



## Two improvements enhance safety on the Pumpkinvine

The Pumpkinvine Nature Trail continues to see improvements—one in Middlebury and the other in Goshen—that make it safer and more enjoyable.

The Town of Middlebury and the Friends of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail, Inc. worked together to pave and widen to 10 feet the 290-foot section of the Pumpkinvine south of Bristol Ave., between the Middlebury Historical Society fence and Railroad Street. The Friends of the Pumpkinvine and the Town of Middlebury split the \$14,774 cost of the project. Niblock Excavating did the paving work.

In Goshen, the city constructed a bicycle refuge island where the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail connects with the Maple City Greenway on Main Street. This island corrects a problem bikers coming from the east had seeing traffic coming from the north around a sharp curve when they crossed Main Street.

“Normally, I look left, then right, then left again when crossing a street,” said Friends president, John Yoder. “But here it was quite possible for a car to suddenly appear around the curve from the north when I’m looking the other way.”



*The refuge island on N. Main St.*

Now with the refuge island, riders coming from the east only have to look for cars in one direction at a time: they can look left for cars coming from the south, cross to the center of the road, stop, and then look right for cars coming around the corner from the north. “It makes a much safer crossing,” Yoder said. Lane marking north of the refuge island also slow cars coming around the corner.

Mary Cripe, Goshen City Engineer and Bicycle Coordinator, was responsible for making this crossing safer.



**Before, looking north:** The four-foot “sidewalk” along Railroad Street in Middlebury was too narrow for bikers to pass. (Photo by John Yoder)



**After, looking south:** The 10-foot width makes it much safer for bikers to pass. (Photo by Gloria Salavarría)

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Friends of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail, Inc. are cyclists, hikers and naturalists who are working with area park departments to create a linear park and greenway on the former Pumpkinvine corridor between Goshen, Middlebury and Shipshewana, Ind.



## From the president

### Closing gaps in the Pumpkinvine

My idea of the ideal Pumpkinvine Nature Trail is one that is off-road, continuous and consistent. At our April annual dinner, I mentioned five “gaps” in the trail that are not off-road, continuous and consistent that I’d like to see closed. As reported on page one of this *Trail Talk*, one of these inconsistent gaps is now closed with the widening of the trail along Railroad Street in Middlebury. Our thanks to all who responded to our fall 2013 fundraising letter that had this improvement as its focus. Here’s a brief update on the other four gaps.

#### State Road 4 to County Road 28 (managed by Goshen Park and Recreation)

Now that the rest of the Pumpkinvine has an asphalt surface, this 1.75-mile limestone surface looks out of sync with the rest of the trail, and many bikers avoid it’s softer, slower surface that can also coat a bike in dust. At certain times of the year, it gets soft and rutted. Even when it is solid, people in wheel chairs or roller bladders can’t use it like they can the rest of the trail. Estimates are that it would cost over \$100,000 to resurface, and at this point the City of Goshen has higher priorities, like paying the police and fire departments.

#### County Road 850 W to downtown Shipshewana (the Town of Shipshewana area)

Currently, there is no parking or staging area where the trail ends (or starts) at 850W. There is some designated parking downtown, but there isn’t any obvious connection between that parking and the trail. There are also safety concerns about bikers on County Road 850 W and on County Road 250 N, the parallel county road into town, where the shoulder suddenly disappears. The town of Shipshewana has been working to close this gap for at least 10 years, without success. Town officials have not been able to find a route that satisfies all the landowners.

#### County Road 20 to County Road 35 (Elkhart County Parks area)

We’d like to close this gap and the next one to get bikers off CR 33, 35 and 20, particularly 20 and 35 because of their heavy traffic. Discussions with the landowners in this area eight years ago were not productive, and at the moment we are not actively working on this section.

#### County Road 20 to County Road 35 (Elkhart County Parks area)

We’ve had positive discussions with landowners in this section for over a year, and we’ve gotten to the point of looking at possible routes for the trail. However, many issues remain to be resolved, and nothing is certain enough to report at this point.

The overriding issue in closing these gaps is finding the money for purchase and construction. Other Pumpkinvine sections were built with transportation enhancement funds through Indiana Department of Transportation or smaller grants from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Locally officials would much prefer to work with the DNR, but that means we’d likely need to raise a substantial portion of the cost locally. We’ve applied to the Elkhart County Community Foundation for construction funds. We’ll hear the response to our grant request in December 2014.



