



Hayhoe Riverwalk

The 3.5-mile Hayhoe Riverwalk takes you on a scenic tour through the historic city of Mason following the edge of Sycamore Creek.

Popular with runners, walkers and cyclists alike, this nonmotorized paved pathway was built by the Hayhoe family and donated to the Mason community in honor of their father, the late Richard Hayhoe. Founder and owner of Capital Excavating & Paving, Richard Hayhoe spent much of his life paving the streets and roads in and around Mason and Ingham County. It only seemed fitting to build an asphalt path in memory of Mason's preeminent road builder.

Witness the changing seasons along Sycamore Creek as you pass by the wildflowers, shady trees and natural surroundings of the Hayhoe Riverwalk. This quiet pathway crosses several bridges over the creek, including two former railway bridges.

The section of trail between Jefferson and Ash streets was built on the original rail bed of the former Michigan United Railway, an electrified

interurban railway that ran through Mason from Jackson to St. Johns from 1909 to 1929. The original rail depot, located just south of Ash Street, was demolished years ago. The Hayhoe Riverwalk will eventually connect with the Hayhoe Trail and trails in the Holt and Lansing area.

The Hayhoe Trail

Here's some exciting news for trail lovers. During the summer and fall of 2023, the first 2 miles (phase 1) of the new Hayhoe Trail was completed from Esker Landing Park in Holt to College Road. The project included the complete reorientation and reconstruction of Cedar Street, allowing ample distance between the busy roadway and this new nonmotorized paved pathway. The next phase of construction will extend the Hayhoe Trail from College Road to Kerns Road to complete the connection to the Hayhoe Riverwalk in Mason. The project has been funded and should begin this summer. It will also include a pedestrian bridge over US-127. We'll keep you posted on its progress.