



The Pumpkinvine Nature Trail is a great habitat for birds—Just ask Bob Guth

By B. Harry Dyck

One sentiment I frequently hear from users of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail is: “There is so much to see, hear, even awe about.” One friend and user of the Pumpkinvine who will attest to that and who engages both eyes and ears on the trail is Bob Guth, a bird watcher par excellence. Bob got started in birding as a 13 year old with a 4-H project and has been birding ever since.

Bob is frequently on the trail before dawn after his wife Christine chauffeurs him to where the Pumpkinvine meets County Road 33. There Bob begins another of his countless bird-watching excursions back towards Goshen.

In the quiet semi-dark of a new day, Bob scans fence lines, tall trees, bushes, grasslands, and whatever happens to hop about on the Pumpkinvine in front of him. With the help of his binoculars and his iPod recorder, Bob can recognize almost any species purely by the distinguishing sounds they make. To demonstrate, he pulled his little iPod Touch from his breast pocket and plays back for me various chirpings, songs and calls that he has heard on the Pumpkinvine, and volunteers the names of almost any bird he has spotted and or recorded there: “Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Horned Larks, Crows, Robins, Crested



The Red Tailed Hawk is one of 90 species Guth has identified along the Pumpkinvine.

Flycatchers, Baltimore Orioles, American Goldfinch, Red-Bellied Woodpecker, Sand Hill Cranes, Blue Herons, Wild Turkeys,

Gray Catbirds, Buntings,” to name a few.

“I am able to identify up to 70 percent of birds along the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail by their songs,” he said. “I have identified no less than 90 species within a stretch of 1.6 miles on the trail.”

Why is the Pumpkinvine such an attraction for the many species? Bob responds: “Because varied features on the trail lend themselves to the birds’ needs. There are wide open corn fields; the edge of wooded areas where birds can find both particular foods and quick cover; complete canopies in which shy creatures can remain practically unnoticed; and there are bodies of water, e.g., Butts Lake, that lure larger species to their shores. All the different landscapes provide ideal habitat for different birds, be they resident or migratory.”

Bob shares his bird counts with the world on ebird.org. Click on the “Explore Data” tab, click on the “Explore a Region” link and type in Elkhart County to see a listing of his latest sightings.

If Friends of the Pumpkinvine sponsored a Birding Day, I would nominate Bob Guth to be the specialist to lead it.



Bob Guth has identified 90 species of birds along the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail.

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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.

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From the president

A Facebook feedback highlights supporter priorities

On August 4, I posted this question on our Friends-of-the-Pumpkinvine Facebook page: “What improvements would you like to see to the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail?” By Aug. 28, there were 28 comments.

The priorities of those who responded were in line with what the Friends of the Pumpkinvine board has been thinking, too. The top priority was closing the 1.7-mile, on-road gap in the Pumpkinvine between County Road 33 and County Road 35. As we’ve reported before, closing this gap is the board’s top priority as well. Our discussions with the landowners in this area have been positive, and we now await word on potential funding from the Elkhart County Community Foundation.

The second priority was paving the limestone section of the Pumpkinvine between State Road 4 and County Road 28. Here funding is also the issue, as the Goshen Parks and Recreation faces a financial squeeze.

More drinking fountains, mile markers and additional toilets round out the top five requests. The mile markers are now in place.

Other suggestions included installing tire pumps at the parking lots, extending the trail to North Park in Shipshewana, additional parking, more signs with trail rules, better signage in Goshen to locate the Maple City Greenway and cutting back the trees at county-road crossings.

The most ambitious suggestions were to build a spur to Bonneyville Mill Park and extend the Pumpkinvine to Wakarusa and Nappanee—neither of which would be easy, since there is no abandoned railroad corridor going to those places from the Pumpkinvine.