## Ride raises awareness and funds for trail expansion

By Evan Bontrager, Bike Ride Coordinator

The 2014 annual Pumpkinvine Bike ride was another great success. Success is measured in several ways, the first being increasing the awareness of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail. We had 1,079 riders, roughly 100 volunteers, 13 vendors and many government agencies involved this year. Based on the preliminary rider survey, 32 percent of the riders were first time riders. Raising awareness: Check.

A second goal is raising funds for the expansion of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail. This year the ride raised more than \$10,000 that the Friends of the Pumpkinvine can put toward closing gaps in the trail.

One freedom we have given ourselves is buying sufficient food and supplies for our riders, even if it means extra food left over. But we don't consider this food a problem as we have a standing relationship with the Window in Downtown Goshen. The Window is a non-profit that serves food through Katie's Kitchen and Meals on Wheels. All of our excess perishable goods are passed on to the Window to support their local services. Fund raising: Check.

And as always, we strive to buy fresh food from local growers and suppliers. We begin with growers from our local farmers market, add supplies from businesses demonstrating a local mindset, and, of course, finish with locally baked pies and locally made ice cream. For the list of suppliers, please visit our website.

We continue to have the reputation as one of the premier bike rides in Northern Indiana. We are recognized for the quality of our food, beautiful routes and of course our Pumpkinvine Nature Trail. The largest change this year was moving the Middlebury SAG to the park downtown. This change avoided a congested road and increased the recognition the trail plays in connecting the three communities of Goshen, Middlebury and Shippshewana. We also added live music in Middlebury that added a festive feel. The new location and route changes have been received well.

Here are a few other interesting facts about riders who have ridden previously: 14 percent had ridden once before, 21 percent had ridden twice before, and 31 percent indicated they had ridden this ride four or more times.

One of the more common questions we receive is where do our riders come from. Two thirds were from Indiana, and 15 percent came from Michigan, our second more prevalent state. And Illinois significantly surpassed Ohio with 9.5 percent versus 2.1 percent respectively. The remaining came from Kentucky, Missouri, Wisconsin, Colorado, South Carolina, Iowa, Idaho, Florida, New York and Maryland. One registration actually listed Shanghai — interesting to say the least. It appears that awareness of our ride is quite widespread.

We thank all of the riders, business sponsors, and the very large and dedicate list of volunteers who served the riders.



## We would like to thank

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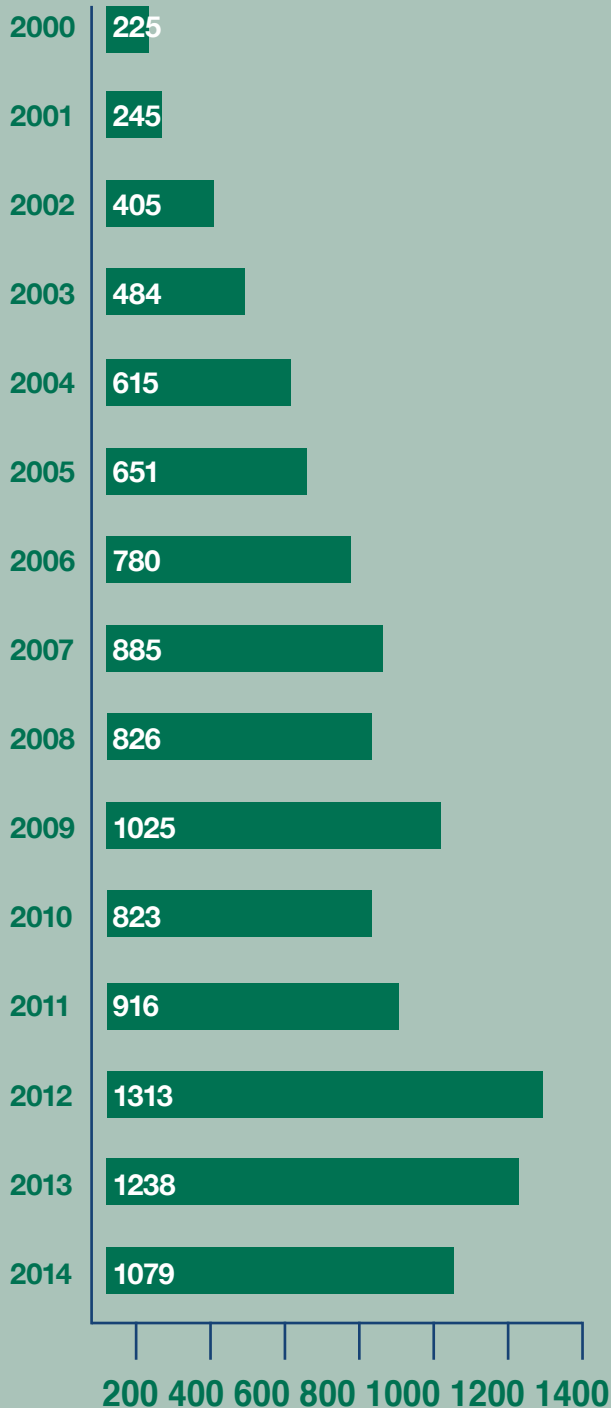


