

# Bike Trails in Hendricks County & Indiana

*Now, the future, & Tips to  
Use Them in Your Daily Life*

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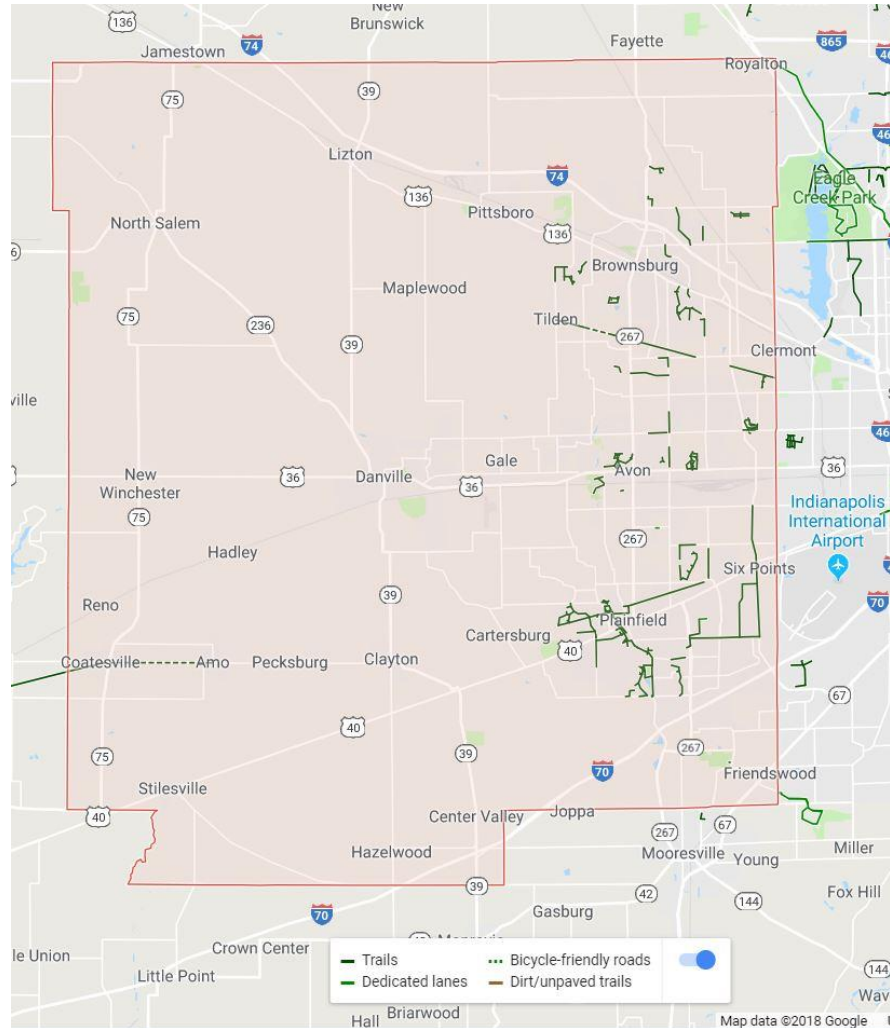
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For this presentation, “bike trails” are only separated multi-use paths.

Googlemaps represents existing bike trails.

- Useful single source
- Includes road info
- Lags on updates
- Sometimes shows sidewalks as trails

A coalition of parks & trails organizations around the county are launching a comprehensive, unified bike trail map initiative.