Thanks to all who responded to my question. Suggestions that pertain to the four agencies that manage the Pumpkinvine, I have passed along to them. The Friends of the Pumpkinvine board will continue to work on the priorities for land purchase and development that we can act on, like closing gaps in the trail. Check for progress reports on our website, Facebook page and in this newsletter.

Change in Pumpkinvine Bike Ride leadership

We are pleased to welcome Danny Graber back to his earlier role as director of the 2015 Pumpkinvine Bike Ride. Danny replaces Evan Bontrager who had led the ride the past two years. We are extremely grateful for the contributions Evan made to the success of and improvements to the ride, including devising a more comprehensive, electronic-feedback rider survey, upgrading our online registration process, reconfiguring a number of the bike-ride routes and maintaining the high quality of the ride’s SAGs. The surveys were a particular highlight. Previously we had received 100 to 150 responses to a survey that we administered the day of the ride. With Evan’s system, we received over 300 responses and a clearer picture of what people thought of the ride.

Danny Graber led the Pumpkinvine Bike Ride from 2000 to 2012, and in those 13 years saw participation grow from 225 to 1,313 riders. He wrote the book on how to give everyone, young and old, a great ride experience, feel welcome and be well fed. The ride is in good hands.



Diane Madison is the new director of Elkhart County Parks

Two join staff of Elkhart County Parks

An Indianapolis native is the new director of Elkhart County Parks. Diana Madison, who has 30 years of experience in parks and recreation, replaces Larry Neff who retired after 39 years with the park department.

Madison received a B.A. in journalism from Indiana University and a M.S. in natural resources management from Ohio State University. Previously she worked as a seasonal naturalist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Environmental Education Center conducting salt marsh

education programs, and on the Puerto Rican Parrot Recovery Project in Luquillo Puerto Rico. She was also regional director for the Audubon Society of New Hampshire, and regional director for Knoxville Tennessee Department of Parks and Recreation. She also served for three years in the Peace Corps as environmental educator in Guatemala Central America.



Nick Steele is the new trail and safety coordinator for Elkhart County Parks

Steele replaces Cunningham as trail and safety coordinator

Elkhart County Parks announced that Nick Steele has replaced Bernie Cunningham as the trail and safety coordinator. Steele started working for the park department in April of 2013 as the assistant park manager at Bonneyville Mill Park and assumed his new position in September 2014. Prior to coming to work for the county he was a subcontractor and spent over seven years in the military.

“I’m very excited to continue the great work that so many individuals have

established on the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail,” Steele said. “Our community is lucky to have this recreational gem and I’m proud to be responsible for it. I look forward to getting to know the community and all who are involved with the trail.”

Included in his duties are ranger patrol and rules enforcement, customer service, trail maintenance, coordination of event schedules and staffing and clean-up, especially after weekend activities. His responsibilities do not include sections of the trail managed by Middlebury, Shippshewana and Goshen, but only those managed by Elkhart County Parks: County Road 28 to County Road 33 and York Drive to the LaGrange County line. He can be reached at 574-529-0296.

We would like to thank

these local businesses that supported the Friends of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail, Inc. and Pumpkinvine Bike Ride.

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The Pumpkinvine has a rich ecosystem between mile markers 4 and 5

By John J. Smith

The Pumpkinvine Nature Trail between mile markers 4 and 5 (west of County Road 33) goes through a hardwood forest similar to what most of Elkhart and LaGrange County was like before European settlement. Even though this area was disturbed to build the railroad in the 1890's, the woods on both sides of this section of the trail have many native plants that are indicative of what foresters call well-preserved "mesic upland forests."

Mesic forest soils are moist, well-drained and rich with organic matter and nutrients. This mile-marker 4-and-5 mile section of the trail is a surprisingly high quality natural area with a wide array of native trees, shrubs, vines and herbaceous wildflowers. Fortunately, it contains relatively few invasive plant species, such as mulberry trees, tree of heaven, bush honeysuckle, oriental bittersweet and garlic mustard that are more common along other, more disturbed sections of the trail.

