The Pumpkinvine Nature Trail

Trail Overview

Three trails, the MapleHeart Trail, Wilden Avenue Trail and the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail connect Elkhart, Goshen, Middlebury and Shipshewana. The total distance from Elkhart to Shipshewana is 25 miles. Two sections totaling 1.25 miles, shown in brown on the map, are on county roads. The trail surface is asphalt, except for 1.7 miles from State Road 4 to County Road 28 northeast of Goshen where the packed limestone surface is accessible and suitable for narrow-tired bicycles.

The trails are managed by Elkhart County Parks, Goshen Parks and Recreation, Middlebury Parks and Recreation and the Town of Shipshewana.

The trail system passes through urban areas, small towns and agricultural communities. The countryside along the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail includes the third largest Amish community in the United States.

Trail Features

- Connects Ox Bow Park, Abshire Park, Krider World’s Fair Garden and Elkhart County Fairgrounds.
- Networks with the Maple City greenway and the Trails of Middlebury
- Extends 25 miles in connection with the Wilden Avenue and MapleHeart Trails
- Passes by two Amish schools
- NIPSCO Powerline Arboretum
- Seven wooden-trestle bridges
- Thirty-one species of wildflowers
- Learn about quilt gardens near the trail at quiltgardens.com.
- Third largest Amish community in the U.S.

Recreational opportunities

- Bicycling
- Walking
- Jogging
- Roller blading
- Cross country skiing (trails not groomed)
- Electric bicycles

Class 1 and 2 electric bicycles are allowed on the trail. Class 3 electric bicycles are prohibited.

Note: The trail speed limit is 15 miles per hour.

Who are the Friends of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail?

The Friends are a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to maintaining, expanding and promoting the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail. Volunteers assist with the day-to-day work required to achieve the short- and long-term goals. Friends’ volunteers donate their time, equipment and financial resources to support the trail.

Financial contributions pay for Friends’ operating costs, trail literature, trail maintenance and also for closing “gaps” where the trail currently uses county roads to connect uncompleted sections of trail.

Learn more about the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail at:
- pumpkinvine.org
- facebook.com/pumpkinvine
- fopnt.blogspot.com
- twitter.com/FOPNT

Tourism and local attraction websites

- visitelkhartcounty.com
- visitshipshewana.org
- shipshewana.org
- elkhartcountyparks.org
- goshenindiana.org/parks-rec
- middleburyin.org

Annual Pumpkinvine Bike Ride

Join other trail supporters and participate in the Annual Pumpkinvine Bike Ride on the third Saturday in June. Proceeds from the ride support trail maintenance. See ride.pumpkinvine.org for details.

Membership form

I want to support the maintenance, promotion and completion of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail.

All contributions to the Friends of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail are tax deductible. Friends’ yearly memberships:

- Student & Senior 65+ ................... $30
- Individual ................................. $40
- Family ...................................... $60
- Sustaining ................................. $100
- Contributing .............................. $250
- Patron ...................................... $500
- Benefactor ................................ $1,000

For information on Business Sponsorships, please visit pumpkinvine.org/business

Send your membership contribution to:
Friends of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail
P.O. Box 392
Goshen, IN 46527

Name _______________________________
Address _______________________________
City ___________________________ State ______ Zip code ___________
Phone __________________________ E-mail _______________________

Tourism and local attraction websites

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