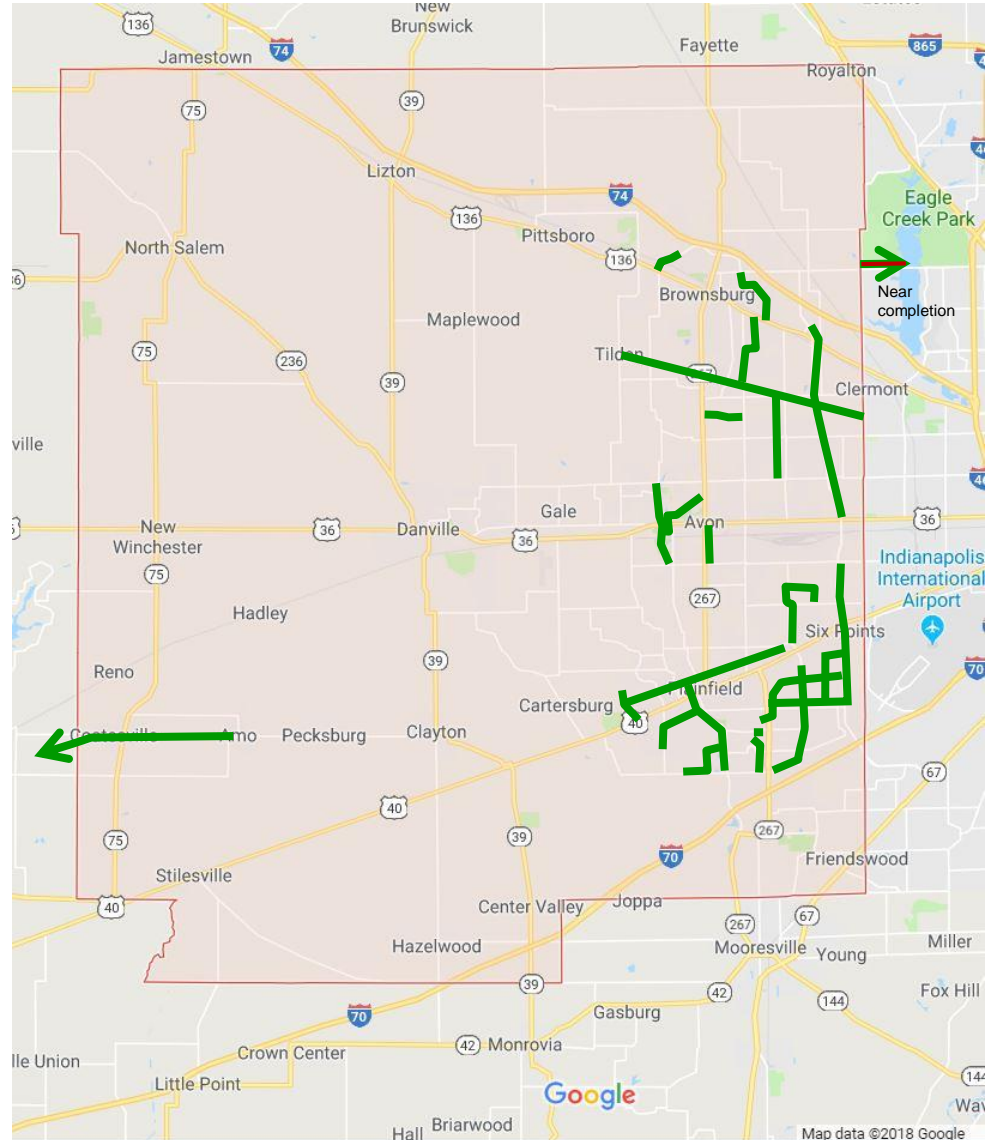




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## Existing Main Trails

- Plainfield
  - Vandalia
  - White Lick Creek
  - Stafford & other streets
  - Ronald Reagan Pkwy
- Avon
  - White Lick Crk, Town Hall
  - Bicentennial
  - Ronald Reagan Pkwy
- Brownsburg
  - B&O, Bicentennial
  - Bulldog, RTP
  - Northfield Dr., RR Pkwy
- B&O (B&O Trail Assoc.)
- Vandalia (County Parks)