American beech, sugar maple, pawpaw, tulip poplar, red oak, white oak, American



Hepatica bloom along the Pumpkinvine in the spring.

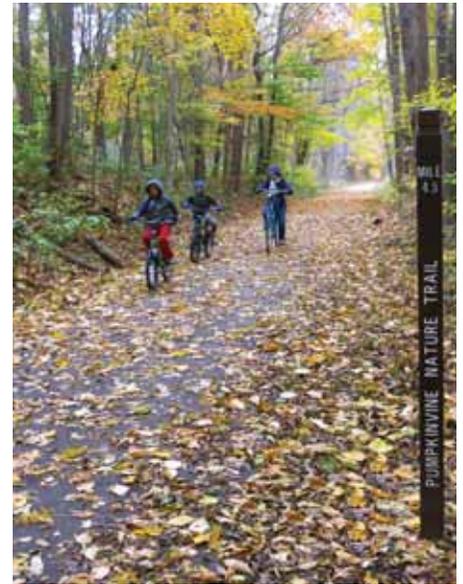
— harbinger-of-spring, bloodroot, cut-leaf toothwort, purple spring-cress, false rue anemone, round-lobed hepatica, rue anemone, false rue anemone, common blue violet, yellow violet, striped white violet, yellow trout lily, wild ginger, wild blue phlox, wild geranium, Jack-in-the-pulpit, large-flowered bellwort, downy Solomon's seal, false Solomon's seal and more. Toward the end of April and into May, large-white trillium bloom in great profusion near mile-marker 4.5.

Although not as showy, there are also native woodland wildflowers here in the fall, such as blue-stemmed goldenrod, zigzag goldenrod, heart-leaved aster, and lion's foot. Beautiful fruits show up each fall – purple berries of Solomon's seal, Virginia creeper, wild grapes and maple-leaf viburnum; red berries of Jack-in-the-pulpit and false Solomon seal; and the white berries with black spots of Doll's eyes.

There are few natural areas in Michiana that are as accessible and richly diverse as the forested easements between mile-markers 4 and 5 of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail. But don't just take my word for it; hop off your bike from time to time to fully appreciate the diverse, interesting and beautiful flora.

basswood and black walnut all line this section of the corridor. Native shrubs and woody vines, such as Virginia creeper, wild grape, prickly gooseberry, common blackberry, mapleleaf viburnum, and bladdernut are all there.

Each spring a great diversity of wildflowers beautify the trail



Maple-leaf viburnum is a fall flower along the Pumpkinvine.



Trilliums display near mile marker 4.5.

Middlebury has vision for additional spurs off the Pumpkinvine

By Gloria Salavarria

Once upon a time Middlebury had a “Not in my backyard!” attitude toward a bicycle-pedestrian trail being built through Middlebury along the rail bed of the former Pumpkinvine Railroad, and then in 2005 the Greenway Trail happened.

The Greenway Trail connected the Middlebury Community Schools campus with the former Pumpkinvine Railroad bed at Railroad Street and from there it ran along that bed to the intersection of York and North Main Streets. For the next few years Middlebury folks walked it and rode their bikes along it and found it to their liking. They began to ask for more.

With last summer’s opening of the Middlebury section of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail that incorporates the Greenway, they got more, along with a delightful flood of out-of-town cyclists and walkers coming through Middlebury.

The “Not in my backyard!” attitude now is dead, and “Are we going to have more trails?” is the most frequently asked question in Middlebury.

The answer to that question is “Yes!”

John McKee of the Middlebury Park Board and Mark Salee, Middlebury town manager, along with others in the community are working on the creation of a new connector trail, the Ridge Run Trail, that will provide easier access between the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail and the Das Dutchman Essenhaus complex, Middlebury Schools and the Greencroft Retirement community than that provided by the hard ride up the town’s Wayne Avenue “S Curve” hill. It also will provide access to IU Health Goshen Physicians Family Medicine as well as That Pretty Place Bed & Breakfast.

