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The trail is open in two disconnected segments. The northern section of the route stretches between Fredericksburg and Killbuck. The southern section stretches 7.3 miles between Gann (also known as Brinkhaven), at the border with Knox County, and Glenmont. Approximately 7 miles separate the two sections.

About the Route

The Holmes County Trail leads off from its northern endpoint in Fredericksburg and heads south through a mix of farmland and shaded streams before entering Holmesville. Holmesville is a quiet community, and the trail follows lightly trafficked community streets for about a mile here.

South of Holmesville, a smartly designed trail tunnel takes trail users underneath OH 38. This part of the trail passes through long stretches of picturesque swamplands. Here, wildlife abounds among the water and the trees. It's very likely to see turtles, snakes, or any number of bird species. Given the wet terrain, there are several stream crossings over old railroad bridges.

In Millersburg, trail users will find Hipp Station, a beautifully restored historical train depot, which serves as the trail's headquarters with a visitor center featuring wildlife displays, trail information, restrooms, vending machines, a covered picnic area, and a playground.

At the Killbuck trailhead, trail users will find picnic tables and benches. The northern section of the trail, which is a paved route, has an adjacent path for equestrians and Amish Buggies for its entire 15.7-mile route; be sure to review the etiquette rules posted at the trailhead so trail users can share the trail safely with its myriad users.

The southern section of the trail travels between the small towns of Glenmont and Brinkhaven, with its southernmost endpoint just short of the business district of Brinkhaven.

Connections

At the southern end of the Holmes County Trail, the trail continues as the <u>Mohican Valley Trail</u>.





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States: Ohio Counties: Holmes,Wayne Length: 23miles Trail end points: W. Clay St. (Fredericksburg) to 1082-1068 N Main St (Killbuck) to 516 Clifton St (Glenmont) to Mohican Valley Trail (Millersburg Rd, Brinkhaven) Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Crushed Stone Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Horseback

Parking & Trail Access

The Holmes County Trail runs between W. Clay St. (Fredericksburg) and 1082-1068 N Main St (Killbuck) and the 516 Clifton St (Glenmont) and Mohican Valley Trail (Millersburg Rd, Brinkhaven), with parking available at each endpoint except at the Mohican Valley Trail.

Parking is also available at:

- 7499 OH-83 (Holmesville)
- 62 N Grant St (Millersburg)
- 16606 Hunter Rd (Brinkhaven)

See <u>TrailLink Map</u> for all parking options and detailed directions.









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