# Bike Trails in Hendricks County Plainfield

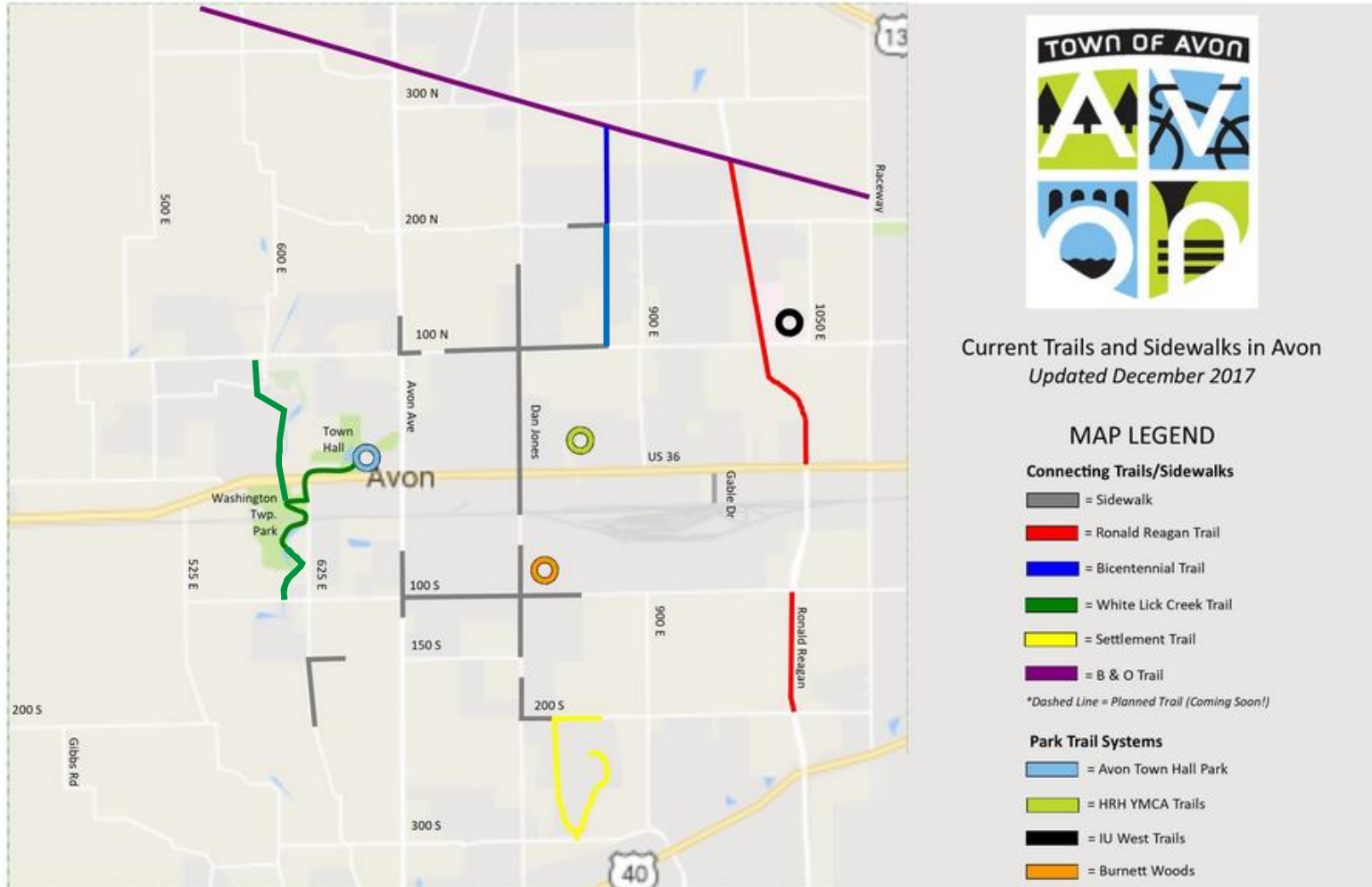
<https://www.townofplainfield.com/parks-trails-of-plainfield>