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# Pumpkinvine Ride Statistics

## Year Number of Riders



You can view and order 2014 bike ride photos at the following links: <http://2014pvbikeride.shutterfly.com/> or from the bike ride home page: [www.pumpkinvine.org/PBR\\_html/post\\_PBR.html](http://www.pumpkinvine.org/PBR_html/post_PBR.html)



Duane Wyse, Wauseon, Ohio, made the Pumpkinvine Bike Ride part of a 250-mile day.

## A one-of-a-kind Pumpkinvine Bike Rider

By B. Harry Dyck

Every annual event has a “First” participant of one sort or another, and for the 2014 Pumpkinvine Bike Ride, Duane Wyse (60) of Wauseon, Ohio, surely achieved a unique “First.”

Duane pedaled out of Wauseon in the wee hours of Saturday morning, the day of the Pumpkinvine Ride, and with little more than a cold meat sandwich and a donut to munch on en route, rode the 97 miles to Goshen (into a headwind), arrived around 6:10 a.m. He then spent about an hour at McDonalds for R&R before joining other riders for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Pumpkinvine Bike Ride where he rode about 51 miles.

When asked if he were not exhausted from this post-midnight 97-miler, he replied: “No, I was tired, but I have experienced worse. I’m not sure why, but the ride went very well, everything fell into place, and it ended feeling like a much shorter ride. I think that the cooler temp and riding in the mist had something to do with it.”

Duane had ridden Pumpkinvine Bike Ride six previous times, and ridden from Wauseon-to-Goshen ride the last three years on the Friday before the ride. This year he left home at 1 a.m. on Saturday, because, “I had other commitments on Friday,” as if to say, if the Pumpkinvine is your favorite ride, and it is only 100 miles to the west, then one does what one must: take off in the middle of the night to get there!

Happily, Duane takes bicycling safety seriously. He had two rear lights and a light on his helmet so he could always see what’s in front of him. He’s confident he’s more visible at night than in the daytime, because his flashing lights readily make other road users notice him.

Duane had very complimentary words for the Pumpkinvine Ride: “It is my favorite marathon,” he said. “It is well organized, and it has great SAGs.”

Evidently Duane “sagged” enough to generate the energy needed to cycle the 97 miles back to Wauseon on Saturday after of his 50-mile ride loop. He left Goshen at 1:20 p.m. and arrived home at 8:10 p.m., stopping four times to hydrate and refuel. He did not sleep during the day but was in bed by 9 p.m. “Physically I was worn out but not too much,” he said. “I realized a couple of miles from home that I was going to end with 248 miles if I went straight home, so I took a longer way to get past the 250 mark. I ended up with 250.2 miles” – all in less than 24 hours.

His speed for the day was impressive, too. “When I got to Goshen my average speed was 18.2 mph. After the Pumpkinvine Bike Ride my computer read an average of 17.1 mph, and for the whole ride, I averaged 16.6 mph. I felt pretty good about my speed.”

Could anyone argue against honoring Duane Wyse with some kind of Pumpkinvine Ride medal? His ride is surely a one-of-a-kind First in the annals of the Pumpkinvine Bike Ride.

The course was perfect—not too crowded. The aid stations were fantastic.

—Betty Nelson, Columbia City, Ind.



This is the best supported ride I know. The volunteers do a wonderful job. It is my favorite ride in Indiana. It's very scenic and not a lot of traffic.