Joel Miller of Das Dutchman Essenhaus noted that with the opening of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail, his family’s restaurant has seen a significant increase in business from the trail, and so they want to encourage more cyclists and walkers to come and make use of their restaurant. They also welcome out-of-town walkers and cyclists to stay at their inn.

The Essenhaus has put out more bicycle racks and has offered bike rental services to visitors and to their guests at the Essenhaus Inn. They will fund a connector trail to the Ridge Run Trail and thus make access to and from their facilities and the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail much easier.

The nearby Greencroft Community already has an unpaved trail for its senior citizens, and they will fund the paving and connection of this trail to the Ridge Run Trail.

The IU Health Goshen Physicians Family Medicine facility also is near the proposed Ridge Run Trail. With their physical therapy center facing the trail and at ground level, they want to connect and encourage use of the trail for patient therapy.



The Ridge Run Trail will provide yet another easy way for the Amish community to get to their jobs and for Middlebury Community School athletes to have another safe route for their exercise runs.

The goal is to construct the trail system in 2015, but that is dependent on acquiring the \$230,000 funding needed for this project. So far the Elkhart County Community Foundation has pledged up to \$50,000 if the Friends of Middlebury Parks can meet the Foundation’s 2:1 requirement, i.e., the Friends must raise \$2 for every \$1 donated by the Foundation.

To date, the Friends have received pledges of \$40,000 toward construction, so they need to raise an additional \$60,000 in order to receive all \$50,000 from the Elkhart County Community Foundation.

For those wishing to help through donation, checks to the Friends of Middlebury Parks for the Ridge Run Trail project can be mailed to: P.O. Box 1235, Middlebury, IN 46540. Any advice on fundraising, contact Gloria Salavarria via e-mail: skaggscat@maplenet.net

2014 Photo Contest



It’s not too late to enter the first Friends of the Pumpkinvine photo contest. The goal of the contest is to highlight the beauty

of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail. Pictures of the Pumpkinvine in spring, summer, fall or winter meet the contest theme: “The colorful Pumpkinvine.” The contest rules are available at pumpkinvine.org.

Native flowers and grasses along the trail

By Chuck Thompson

Volunteers from the Friends of the Pumpkinvine have been planting a variety of wildflowers and native grasses in open areas along the Pumpkinvine since 2010. Now we have created a wildflower nursery that will soon give us the ability to harvest our own wildflower seeds.

This plot is east of the Dairy Queen and south of the Winnebago factory in Middlebury. We divided this 900-foot, half-acre area into 30 individual plots each containing just one species of wildflower. Our goals are to make it easier to collect specific plant seeds and have a spectacular display of individual colors, spring through fall. Look for our results to



This plot between CR 26 and CR 33 was planted in 2010 and blossomed in 2012. A greater variety of flowers blossomed in 2014 as seen here.

begin to appear next spring, and there will be on-going change over the next two-to-three years. Our first year of wildflower planting we planted two sections, one on the big hill south of County Road 26 and the other between County Road 31 and County Road 33 as a trial planting. We wanted to see how these species would grow. Unfortunately, that first year was a disappointing, and because not much new was growing, we made no further plantings in 2011.

What a difference a year makes. In 2012, those two areas blossomed, not so much with any grasses, but the wildflowers were spectacular.

With wildflowers and especially native grasses, there is no instant gratification. It can take two-to-five years for the

seeds to sprout. Wild bergamot (bee balm), gray-headed and purple coneflower, coreopsis and black-eyed Susan were the most successful of about 20 different flower species in the seed mixture. Four years later, we are seeing the grasses planted between County Road 31 and County Road 33 become quite spectacular through the normal dull fall season. Big and little bluestem, Indian grass and sideoats grama are now giving the flowers some competition.

