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About the Route

Starting in Greencastle, visitors will find trailhead parking and a gazebo. However, the route goes 0.6 mile on lightly traveled North Calbert Way until the official separated trail begins. The trail surface is packed crushed stone into Coatesville. The trail is paved between Coatesville and Amo. The path includes several covered shelters along the way.

This section of trail, through Fillmore and into Coatesville, is largely uninterrupted by road crossings and offers trailside wildflowers with an abundance of birds and butterflies and farm fields. Bluebirds, finches, and herons frequent this corridor, offering excellent birding opportunities. In both Fillmore and Coatesville, trailside businesses provide a place to rest and get a bite to eat. A separate bridle trail parallels much of the path and occasionally joins the main trail, but horses are required to remain on the grass in these combined stretches.

For the remaining 3 miles, from Coatesville to Amo, the Vandalia Trail traverses enchanted woodlands along an elevated railbed leading up to the trestle 30 feet above Crittenden Creek. A separate horse trail follows beside the main path, and there is a hitch rail at Crittenden Creek. This stretch is smooth pavement and well-maintained into Amo. Modern restrooms have been installed at both the Coatesville and Amo trailheads.

The 7-mile Plainfield segment runs between Plainfield and the Indianapolis International Airport in the outskirts of the city. Access the western end of the trail from a trailhead on Vandalia Boulevard in Plainfield. Like the portion of trail between Coatesville to Amo, this paved section is appropriate for inline skating and wheelchairs. Heading east from the Plainfield, the route travels through woodlands behind residential communities and then through a tunnel under the Saratoga Parkway to the Splash Island Family Waterpark.

Immediately past the water park, the path intersects with the White Lick Creek Trail, which heads south at the circular intersection. Go left over the bridge to stay on the Vandalia Trail as it navigates past the ballparks and playgrounds of Franklin Park. The trail continues into the neighborhood and takes a sharp left onto North East Street, heading up a short hill. At the top of the hill, the scenery changes as the trail winds out of the neighborhood. The trail takes on a more remote feeling as it passes through a wooded corridor.



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States: Indiana

Counties: Hendricks, Putnam

Length: 19 miles

Trail end points: N Calbert Way (Greencastle)
to Old Raceway Rd (Indianapolis)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Crushed
Stone, Dirt, Grass, Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Horseback

Riding, Mountain Biking, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross

Parking & Trail Access

The Vandalia Trail runs in several segments between Old Raceway Rd (Indianapolis) and N Calbert Way (Greencastle), where parking is available.

Parking is available at:

- Putnam St (Fillmore)
- Railroad St (Coatesville)
- Lincoln St (Plainfield)

These are not official addresses, please visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all options and detailed directions.



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