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## Avon

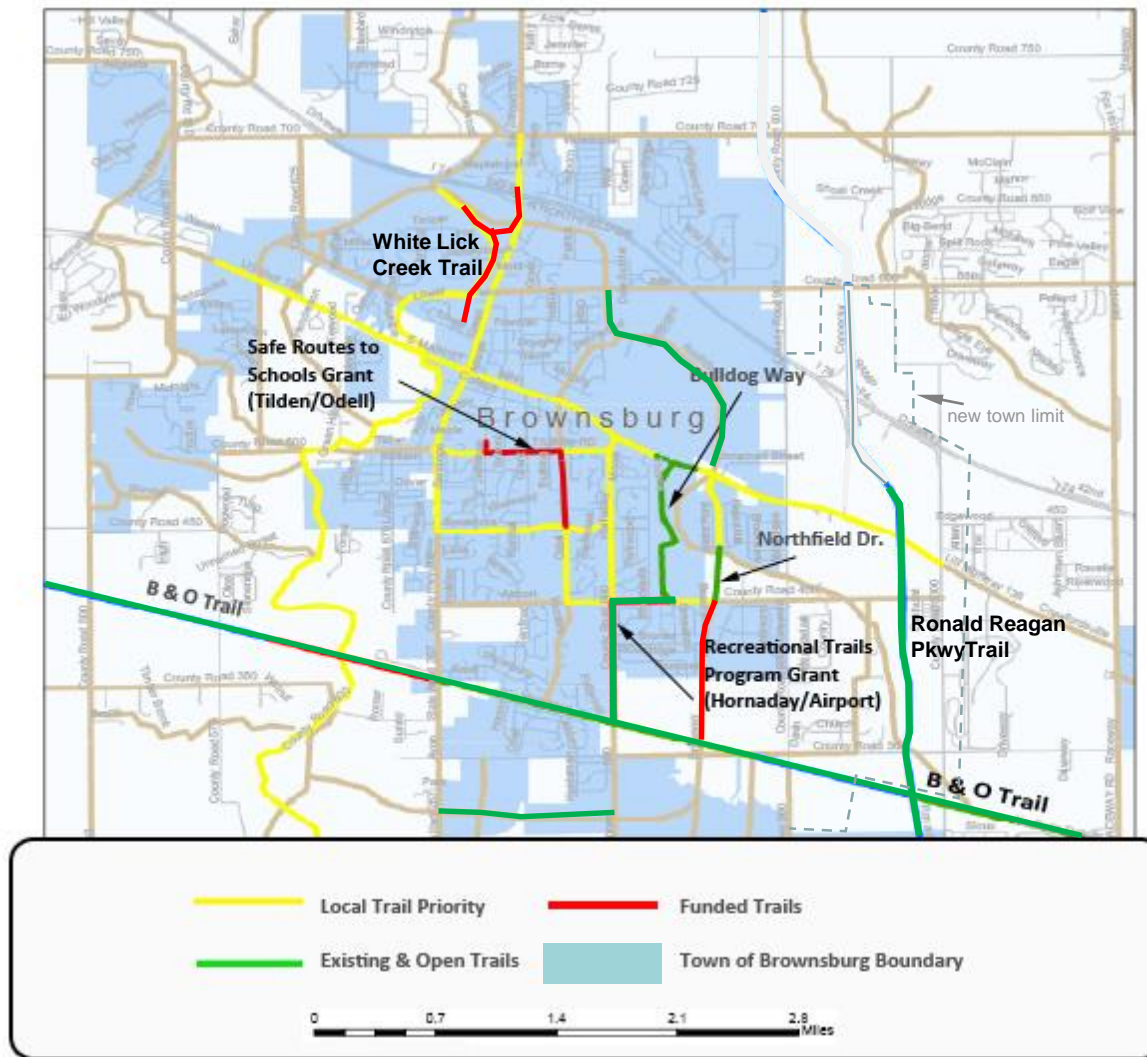
Updated from <https://www.avongov.org> : PARKS & REC : Trails in Avon



