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Guides



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The trail has two main forks: North Fork runs east–west for 46 miles and its South Fork runs southwest–northeast. The forks converge in the eastern city of Maumee and then jackknife away on their separate routes.

About the Route

The Wabash Cannonball, one of the state’s longest rail-trails, traverses four counties along the former corridor of two rail lines established by the Wabash Railroad. The South Fork was built in 1855 and the North Fork circa

1900. See vestiges of the Wabash as the trail travels through the small towns that were once bustling with railroad activity. Spot an original depot, travel over railroad bridges, and browse railroad memorabilia at the historical museum in nearby downtown Montpelier.

Also enjoy spectacular wildlife-viewing opportunities. Portions of the trail are segments of the North Country National Scenic Trail, a 4,600-mile-long hiking trail that will eventually connect the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail in western North Dakota with the Appalachian Trail in Vermont.

Beginning in Maumee at the northeast end of the trail, both sections of the route meet at Jerome Road within sight of The Shops at Fallen Timbers. Don’t be confused by the sign labeled Wabash Cannonball Trail—North Fork; just 0.25 mile west, the South Fork breaks off to the left (southwest) while the North Fork continues straight (west).

It’s worth noting that a side excursion to the Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fallen Timbers State Memorial (recognizing the 1794 battle that helped open the Northwest Territory) is within easy reach; simply take a paved trail spur south along Jerome Road for 1.6 miles, passing over US 24 on a bicycle and pedestrian bridge. Side Cut Metropark is also accessible on the south side of the US 24 bridge. The park gets its name from an offshoot of the Miami and Erie Canal and provides a great place to learn about Ohio’s canal history or enjoy beautiful views of the Maumee River.

Traveling west from Jerome Road, the first 15.7 miles of the North Fork are nicely paved (up to SR 109). Travel across several bridges over small creeks, marshy wetlands, and deeper ravines before the pavement ends and the smooth paved trail gives way to crushed stone, grass, and dirt for the remainder of its length, with the exception of 2 paved miles in the town of Wauseon.



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States: Ohio

Counties: Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Williams

Length: 64.1 miles

Trail end points: Montpelier; Maumee to
Liberty Center

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Ballast, Cinder, Crushed
Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Horseback

Riding, Mountain Biking, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross

Parking & Trail Access

The Wabash Cannonball Trail runs between Montpelier, Maumee, and Liberty Center.

Parking is available at:

- northwest end in Montpelier, Airport Rd/CR 13 (Montpelier)
- Oak Openings Springbrook Area parking lot, Waterville Swanton Rd/OH-64 (Swanton)
- southwest end in Liberty Center, East St/OH-109 (Liberty Center)

These are not official addresses, visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all parking options and more detailed directions.



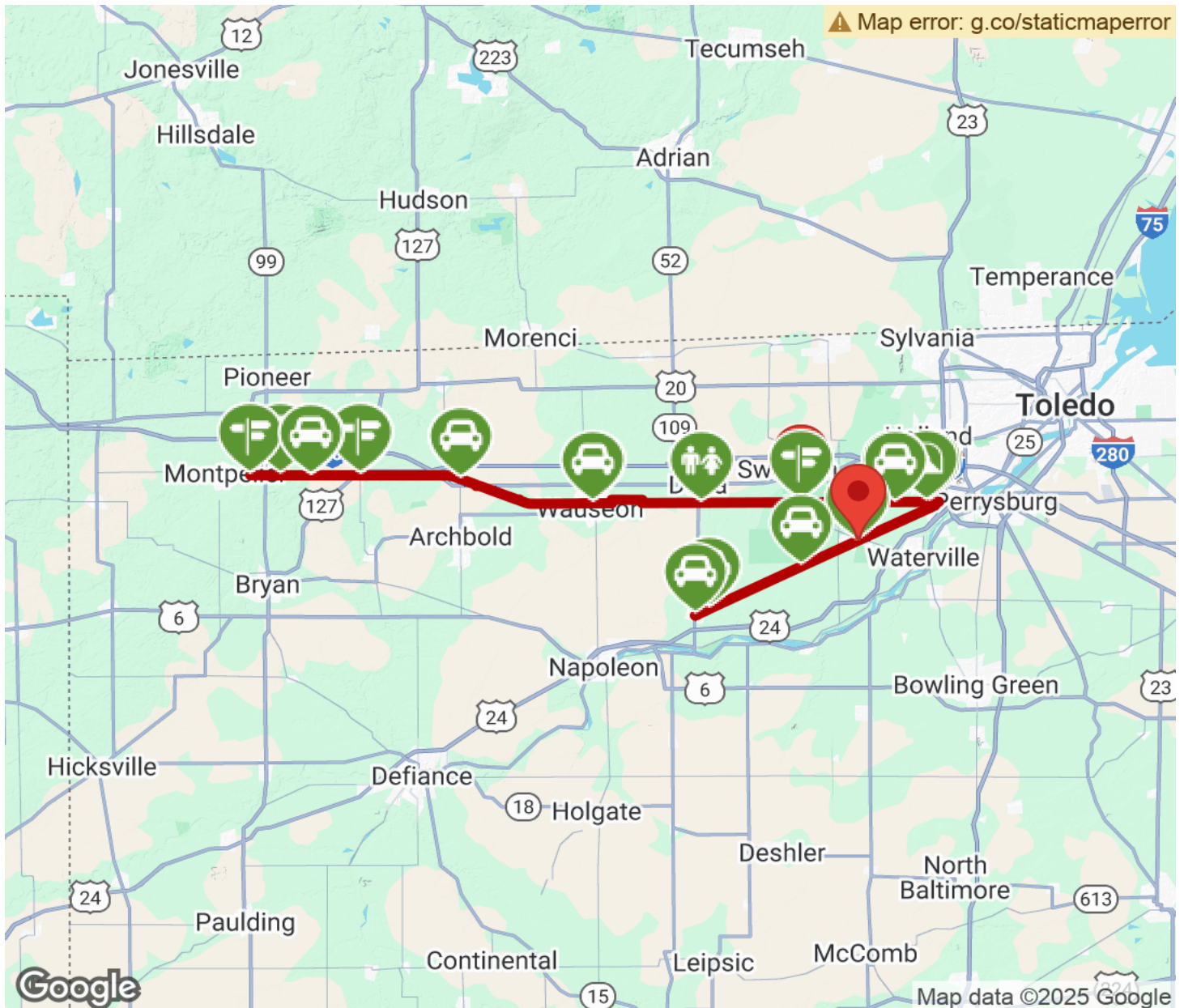
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Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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