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Wadhams to Avoca Trail Michigan



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The trail's name reflects its initial endpoints, although the trail now extends from Avoca to the outskirts of Port Huron, about 4 miles from downtown.

About the Route

Completed in 2003, the trail is covered in limestone fines for 6.7 miles from Avoca to McLain Road and paved the rest of the way to Griswold Road near Port Huron. Three trailheads offer vault toilets but no drinking water. After Avoca, there are no services for about 10 miles until the residential areas around Wadhams.

Starting in the rural town of Avoca, the trailhead is across the road from an old grain elevator located on the old rail right-ofway. A couple of diners in this rural town date to the 1880s, and the trailhead offers trailer parking, hitching posts, and vault toilets.

The Mill Creek Trestle is in less than 2 miles. The 640-footlong railroad bridge has been outfitted with side rails and decking for safety, plus four overlooks where visitors can enjoy the views without blocking passersby. The bridge is the destination of an annual Labor Day event called Trek the Trestle and a half marathon in the spring. A trailhead is located 0.8 mile south of the bridge. Because hardwood trees flank much of the trail, autumn is a spectacular time to visit. In addition to the colorful views from the trestle, numerous small ponds and wetlands next to the trail mirror the bright colors on the trees.

The trail mostly passes through rural farmland for the first 4 miles, making for a beautiful walk or ride during any season and a pleasant cross-country ski route. Passing just south of the Abbotsford crossroads community at 4.4 miles, the trail enters a forest and pass tracts of the Port Huron State Game Area.

The southern 5 miles, beyond McLain Road, is paved to the end at Griswold Road. This section of the trail passes through a developing residential area, where there are fast-food restaurants and other services at Wadhams Road, the location of the last trailhead.

Three campgrounds are located within 1.5 miles of the trail at various points: on Imlay City Road (Ruby Campground), at McLain and Lapeer Roads (Fort Trodd), and off Lapeer Road between Wadhams and Allen (Port Huron KOA).



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States: Michigan Counties: St. Clair Length: 12.4miles Trail end points: SR 136/Avoca Rd (Avoca) to Griswold Rd (Port Huron) Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Crushed Stone,Gravel Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Horseback Riding,Mountain Biking,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Wadhams to Avoca Trail runs between SR 136/Avoca Rd (Avoca), where parking is available, and Griswold Rd (Port Huron).

Visit the <u>TrailLink map</u> for all parking options and detailed directions.



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