—Ken Loertscher, Carmel, Ind. (10<sup>th</sup> year)



2014 PUMPKINVINE BIKE RIDE

**This is the third year I've ridden in this ride and it's my favorite! Can't wait for next year! —Deb Coch, South Bend, Ind.**



**My husband and I participating in this event for the first time this year, and it was wonderful. The camaraderie was inspiring, and we ended up with many new friends. The dinner ride the night before and 75 miles on Saturday gave us feeling of great accomplishment! Scenery beautiful! Cute Amish children cheering us on was priceless!**

*—Diana Powers, Adrian, Mich.*



**2014 PUMPKIN VINE BIKE RIDE**

**The new trail is very nice. The route is well marked and the staff friendly. It is a very enjoyable ride: it is not super hard but if you push, you get a good workout.** —Ed and Becky Busman, Grand Rapids, Mich. (Second year)



**It was a beautiful day. It was nice to see the volunteers and the police. They were very helpful. The SAGs were too good! Great actually.**

—Hal Fisher, Oliver Lake, Ind. (Third year)



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## Electric-driven mobility devices can use the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail

Individuals with mobility disabilities who want to ride on the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail now have a way to identify themselves. Pennants with a Pumpkinvine Nature Trail logo, indicating that the user is permitted on the trail, are available from Goshen Park and Recreation, Elkhart County Parks, the Middlebury Town Hall and Shippshewana Town Hall. Individuals can receive a free pennant with proof of a mobility disability.

But there are restrictions on what devices individuals with mobility disabilities can ride. Approved Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD) must be no wider than 36" or longer than 62" and weigh 200 lbs. or less, be electric driven with motors of 250 watts or less, and be equipped with a bell or other audible device by which other trail users may be warned of a user's approach.

OPDMDs may operate on the trail wherever foot traffic is permitted, provided that they can be operated safely without posing a risk of serious harm to trail users or natural and cultural resources. For a complete list of guidelines, see [www.pumpkinvine.org](http://www.pumpkinvine.org).



## A Pumpkinvine section designated a wildlife habitat

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) has recognized a section of the Middlebury Greenway on the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail as a Certified Wildlife Habitat site. The designation was in recognition of the efforts of the Middlebury Park Department and



volunteers to create areas that improves habitat for birds, butterflies, frogs, and other wildlife by providing essential elements for their survival. Those include natural food sources, clean water, cover and a place to raise their young.

Middlebury's Habitat Garden includes the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail north of Crystal Valley Drive along Railroad St. "This was a scrubby, wasted, weedy area," said Monica Yoder, a member of the Middlebury Park and Recreation Board. Through the cooperative effort of the Middlebury Tree Board, Middlebury park board, several local businesses and town residents and several Elkhart Co. Master Naturalist interns, the area was "repurposed over time into what now is our Habitat Garden," Yoder said.

The Habitat Garden is part of the Middlebury Learning Corridor along the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail from the Little Elkhart River to site of the former Middlebury railroad depot and includes interpretive signs for Krider World's Fair Garden, Rain Gardens, Krider Quilt Garden, a Bluebird Trail, and the Right Tree-Right Place Arboretum.

## PUMPKINVINE TRIVIA

1. What local public agency manages the largest portion of the Pumpkinvine?
  - a. Goshen Parks
  - b. Elkhart County Parks
  - c. Town of Middlebury
  - d. Town of Shippshewana
2. True or false. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has designated the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail as a State of Indiana Visionary Trail.
3. How many benches are there on the section of the Pumpkinvine managed by Goshen Parks and Recreation?
  - a. 4
  - b. 7
  - c. 9
  - d. 11



ANSWERS ON PAGE 11

## Stop at the Oasis!

By Gloria Salavarria

In Middlebury, just where the trail crosses State Road 13 (335 N. Main Street), there's a little oasis on the south east side of the Pumpkinvine for cyclists, walkers and travelers.

The Pumpkinvine Oasis offers soft pretzels and hard ice cream—delicious Hershey's premium ice cream and the best tasting soft pretzels anywhere, and so it is worthy of a rest stop. The Oasis also offers sundaes, banana splits, smoothies and other cool refreshments, although coffee is no longer served, and menu prices are gentle on the pocket.

Although the sign on the south side of the building says "Open," the Oasis is open only Monday through Saturday from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. and closed on Sundays.

To get to the goodies, turn off the trail near the trash barrel where the grass is narrowest. Although there is a concrete drive around the building for drive-up traffic, for safety's sake, trail users are asked to come around to the front (street) side to order and to park their bikes clear of the drive.

Dining is outdoors with three umbrella-shielded tables and one bench and picnic table for sitting and eating.

The Oasis offers its ice cream in a cup, a sugar cone; and a waffle cone. A nice large single scoop in a waffle cone can be eaten before melted ice cream begins to seep out the bottom of the cone because it is so delicious, it won't last long enough to melt and drip. A double dip on a hot day can be a worthy challenge for those who are up to it. Just wrap the napkin well around the bottom of the cone—just in case. There are no public restrooms, but if you get sticky fingers, just ask for a wet napkin at the window.

