

East Michigan Trails

Southfield City Centre Trail

The Southfield City Centre Trail is your gateway to exploring the rich history, art, culture and stunning architecture of Southfield, Michigan. Consisting of nearly 9 miles of non-motorized pathways, the trail features a 3.5-mile "Inner Loop" that takes you on a tour of Southfield's City Centre business loop, where you'll find several outdoor art installations, cultural sites and the campus of Lawrence Technological University (LTU).

Often referred to as "The Golden Triangle," Southfield City Centre features a distinctive cluster of high-rise office buildings clad in golden glazed glass and is bordered by two major expressways – Interstate 696 and the John C. Lodge Freeway (M-10). We recommend exiting I-696 at Evergreen Road. Heading south on Evergreen, use the Civic Center Drive roundabout entrance to the Municipal Campus parking area and begin your walk or ride on the "Inner Loop" Trail.

Beginning at City Hall, we suggest riding the trail in a counterclockwise direction. Many of the art installations can be found along the shared-use path near the front of City Hall and the Southfield Public Library (north of City Hall). Venturing north, you'll pass historic Southfield Reformed Presbyterian Church and cemetery – once a station on the Underground Railroad.

Follow the wayfinding signage as you make a loop around Evergreen Road and head west along Civic Center Drive to another group of art installations –

"Endeavor" and "Red Pole Park" – located on Northwestern Highway. The trail continues west and then south along the LTU campus, where you'll find "Tapestry of a Community" and the LTU Barrier Wall Murals. As you complete the loop, you'll pass by historic Mary Thompson Farm, where you can see more art, tour the farm and learn about the family that helped settle Southfield in the late 1800s.

You can also access the trail from the Burgh Historic District, home to Southfield's original "Town Center" where you'll find the early farming community's first town hall, fire station, Methodist Church and pioneer homes.

For a 3.5-mile guided tour of 26 public works of art and cultural sites along the trail, download the PocketSights app to your mobile device and search "Southfield, Michigan."

