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## About the Route

The trail's northern endpoint is located in Sheridan, near the intersection of Opel and 236th Streets. Heading south the trail passes the city of Westfield and crosses over a pedestrian bridge on 146th St.

As the trail continues south towards Carmel, trail users can find the Carmel Monon Depot, built in 1833 but since relocated. Also in Carmel, trail users can find a Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings and the Palladium,

Carmel's Center for the Performing Arts and based on a grand 16th-century villa.

South of Carmel, the trail crosses the busy 86th Street and then meanders through quiet neighborhoods and then over two bridges, one over a canal and the other over the White River.

6.2 miles from the southern endpoint, the trail reaches the gateway to Broad Ripple, a community that practically vibrates with culture, offering eateries, galleries, breweries, and shops.

The southern end of the trail in Indianapolis is undeniably urban, as it travels beneath the ramps of I-70 and I-65, as well as residential area and light industrial zones before reaching its southernmost terminus.

## Connections

In Westfield, the trail intersects with the [Midland Trace Trail](#).

In Carmel, it intersects with the [146th St. Trail](#) and the [Hagan Burke Trail](#).

In Indianapolis, it connects with the [Lenape Trace Trail](#), [Central Canal Towpath](#), and [Fall Creek Trail](#).

At the Monon Trail's southern endpoint, it connects to the [Indianapolis Cultural Trail](#).

## Trail History

Railroads helped Indianapolis grow into a transportation hub and manufacturing center beginning in the 1850s. One of those early railways that shaped the city's future is remembered today along the Monon Trail, which follows a line whose tracks are long gone. It serves as a transportation corridor that stitches together Indianapolis neighborhoods,



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**States:** Indiana

**Counties:** Hamilton, Marion

Length: 27.1 miles

**Trail end points:** Opel St. and E. 236th St.  
(Sheridan) to E. 10th St. and Bellefontaine St.  
(Indianapolis)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

The Monon Trail runs between Opel St. and E. 236th St. (Sheridan) and E. 10th St. and Bellefontaine St. (Indianapolis), with parking available at the northern end.

Parking is also available at:

- 1275 Rohrer Rd (Carmel)
- 1430 E 96th St (Nora)

There are numerous parking options available, see [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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