With that success, we planted additional plots in 2012, 2013 and 2014. Some have been spectacular and others have been disappointing. Each year the mix of flowers that bloom changes from the previous year. In 2013, we began to collect seeds from the successful plots instead of buying them.

These plots take on-going work, and presently we don't have enough volunteer help to maintain them properly. Weeding and collecting seeds don't take that much time, once the plots are established. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact me by e-mail: crt@hughes.net or phone: 269-651-5344.



Wildflowers planted east of CR 43 in 2013 blossomed in 2014.

Mark your calendar.

June 20, 2015

The 16th annual Pumpkinvine Bike Ride
Online registration opens Feb. 1, 2015.

April 28, 2015

Friends of the Pumpkinvine Annual Dinner
Greencroft Senior Center, Goshen

To schedule your 2015 event on the Pumpkinvine Start with the Friends of the Pumpkinvine website



To assist non-profit organizations that are planning an event on the Pumpkinvine, the Pumpkinvine Advisory Committee has prepared a Trail Event Guideline and Application packet. The goal of the guidelines is to assist those planning an event to have a safe and well-planned event.

This donation will assist with the ongoing cost of trail maintenance. The goal is to keep this trail in top-notch condition.

The Event Guidelines and Application are available at the Friends of the Pumpkinvine website pumpkinvine.org/html/trail_events-2.html. If you have questions about whom to contact, email friends@pumpkinvine.org, and we will make sure that you are connected to the managing agency where your ride or walk is taking place.



2014 events on the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail		
Date	Event	Sponsoring group
May 17	ADEC Ride-A-Bike	ADEC
June 21	Pumpkinvine Bike Ride	Friends of the Pumpkinvine
July 12	Trails of Middlebury	Middlebury Parks
Aug. 16	Bloom & Zoom	Habitat for Humanity and Bike Elkhart
Sept. 20	Maple City Walk	Downtown Goshen, Inc.
Oct. 25	Haunted Hilly Half Marathon	Elkhart County Down Syndrome Support Group

Help beautify the Pumpkinvine by removing invasive species

You are invited to join other Friends of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail in removing invasive shrubs, such as Multiflora Rose and Bush Honeysuckle, in the forested region, near mile-marker 4.5, west of where the trail meets CR 33. The removal is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, December 13.

Meet at Abshire Park at 9 a.m. to car pool. If you prefer to ride your bike, plan to meet the others near County Road 33 at 9:15 a.m. If you have a spade and/or loppers, please bring those and dress warmly.

If you can help, contact Bob Carrico at rjcarrico1@frontier.com or 574-266-1362. Please give your phone number or e-mail so we can contact you if we have to reschedule in the event of inclement weather.

- Where does the name "Pumpkinvine" come from?
 - The twisting nature of the original railroad corridor
 - Fields planted with pumpkins along the corridor
 - No one knows
- What is the highest point on the Pumpkinvine between State Road 4 and the DQ in Middlebury?
 - Where Pumpkinvine crosses County Road 28
 - Top of hill between County Road 127 and County Road 26
 - Where the Pumpkinvine crosses County Road 22
- How many bridges are there on the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail?
 - Five
 - Six
 - Seven
 - Eight



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New signs help visitors navigate the Pumpkinvine

Visitors to the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail now have a better idea of where they are and how far it is to Goshen, Middlebury or Shipshewana thanks to signs installed this summer. The signs include trail distance markers placed every half mile (starting with mile zero at State Road 4 in Goshen), directional markers, and information signs.