This is the second year Freeman and Lillian Hochstetler have been open for business. The soft pretzel recipe is one that Lillian has worked hard to create, but she credits God for helping her to create such a divinely delicious treat that is definitely finger-licking good—with or without any of the six dips that are available. Hochstetler pretzels are carbohydrate loading at its finest and tastiest.

As for how late in the season the Oasis will be open, the answer is, as long as there is good business for their fine ice cream and soft pretzels.



*The Pumpkinvine Oasis offers a rest stop with the finest in premium ice cream and soft pretzels to refuel your travel along the Pumpkinvine. Prices are reasonable, but the Oasis doesn't open until noon and is closed on Sundays. (Photo by Gloria Salavarria)*

## Sixth annual Maple City Walk Sept. 20

The sixth annual Maple City Walk has three levels of participation: a 10-K, a half-marathon and a full-marathon walks, most of which will be on the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail.

The walk starts at Powerhouse Park by the Goshen Farmers Market, 212 W. Washington Street, at 7:30 a.m. Registration starts at 7 a.m. and half and marathon walks start at 7:30 a.m. The 10K walk starts at 9 a.m. The marathon walkers will walk a half marathon to Middlebury and then back to Powerhouse Park.



For more information, registration and a map of the course, visit the Maple City Walk web site, [cityonthego.org](http://cityonthego.org), email [juliagautsche@gmail.com](mailto:juliagautsche@gmail.com) or call Julia Gautsche 574-596-1632.

The deadline for on-line registration is September 13. Before September 13: 10K: \$15 adults and \$10 ages 15-18; half marathon: \$20 adult and \$10 ages 15-18; marathon: \$35 adults and \$15 ages 15-18. After September 13: onsite registration: 10K: \$25 adult; \$10 ages 15-18; half: \$30 adult; \$10 ages 15-18; marathon: \$45 adult; \$15 ages 15-18. There is no paper registration.



**ANSWERS FROM PAGE 9**

1. b. The percent managed by each is: Elkhart County Parks, 44%; Shipshewana 28%; Goshen, 17 %; and Middlebury 11%.
2. True. A visionary trail is one that crosses two counties and is complete or under construction.
3. d. 11. Nine are north and two south of State Road 4. In the 1.75 miles north of State Road 4, that's a bench every 1,026 feet or every .2 miles.

## Friends of the Pumpkinvine FLASHBACK

>> Items from past newsletters <<

### Five years ago—Summer 2009

- In its 10<sup>th</sup> year, the Pumpkinvine Bike Ride topped 1,000 riders for the first time. The ride uses the newly opened section of trail between County Road 28 and County Road 33.
- Downtown Goshen hosted its first Maple City Walk.

### 10 years ago – Summer 2004

- The Friends of the Pumpkinvine agree to move the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail 33 feet north to preserve the garden of Joas and Lillian Yoder east of County Road 43.
- Plans to construct .65 miles of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail in Middlebury between Wayne St. and York Dr. were on schedule.

### 15 years ago – Summer 1999

- August 4, Goshen Park Department starts work on Pumpkinvine north of State Road 4. The Friends of the Pumpkinvine hope that the experience of riding or walking this 1.75-mile demonstration section will build support for extending the trail to Shipshewana.
- September 11, a work crew clears brush between County Road 28 and County Road 127.

### 20 years ago – Summer 1994

- June 14, all but one adjacent landowner drops out of lawsuit contesting Friends' ownership of the Pumpkinvine corridor between State Road 4 and County Road 28.



*July 1994, the Friends clear the trail between State Road 4 and County Road 28 that is overgrown in many places with thorny Multiflora Rose. Here Friends board member, Don Boyer, trims back tree branches so that the tractor with a bush hog, driven by board member, C.J. Yoder, can cut down the Multiflora Rose.*

- July 23-30 Friends staff a booth at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair gathering petitions of support for construction of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail.
- Sept. 2, Judge Worth Yoder, Elkhart County Superior Court No. 3, rules that the Friends of the Pumpkinvine are the owners of the last disputed section of the Pumpkinvine corridor between State Road 4 and County Road 28.
- Rory Robinson and Paul Labovitz of the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program visit Goshen to consult with the Friends of the Pumpkinvine on a variety of trail issues. They also hold an information meeting with adjacent landowners at the A&R Machine shop on County Road 20.

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### Has your membership expired?

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