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Sippo Valley Trail *Ohio*



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The rail-trail begins in Dalton at Village Green Park, where open green space (bordered by ball fields and a playground) and amenities are plentiful. Heading north out of the park, you'll be traveling a short distance on a marked on-road bike route. Once out of town, though,



you'll be on a paved, wooded path.

At Deerfield Avenue, which marks the line between Wayne and Stark Counties, you'll begin a 3-mile section that has a crushed-stone surface. In dry weather, the trail here is easily passable; in wet conditions, the stone surface gets slick and may be difficult for road bikers and wheelchair users. Pockets of forest create pleasant shade along the corridor.

The rural feel of the trail begins to change around mile 9 as you enter Massillon. While the path is mostly flat, here you will encounter a short but significant ascent to 17th Street and a steep descent into Lincoln Park. The route ends at Tremont Avenue, where you can pick up the <u>Ohio & Erie Canal</u> <u>Towpath Trail</u>, which travels more than 80 miles, including passage through the incredibly scenic Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Both trails are part of the <u>Ohio to Erie Trail</u>, a cross-state route stretching from the shores of Lake Erie in Cleveland to the Ohio River in Cincinnati.

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States: Ohio Counties: Stark,Wayne Length: 10miles Trail end points: Village Green Park at Freet St., just south of US 30 Alt./Main St. (Dalton) to Tremont Ave. SW and Fifth St. SW (Massillon) Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Crushed Stone Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Dalton trailhead can be reached by taking I-77 to Exit 104. Head west on US 30/US 62, and go 16.1 miles. Turn right onto US 30 Alt./Main St., and in 0.8 mile, turn left onto Freet St., which dead-ends at Village Green Park.

The Massillon trailhead can be reached by taking I-77 to Exit 104. Head west on US 30/US 62, and go 6.7 miles to OH 21/ Great Lakes Blvd. Head north 2.6 miles on OH 21. Exit onto Lillian Gish Blvd., and in 0.1 mile turn left onto Lincoln Way W/OH 172. In 0.2 mile, take a right onto Sixth St. NW and go one block. Take the first left and head west on Water Ave. NW, which dead-ends at Bottoms Park. This is the closest parking to the east end of the trail.









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