# Bike Trails in Hendricks County Brownsburg

Updated from <https://www.brownsburg.org> : Departments-Parks & Recreation-Park Projects-Useful Links-Funded Trails

See also [https://www.brownsburg.org/egov/documents/1524858799\\_58816.pdf](https://www.brownsburg.org/egov/documents/1524858799_58816.pdf) for comprehensive trail map.










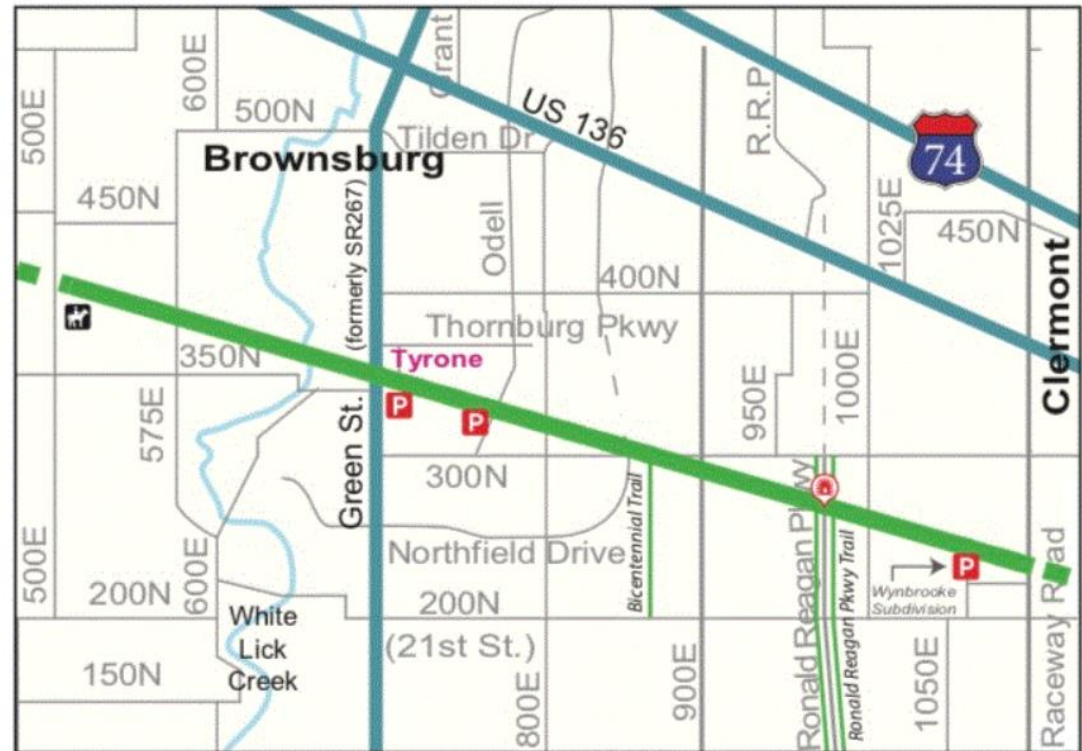


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## B&O Trail (B&O Trail Assoc.)

