



Kent Trails

Kent County's first paved rail trail, the 15-mile Kent Trails opened in 1992 linking John Ball Park in Grand Rapids to downtown Byron Center. This interconnected series of trails takes you across several bridges, through two tunnels (under I-196 and M-6) and along some very scenic stretches as you pass through several parks in urban, suburban and rural Kent County. The journey from the Millennium trailhead to Byron Center is a popular day trip. See page 87 for the northern section of Kent Trails.

Buck Creek Trail

A beautiful trail that follows the course of Buck Creek through the cities of Grandville and Wyoming, Buck Creek Trail consists of three segments that pass through three parks and a natural area. Riding all three segments of Buck Creek Trail on a single trip requires some good navigation skills, but the reward is well worth the extra effort.

Fred Meijer M-6 Trail

The Fred Meijer M-6 Trail was built along the M-6 highway. The trail connects Kent Trails with the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail. The newest section of trail, from Division Avenue to 68th Street, was completed in 2019. Construction is planned for an extension of the trail that will go north along Buck Creek to replace the old Interurban Trail.



Photo by Jim Kuzdal

On the Kent Trails near Byron Center.

| Buck Creek Trail Access | | | |
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| Access Site | Parking | Restrooms | Water |
| 1 Baldwin Street Trailhead | Yes | No | No |
| 2 Wedgewood Park | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 3 Lemery Park | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 4 Buck Creek Nature Preserve | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 5 Palmer Park | Yes | No | No |
| Kent Trails Access | | | |
| 6 Spartan Industrial Dr. | Yes | No | No |
| 7 Byron Center Trailhead | Yes | No | No |
| Fred Meijer M-6 Trail Access | | | |
| 8 Burlingame Staging Area | Yes | No | No |
| 9 Division Avenue Parking | Yes | No | No |
| 10 Creekside Park | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| East West Trail Access | | | |
| 11 Kelloggsville Park | Yes | No | No |
| Plaster Creek Trail Access | | | |
| 12 Ken-O-Sha Park | Yes | No | No |
| 13 Plaster Creek Family Park | Yes | No | No |
| Paul Henry Thornapple Trail Access | | | |
| 14 Bowen Park | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 15 Stauffer St Staging Area | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 16 Wing Street Trailhead | Yes | No | No |

Plaster Creek Trail

Plaster Creek Trail follows along the course of Plaster Creek as it meanders through southern Grand Rapids. The trail begins on Ken-O-Sha Park Drive (off Kalamazoo Avenue) and travels along a series of paved paths, boardwalks and bridges to Plaster Creek Family Park.