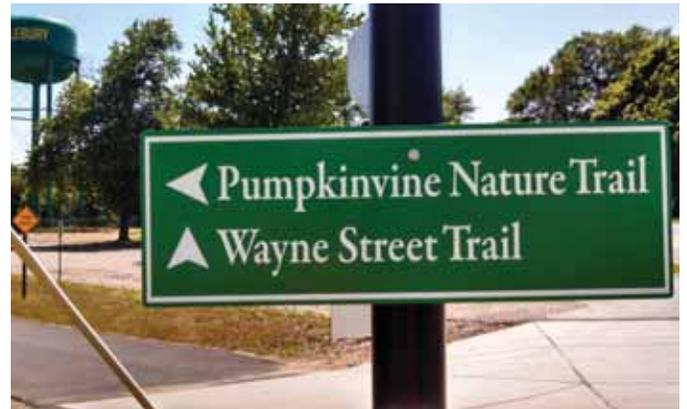
At junction of Abshire Trail and the Pumpkinvine



East of the Dairy Queen



At 850 W in Shipshewana



Information sign in Middlebury



Distance marker in LaGrange County



Distance marker in Middlebury



At County Road 22

The Pumpkinvine receives national exposure

Interest in The Pumpkinvine Nature Trail extends beyond northern Indiana. Two national online websites featured the Pumpkinvine recently: On Aug. 21, Yahoo Travel writer Erica Bray posted an account of her trip on the Pumpkinvine from Shpshewana to Middlebury: “I found myself biking beneath a canopy of tall trees. It was quiet. So quiet that I thought I could hear the flapping of the butterflies’ wings as they escorted me along the way. Magical. . . . My journey by bike was perfect because it unfolded organically — without an agenda, without a map. Sometimes it’s not just about what you see and do but also about how a place makes you *feel*. It was as though Indiana’s Amish country was giving me a big hug and encouraging me to slow down. So I listened.” (For the full story, see yahoo.com/travel/biking-indianas-amish-country-95351761347.html.)

The second recognition was from the national Rails-to-Trails Conservancy that featured the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail as their trail of the month for November on their website. Writer Laura Stark wrote: “Like everything else in the idyllic countryside of northern Indiana, the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail has a homespun, easy charm. While it doesn’t offer dramatic mountain ranges or crystalline waterfalls, what it does promise is a smooth, paved trail with vistas of vibrant green cornstalks and golden-hued wheat fields under a wide blue sky; dense tree canopies lush and cool in the summer and brilliant yellow in the fall; and thickets of wildflowers like clouds of color drifting along the trail in the spring. If you want to experience genuine Midwestern Americana, this is it.” See story at railstotrails.org/traillblog/2014/november/18/indiana-s-pumpkinvine-nature-trail/

Friends of the Pumpkinvine FLASHBACK

>> Items from past newsletters <<

Five years ago—Fall 2009

- Elkhart County Parks resurfaced low sections of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail along County Road 26 that flooded after a heavy rain showed a low area.
- The first Maple City Walk sponsored by Downtown Goshen, Inc. on Oct. 3 attracted 58 walkers.
- Bob Hatch resigned as Friends of the Pumpkinvine board. Bob was a board member and membership chair for 10 years.



The trail along CR 26 was resurfaced after a rain showed it didn't drain properly.

10 years ago – Fall 2004

- Elkhart County Parks received a \$565,420 Transportation Enhancement grant from the Indiana Department of Transportation to build the Pumpkinvine from York Dr. to the LaGrange County line.
- The Friends of the Pumpkinvine resolved encroachment issues with a landowner east of County Road 1150 W in LaGrange County. In exchange giving up a small segment

of the Pumpkinvine corridor, the Friends received land to route the trail north of an industrial building.

15 years ago – Fall 1999

- September 7 the Friends of the Pumpkinvine filed a motion for summary judgment in Hamilton County Superior Court No. 3 in the case to decide title to the Pumpkinvine corridor between U.S. 20 and CR 850 W. The court required 36 copies of the motion, and it took eight volunteers three evenings to collate the 12,000 pages.
- Workers were putting the final touches of the limestone section of the Pumpkinvine between SR 4 and CR 28 in Goshen.

