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Explore the natural beauty of the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail, a work in progress that inches closer to completion with each passing year thanks to the efforts of the Thornapple Trail Association, Barry County Parks and local units of government. As you venture along the trail, you'll travel through the Thornapple River Valley with its mix of farmland, quaint country towns, lush wetlands, shady woodlands and long tunnels of trees.

The trail's origins date back to 1990 when the Michigan Central Railroad sold major portions of its right-of-way to the State of Michigan, the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, the Thornapple Trail Association and several private landowners. The 42-mile nonmotorized trail is being built in phases and will eventually connect Grand Rapids with Vermontville.

Fully developed paved sections of the trail currently include 12.8 miles from Kentwood to 108th Street, 4.6 miles through Middleville to Irving, the 2.4-mile Hastings Riverwalk (see next page), and 1.5 miles from Maple Valley High School near Nashville to Vermontville.

Barry County Parks and the Thornapple Trail Association are currently applying for funding to acquire and develop the abandoned railway between 108th Street and Middleville and other sections currently in private ownership.

#### Trails Legend

- Paved Trail
- Connector Route
- Grass and Gravel Trail
- Under Development
- Proposed or Planned Trail
- Highways
- Roads

Cross several bridges and boardwalks as you ride between Kentwood and Caledonia.



Photo by Nancy Moore

#### Paul Henry Thornapple Trail Access

Access Site	Parking	Restrooms	Water
1 Bowen Park	Yes	Yes	Yes
2 Stauffer Avenue Staging Area	Yes	Yes	Yes
3 Wing Street Trailhead	Yes	No	No
4 Paris Park	Yes	No	No
5 Downtown Caledonia	Yes	No	No
6 Crane Road Trailhead	Yes	No	No
7 Middleville Staging Area	Yes	Yes	Yes
8 Irving Trailhead	Yes	No	No
9 Apple Street Riverfront Trailhead	Yes	Yes	No
10 Tyden Park	Yes	Yes	Yes
11 Bliss Riverfront Park	Yes	No	No
12 Maple Valley High School	Yes	Yes	Yes



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