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Zoar Valley Trail *Ohio*



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The trail passes by many historical sites of interest, including the villages of Zoar and Schoenbrunn (the latter founded in 1772), Camp Tuscazoar, Dover Dam, the Ohio & Erie Canal, Fort Laurens and a pre-Revolutionary War encampment. You'll also find a couple railroad trestles, one known as Fink Truss Bridge, which is a one-of-a-kind on the National Register of Historic Places.

In addition to the historical sites, you can visit the Zoar

Wetland Arboretum and you can camp at Tuscazoar, which is located about the halfway point. Both primitive tent sites and lodges are available, but the camp recommends reserving a spot in advance. The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation manages the trail.

The southern half of the trail (south of SR 416) requires onroad cycling and is hilly, while the section north of the camp, has a natural surface and is more level. The northern most section of the trail—between Route 800 and Fort Laurens follows an old railroad right of way and the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath. At the Fort Laurens State Memorial in Bolivar you can continue on the <u>Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath</u> heading towards Cleveland.



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States: Ohio Counties: Tuscarawas Length: 20.1miles Trail end points: Fort Laurens State Memorial (Bolivar) to University Dr NE & E High Ave (New Philadelphia) Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Ballast,Dirt,Grass Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Horseback Riding,Mountain Biking,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

Parking and access is available at Fort Laurens in Bolivar, by Canal Lands Park trailhead in Zoar (8645 Diver-Zoar Rd), at Camp Tuscazoar in Dover, at the intersection of University Drive NE & E High Avenue (northeast of the historic Village of Schoenbrunn), and near the Route 82 bridge.

However, note that Schoenbrunn Village closes at 5 pm. Retrieve your car by then to avoid getting it locked in.









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