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**Camp Chase Trail** *Ohio* 



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A majority of the route is a rail-with-trail and parallels an active rail line, separated by a fence, ditch, or graded trail and all railroad crossings are lighted with warnings.

#### About the Route

The trail's western endpoint is located at the Wilson Road trailhead, just west of the community of Lilly Chapel. Heading east from the trailhead, the first mile and a half offers a peaceful trail experience through Ohio farm country where the trail passes through fields of soybeans and corn, in addition to well-maintained homes and barns. The crossroads at Lilly Chapel are notable due to the grain elevator operation located close to the trail. Lucky trail users may see a train being loaded with the bounty of the fields just off the trail. Once past the elevator, fields again predominate the landscape.

Georgesville appears in another 3.2 miles. The trail weaves through town and heads downhill to the Darby Creek Bridge. Crossing the bridge takes trail users into Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park, a recreational gem with 7,000 acres of prairies and forests.

At this point, the Camp Chase Trail is now off the rail corridor for the only time in its entire length. The trail's route through the park is great experience as it winds close to the creek, crossing under the very tall rail trestle bridge, and then meandering up the hill through the forest. The trail eventually takes you to the park entrance road, where the trail travels back a short distance to get back to the rail corridor.

The small town of Galloway greets trail users just 4 miles past the park. Not far from Galloway the ambience takes on a different character as the trail enters the first outlying neighborhoods of greater Columbus.

Another 2.5 miles from Galloway and almost at the end of the trail, a new-built trail bridge that was built next to the active railroad bridge helps trail users cross the very wide and busy I-270 loop where the trail meets its eastern endpoint near the hilltop neighborhood of Columbus.

#### Connections

At the trail's western end, the trail continues as the <u>Roberts</u> <u>Pass Trail</u>.

In Battelle Darby Creek Park, trail users can connect to the Darby Creek Trail.





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States: Ohio Counties: Franklin,Madison Length: 15.3miles Trail end points: 3300-3340 Wilson Rd SE (London) to N. Eureka Ave. (Columbus) Trail surfaces: Asphalt Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

### **Parking & Trail Access**

The Camp Chase Trail runs between 3300-3340 Wilson Rd SE (London) and N. Eureka Ave. (Columbus), with parking available at the western end in London.

Parking is also available at:

- Wilson Road Park, 275 S Wilson Rd (Columbus)
- Battelle Darby Metro Park, 8465 Alkire Rd (Galloway)

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









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