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Genesee Valley Trail *Michigan*



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The Genesee Valley Trail is a paved, multi-use pathway that helps to link suburban areas in Flint Township with the downtown core of the city of Flint, giving cyclists and pedestrians a convenient means of commuting into the city or just getting outside for some quality recreation. The bulk of the trail follows a defunct corridor of the Grand Trunk Western Railroad, which once serviced the factories and industries along the Flint River that propelled the city's growth. Now, the tree-lined corridor provides trail users with a direct and easy path into the city, where you can connect to the backbone of the area's trail network, the <u>Flint River Trail</u>.

The trail begins in the southwest at the Genesee Valley Center mall and follows the side of the road north until it turns to enter the shaded former railroad route. The trail diverts from the corridor to head north to Corunna Road, where a bridge allows you to safely cross over the interstate highway, and then rejoins the corridor a bit further east down the road. The city has installed plentiful signage to aid at road crossings, but trail users should still exercise plenty of caution as the trail does cross two fairly busy streets on its way into Flint.

The eastern end of the trail winds through the recently restored Chevy Commons Park, which was transformed from a concrete industrial wasteland into a beautiful riverside green space. This final section of the trail is also known as the <u>Chevy Commons Trail</u>. The trail crosses over the river and comes to an end at Carriage Town Plaza (313 W Water St, Flint) where it connects to the <u>Flint River Trail</u>. A great community resource for non-motorized transportation and exercise, the Genesee Valley Trail provides an excellent example of adapting the area's industrial, auto-centric past into a newer, multi-modal use.



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States: Michigan Counties: Genesee Length: 4.43miles Trail end points: Linden Rd to S Chevrolet Ave (Chevy Commons Trail) Trail surfaces: Asphalt Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available at the southwestern end of the trail at the Genesee Valley Center mall, located at the intersection of Linden Road and Miller Road. Parking is also available at the eastern end of the trail in Flint at the lot for Chevy Commons off of South Chevrolet Avenue.



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