



Lansing River Trail

Go on a scenic tour of 20 city and county parks, three museums, two rivers, one creek, a farmers market, and even a zoo on the Lansing River Trail. It's the ultimate way to explore the attractions, rich history and varied landscapes of Michigan's capital city.

Built in several stages over the past 42 years, the trail system travels more than 16-miles along Lansing's converging waterways on a series of paved paths, boardwalks and lots of bridges. Many sections were recently repaved or completely rebuilt. The newest section, the 3-mile Bear Lake Trail, was completed in 2024 between Jolly Road and Mount Hope Avenue. The trail system consists of three major branches:

The northern branch follows the Grand River through "Old Town" Lansing and downtown Lansing to Potter Park Zoo. We suggest starting your journey at Turner Dodge Park, where you can explore the historic Turner Dodge Mansion. As you pedal through Old Town, you'll discover an arts and entertainment district filled with unique shops, restaurants, and the Brenke Fish Ladder. Further south, you'll travel past Lansing's year-round indoor farmers market, the Lansing Convention Center, the Impression 5 Science Center and the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum. At the confluence of the Grand and Red Cedar rivers, you can cross a bridge to Riverpoint Park where a western branch of the trail continues along the Grand River to Moores Park. The main trail continues along the Red Cedar River to Potter Park Zoo, a great Lansing attraction and another good place to access the trail.

The eastern branch of the trail continues along the Red Cedar River from Potter Park Zoo to the MSU River Trail (see next page), where you can ride a bike path that winds through the campus and along the river's edge. Please be advised that this section of trail is in a flood plain and may be impassable during periods of high water.

Meandering along Sycamore Creek, **the southern branch** of the Lansing River Trail follows along Sycamore Creek.



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is, hands down, one of the most beautiful sections of paved trail in all of Michigan! Traveling through a series of woodlands and wetlands, and crossing several bridges, you'll find plenty of opportunities to view wildlife and seasonal wildflowers and enjoy the solitude of nature. When the trail crosses Aurelius Road, it connects with the new Bear Lake Trail (northeast), the South Lansing Pathway (west) and the Sycamore Trail (south) to Delhi Township. The **Bear Lake Trail**, the newest section of the Lansing trail network, travels through Fenner Nature Center a creates a convenient loop for trail riders.