<http://www.botrail.org>

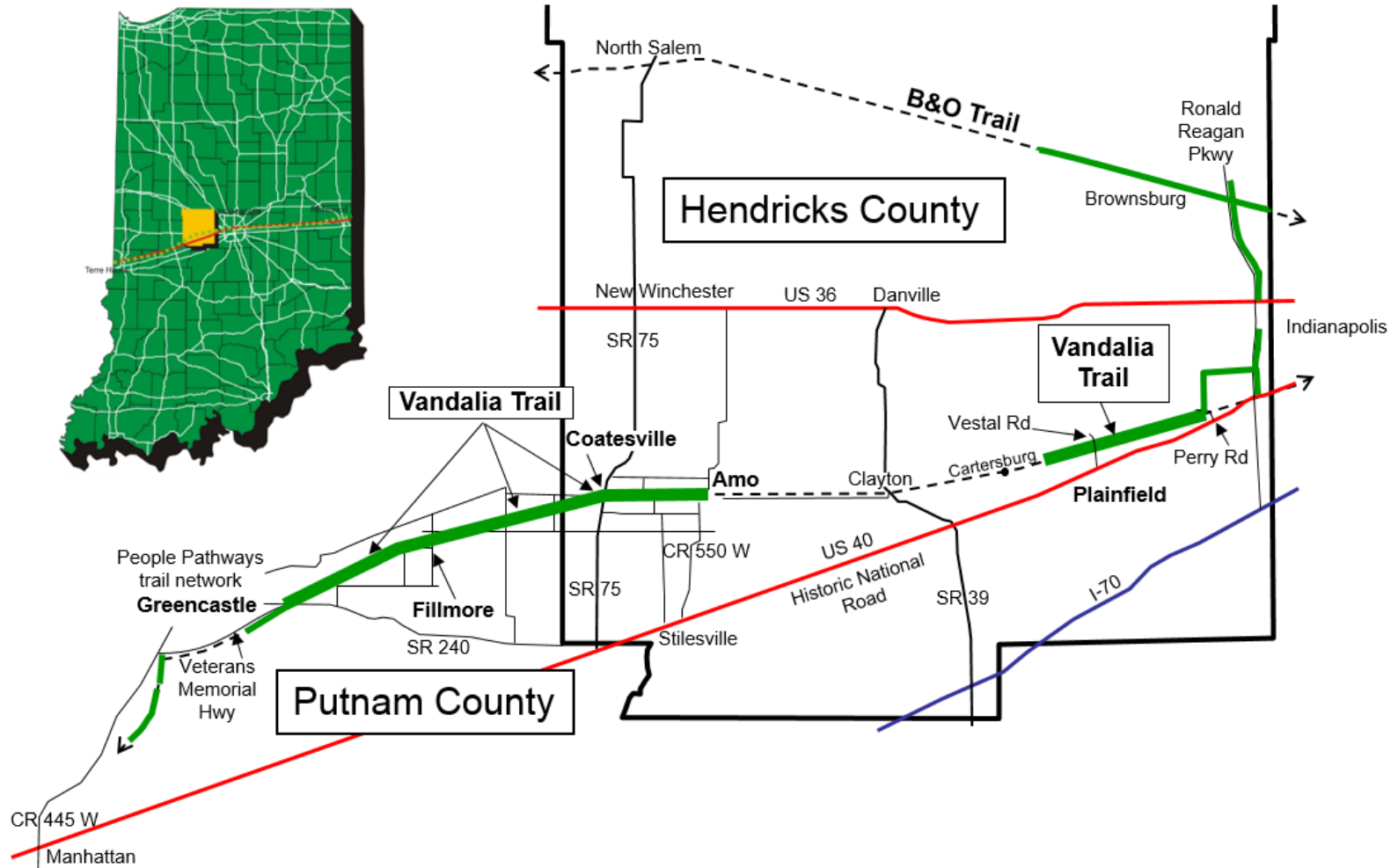
-  Completed Trail
  -  Planned Trail
  -  Other Trails
  - Old B&O Railroad Station Towns
  -  Public Parking Available
  -  Tunnel
  -  Planned Horse Trailer Parking/General Parking
  -  Planned Trail Head
- \*Trail shown is accurate as of July 2017.



