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Border-to-**Border Trail** Michigan



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A short disconnected trail segment extends eastward from Dexter to Dexter-Huron Metropark, but the longest open stretch of the Border-to-Border Trail resumes in Ann Arbor. Cyclists can use Huron River Drive to bridge the gap while trail plans are drawn up but should exercise extreme caution around the road's several blind curves.

In Ann Arbor, the Border-to-Border Trail extends south from the Barton Nature Area toward town, mostly following the course of the Huron River. The trail passes close to the University of Michigan's main medical campus, crosses the river several times and parallels an active Amtrak line on its way to the campus of Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. Here the off-road trail ends for a few miles but picks up again in south Ypsilanti near Interstate 94. It then continues south along the north shore of Ford Lake to its current eastern trailhead at North Hydro Park.

The Border-to-Border Trail is a work in progress, which when complete, will stretch across Washtenaw County from its border with Livingston County in the northwest to Wayne County in the east. Much of the off-road trail is open and sees heavy use, particularly in the more urban areas of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.

Beginning in the north, the scenic trail provides an important connection between Hudson Mills Metropark and downtown Dexter. The path, also known here as the West River Trail, is primarily paved as it follows the west bank of the Huron River; a section through wetlands is boardwalk. The wooded 1,500-acre park at its northern end offers a wide range of recreational opportunities, including hiking, golfing, camping, fishing, canoeing and cross-country skiing.





States: Michigan

Counties: Washtenaw Length: 19.7miles

Trail end points: Hudson Mills Metropark to Main St. (Dexter); Barton Nature Area (Ann Arbor) to Eastern Michigan University (Ypsilanti); Grove St. at I-94 to North Hydro Park (Ypsilanti)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Boardwalk, Crushed

Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Parking & Trail Access

There are several access points and places to park along the Border-to-Border Trail in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, including Huron Bridge Park, Bandemer Park, Broadway Park, Riverside Park, Fuller Park, the ball fields on Fuller Road near the Veterans Hospital, Argo Gallup Park (3 separate areas), off McAuley Drive near St. Joseph Hospital, at the Convention Center (restrictions may apply) and at Eastern Michigan University (check campus parking for details).

Parking for the Ford Lake segment is available at Ecorse Service Road off Grove Street (west end of trail) and at Loon Feather Point Park.

Parking for the stretch between Dexter and Hudson Mills Metropark is available at the southern end of the trail off Main Street in Mill Creek Park and at the northern end of the trail in Hudson Mills Metropark (8801 North Territorial Road).



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