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Western Reserve Greenway Ohio



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The Western Reserve Greenway travels 42 miles through a scenic, mostly rural area, cutting a north–south course from Ashtabula to Warren in northeastern Ohio.

### About the Route

The northern end of the Western Reserve Greenway begins only a few miles from Lake Erie on W 52nd St in Ashtabula. The northern-most parking and trailhead is at Herzog Rotary Park (off Woodman Avenue), where there are the first of 12 interpretive signs detailing the importance of northeast Ohio in the Underground Railroad. The greenway is used year-round but note that snowmobiling is allowed only in Ashtabula County (the northern half of the trail).

Heading south, cross the historical King Bridge, a steel trestle built in 1897 that now spans Clay Street. Ahead is Austinburg, with a trailhead and plenty of options for food and drink. South of town, reenter the trail's rural surroundings and enjoy the company of deer, beavers, and a multitude of birds, including wild turkeys and waterfowl.

The trail passes through the east side of Rock Creek, a small town with a few restaurants and a lovely park located along the creek. In 2022, a new section of paved trail eliminated the need for an on-road detour and completed the continuous offroad route through Rock Creek.

Upon leaving the community, there is a trestle spanning the eponymous watercourse. The bridge features bump-outs that give a bird's-eye view of the creek and scenery below. When the path picks up again, the trail travels beneath sheltering trees and past the tiny village of Orwell, with a trailhead on Penniman Rd.

A stone arch bridge over Baughman Creek in Trumbull County is a true highlight of the Western Reserve Greenway.

Back on the trail, the route comes to the Sunside trailhead. The rail-trail continues beyond here to North River Road in Warren, where it connects to the Garrett Wonders Bike Trail heading south into town.

There are year-round restrooms at the Lampson Road Trailhead (a pit toilet) in Austinburg. The other portable restrooms marked on the map are seasonal (at the Austinburg, Station Street, Rock Creek Falls, and Orwell Trailheads, as well as off of Educational Highway).



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Counties: Ashtabula, Trumbull Length: 42miles Trail end points: W 52nd St (Ashtabula) to N River Rd NW (Warren) Trail surfaces: Asphalt Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike, Inline Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Snowmobiling, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

States: Ohio

# **Parking & Trail Access**

The Western Reserve Greenway runs between W 52nd St (Ashtabula) and N River Rd NW (Warren).

Parking is available at:

- Munson Hill Station, 2401 Old Austinburg Rd (Ashtabula)
- Lampson Road Staging Area, 2540 Lampson Rd (Austinburg)
- Sunside Trailhead, 547 Center St E (Warren)

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









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