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## Vandalia Trail (County Parks)

<http://hendrickscountyparks.org/our-parks/vandalia-trail/> <http://www.nrht.org/vandalia> : Maps

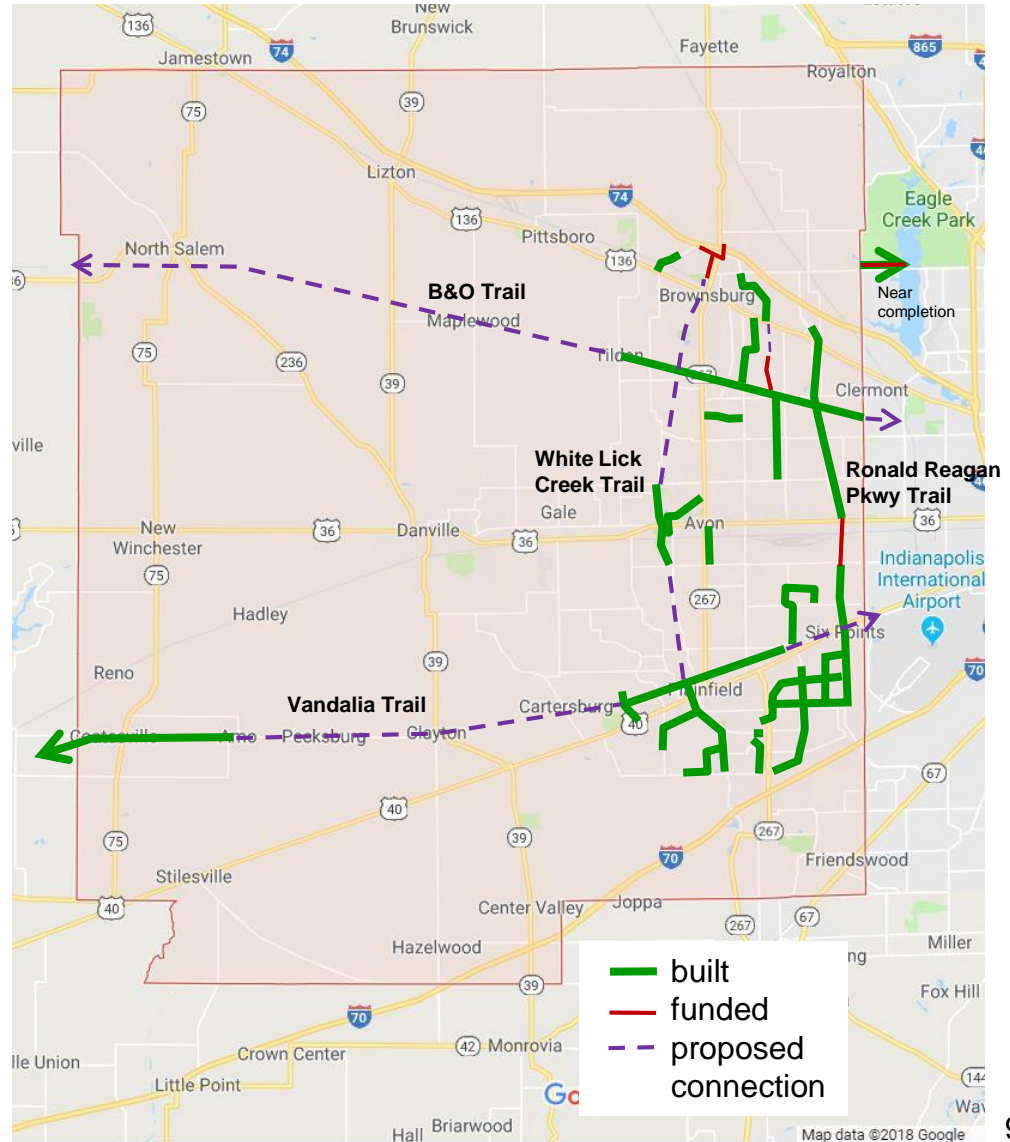




# Bike Trails in Hendricks County

## Funded or Proposed Connections

- Plainfield
  - Vandalia
  - White Lick Creek
- Avon
  - White Lick Creek
  - Ronald Reagan Pkwy
- Brownsburg
  - Northfield Drive
  - White Lick Creek
- B&O (B&O Trail Assoc.)
- Vandalia (County Parks & town of Clayton)



