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Guides



**Lawe Street  
Trestle Trail**  
*Wisconsin*



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current Edison "K"-type dynamo. An early example of a hydroelectric plant that sold electricity commercially, the plant provided incandescent lighting to five or six mills, a blast furnace, and nearby homes using Edison bulbs. A marker at the intersection of Vulcan Street and East North Island Street describes the history of the plant. In 2014, the current marker replaced the original version which read "World's First Hydroelectric Central Station."

The Lawe Street Trestle Trail provides a pedestrian/bike trail connection between both banks of the Fox River. Stretching from Lawe Street to East John Street on the north bank of the Fox River, the path provides access to the city's downtown district and to the nearby Newberry Trail and the North Island Trail, which is accessed across the river from the Lawrence University campus. Located in the City of Appleton along an abandoned railroad trestle, this 10-foot-wide trail spans the Fox River at the southern edge of the Lawrence campus. The trail is well-lit and has two scenic overlooks in the middle of the trestle.

At the southwest end of the trail, there is a replica of the former Vulcan Street Plant. Built in 1882, the Vulcan Street Hydroelectric Central Station produced direct-



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**States:** Wisconsin

**Counties:** Outagamie

Length: 0.3miles

**Trail end points:** S Lawe St by Fox River to East John St on the north bank (Appleton)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

There is no parking designated for this trail.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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