20 years ago – Fall 1994

- The Friends of the Pumpkinvine scheduled a monthly walk on the Pumpkinvine corridor between SR 4 and CR. 28 between November 1994 and April 1995.
- The Friends of the Pumpkinvine purchased two acres of the Pumpkinvine corridor between Spring Street and Wayne St. in Middlebury from Bruce Barwick closing a critical gap in the trail.



Pumpkinvine trail walks like this one on Nov. 13, 1994 showcased the trail's potential.

Cross-country skiing and the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail

The best places to cross-country ski in this area are Ox Bow and Bonneyville Mill Parks where the trails are groomed. None of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail is groomed.

In addition, skiing on trails with an asphalt surface like the Pumpkinvine has the potential to damage the surface and the ski poles. Consequently the only recommended place to cross-country ski on the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail is the limestone section of the trail from State Road 4 to County Road 28 north east of Goshen.



Note:

- You can rent cross-country skis at the Goshen Park Dept., 607 Plymouth Ave., Goshen. Phone: (574) 534-2901.
- Elkhart County Parks does not plow the parking lots at County Road 35 and County Road 37 and County Road 43.

Pumpkinvine section	When there is snow
<p>Goshen Park and Recreation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The city plows the Pumpkinvine one plow-width wide from State Road 4 to County Road 28 (the limestone section) and from State Road 4 to the water plant on 5th St. That leaves the other half of the trail open for cross country skiing. • The unplowed portion of the trail is not groomed for cross-country skiing. • Plowing the trail is a low priority.
<p>Middlebury</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The town plows half the width of the Pumpkinvine from York St. to the U.S. 20 tunnel. • The trail is not groomed for cross-country skiing. • Plowing the trail is a low priority.
<p>Elkhart County Parks</p>	<p>Elkhart County Parks plows the Pumpkinvine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From County Road 28 to County Road 33. However, this section may not be plowed due to blowing and drifting snow. • From the County Road 35 to the north side of the U.S. 20 tunnel. • From York Dr. to County Road 1150W in LaGrange Co. <p>The trail is not groomed for cross-country skiing. Plowing the trail is a low priority.</p>
<p>Shipshewana</p>	<p>Shipshewana does not plow the trail from County Road 850W to 1150W, and the trail is not groomed for cross-country skiing.</p>

1. A. When the “Pumpkinvine” railroad from Goshen to Bay City, Michigan opened in 1889, it had many twists and turns, like a pumpkin vine does. Its official name was the Goshen and Michigan Branch of the Lakeshore and Michigan Southern Railroad. A nickname like the Pumpkinvine was much easier to say.

2. C. The County Road 22 crossing is about 940 feet above sea level. The hill between County Road 127 and County Road 26 is about 10 feet lower.

3. B or C. It depends where you start counting. Because the City of Goshen considers the trail between Abshire park and Main St. to be part of the Pumpkinvine, that adds an additional bridge over Rock Run Creek. Starting at Main St. in Goshen they are: 1) over Rock Run Creek by Bridge St. in Goshen; 2) over Rock Run Creek in Abshire park; 3) over South Fork of Pine Creek west of County Road 33; 4) over the Little Elkhart River in Middlebury; 5) over Mather ditch east of the DQ; 6) over East Lake Ditch east of County Road 43; 7) and over an unnamed ditch between County Road 43 and County Road 1150W.



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CONTACT INFORMATION

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General information on the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail

Check: pumpkinvine.org

Email: Friends@pumpkinvine.org

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USE THE FOLLOWING EMAILS AND PHONE NUMBERS TO CONTACT THE AGENCIES THAT MANAGE THE TRAIL. THE MAP BELOW HIGHLIGHTS THE SECTION EACH AGENCY MANAGES.