# Bike Trails in Hendricks County

## How to Help Promote More Trails

- ❑ Use & publicize the existing trails.
- ❑ Participate in town/county plan updates by filling out surveys & attending public meetings.
- ❑ Voice your support to local officials (towns, county parks-council-commissioners).
- ❑ Join &/or volunteer for trail support groups ([B&O Trail Assoc.](#), [Hendricks Co. Trail Devel't Assoc.](#), [Friends of Vandalia Trail](#), [NRHT, Inc.](#), [Parks Foundation of Hendricks County](#))



# Bike Trails in Hendricks County

## Tips for Daily Use

### ❑ **Commuting**

- **Always think “Can I bike there?”**
- **Errands**
- **Coffee shop, restaurant, visit friends, etc.**
- **Work**

### ❑ **Local touring**

- **Also coffee shop, restaurant, etc.**
- **Local trip to view Fall colors, for example**
- **Connect multiple trails in one ride.**
- **Destinations or sights become more interesting when reached by bike than by car.**



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## Tips for Daily Use

### □ Equipment

- **Versatile, comfortable bike**
- **Safety: helmet, glasses, rear-view mirror, lights, bell**
- **Security: lock**
- **Maintenance: inner tube, patches, tire tools, manual air pump, L-wrenches**
- **Versatile, comfortable clothing**
- **Cargo features: frame bags, racks, rack bags, panniers, backpacks**
- **Always keep bike in working order, so it will be available on the spur of the moment**



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## Tips for Daily Use

### ❑ Cycling strategies

- **Easy, sustainable pace**
- **Find a way to bike from home.**
- **Use suitable wide sidewalks & low traffic streets to ride to or connect between trails.**
- **Googlemaps Streetview previews some trails & suitability of sidewalks & roads.**







# Bike Trails in Indiana

Indiana DNR database <https://www.in.gov/dnr/outdoor/2604.htm> : Indiana Trail Finder

## Trails outside of Hendricks County

1. People Pathways (Greencastle & Putnam Co.)
2. Indy Greenways & Indianapolis Cultural Trail
3. Zionsville Rail-Trail & others, Big 4 Trails (Boone Co.)
4. Monon Trail, 146<sup>th</sup> St. Trail, Midland Trace & others (Hamilton Co.)
5. Sugar Creek Trail (Crawfordsville)
6. Pennsy Trails & Buck Creek Trail (Cumberland & Greenfield)
7. B-Line Trail, Clear Creek Trail & others (Bloomington)
8. National Road Heritage Trail & others (Terre Haute & Vigo Co.)
9. People Trails (Columbus)
10. National Road Heritage Trail (Henry Co.)
11. Wilbur Wright Trail (New Castle)
12. White River Trace Trail & others (Anderson)
13. Lafayette, West Lafayette & Delphi trails
14. Nickel Plate Trail & Industrial Heritage Trail (Kokomo)
15. Milwaukee Road Transportation Trailway (Bedford)
16. Cardinal Greenway & Richmond & Muncie trails
17. Cardinal Greenway (Marion), Sweetser Switch & Converse Trails
18. Panhandle Pathway
19. North Judson Erie Trail
20. Ohio River Greenway (New Albany-Jeffersonville-Louisville, KY)
21. Fort Wayne & Allen Co. trails
22. Erie-Lackawanna Trail & others (Lake Co.)
23. Prairie Duneland, Oak Savannah, Calumet Trails & others
24. Goshen, Elkhart, & South Bend trails
25. Pigeon Creek Greenway (Evansville)

