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Lakeview Mountain Biking Trail

Located about 3 miles north of Benton Harbor on M-63, the 7-mile Lakeview Trail is a professionally designed and built mountain biking trail that is open to the public.

Brainchild of the Whirlpool Cycling Club, the trail weaves its way around the natural areas surrounding the Lakeview Campus of the Whirlpool Global Headquarters on a forested bluff overlooking Lake Michigan. Built in two phases, the \$1.25+ million project was funded by the Whirlpool Foundation.

Designed for riders of all skill levels, phase one of the project was completed in 2022 and includes over 5 miles of interconnected trail loops east of M-63. Completed in 2023, phase two includes a 2-mile intermediate-level loop between M-63 and the Lake Michigan shoreline. The west loop is connected to the east loop by a tunnel under busy M-63.

You'll find the trailhead on Monte Road at the north side of the Whirlpool campus. The trail is open to mountain biking and hiking. Mountain bikers travel in a clockwise fashion. Hikers travel counterclockwise. Hikers yield to bikers. Class-1 (pedal-assist) e-bikes allowed. No pets.

There are three intersections, or splits (with shortcuts), on the east trail loop. To experience the full 7-mile adventure (and the most fun), make a left turn at each intersection. If you take the short cuts (right turns) you can cut the distance in about half.

We thoroughly enjoyed every inch of this trail. The "flowy" east trail loop travels through fairly flat and rolling terrain with lots of banked turns, berms, jumps and wooden ramps to keep you entertained along the way. The somewhat hilly intermediate loop is more fun and challenging. The 2-mile west loop travels counterclockwise, and offers the most thrills, as you ride through a series of switchbacks that climb a bluff and then zoom downhill over several jumps, banked turns, and a couple of whoop-de-dos.