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About the Route

Leaving off from the northern end of the route, there are a couple of discontinuous sections of trail north of Dexter. The northernmost section leaves off north of Chelsea and heads south along M-52 towards town. There are another two sections of trail between Chelsea and Dexter, along Dexter-Chelsea Rd.

The next, easternmost section of the trail, provides an important connection between Hudson Mills Metropark and downtown Dexter. The path, also known here as the West River Trail, is primarily paved as it follows the west bank of the Huron River; a section through wetlands is a boardwalk. The wooded 1,500-acre park at its northern end offers a wide range of recreational opportunities, including hiking, golfing, camping, fishing, canoeing, and cross-country skiing.

A short disconnected trail segment extends eastward from Dexter to Dexter-Huron Metropark, but the longest open stretch of the Border-to-Border Trail resumes in Ann Arbor. Cyclists can use Huron River Drive to bridge the gap while trail plans are drawn up but should exercise extreme caution around the road's several blind curves.

In Ann Arbor, the Border-to-Border Trail extends south from the Barton Nature Area toward town, mostly following the course of the Huron River. The trail passes close to the University of Michigan's main medical campus, crosses the river several times, and parallels an active Amtrak line on its way to the campus of Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. Here the off-road trail ends for a few miles but picks up again in south Ypsilanti near Interstate 94. It then continues south along the north shore of Ford Lake to its current eastern trailhead at North Hydro Park.



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States: Michigan

Counties: Washtenaw

Length: 33.13miles

Trail end points: North Territorial Rd.
(Chelsea) to Rawsonville Rd. (Ypsilanti)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Boardwalk, Crushed
Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Inline
Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross
Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Border to Border Trail runs between North Territorial Rd. (Chelsea) and Rawsonville Rd. (Ypsilanti).

Parking is available at:

- Mill Creek Park North, 8140 Main St (Dexter)
- 1407 Fuller Rd (Ann Arbor)
- Parker Mill County Park, 4650 Geddes Rd (Ann Arbor)

See [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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