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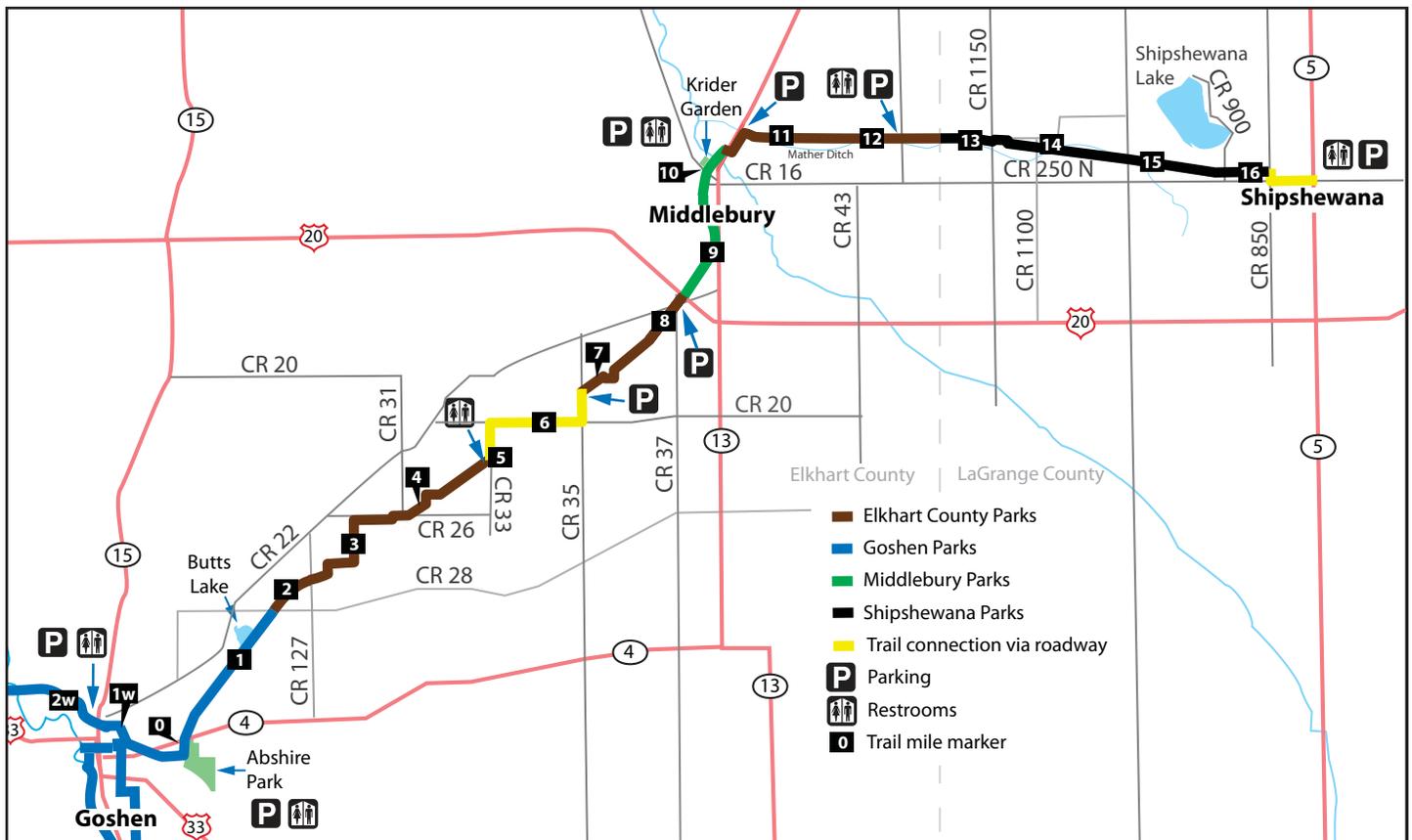
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Has your membership expired?

You are receiving this newsletter because you have contributed to the Friends of the Pumpkinvine in the past two years. If the date on the label of this newsletter has passed, we hope you'll consider renewing your membership in the **Friends of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail**. Membership levels are::

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