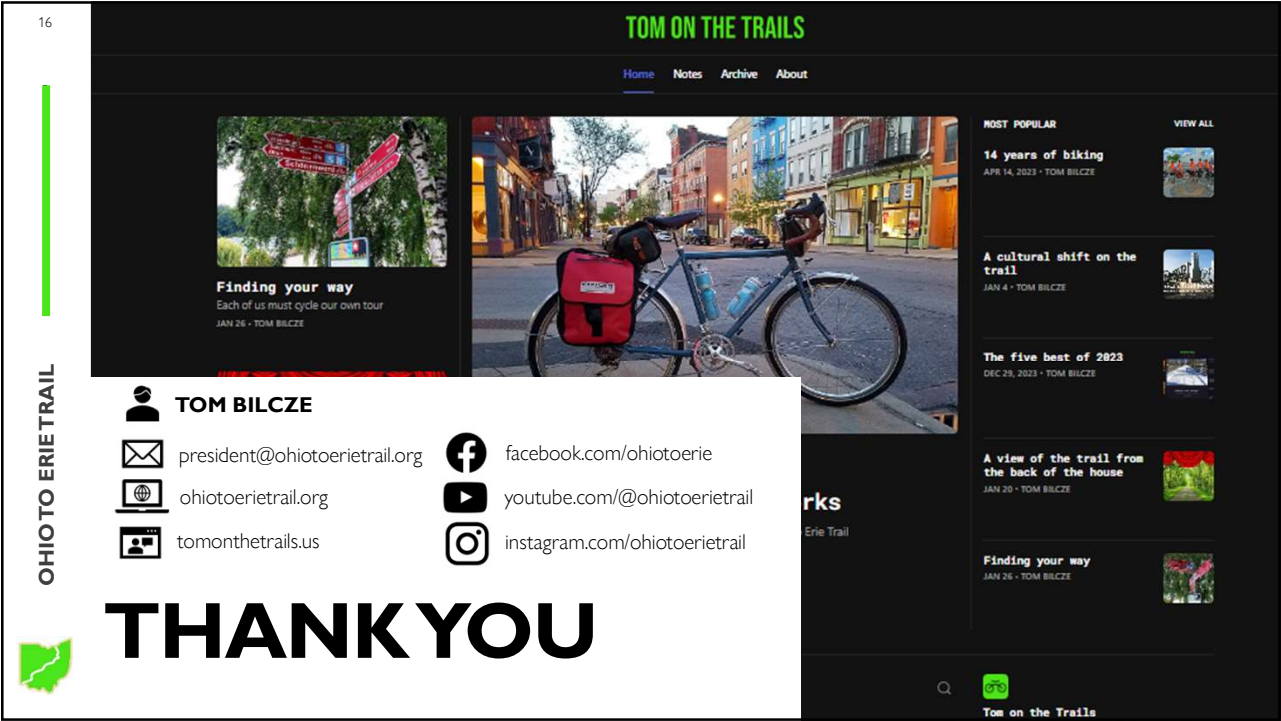


<http://ohiotoerietrail.org/gateways>





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