



Fred Meijer Kenowa Trail • Upper Macatawa Greenway Trail

## Fred Meijer Kenowa Trail

The 9.8-mile Fred Meijer Kenowa Trail travels through quintessential Michigan farm country along large expanses of corn, wheat and soybean fields and pastures with grazing livestock. This quiet pathway will keep you entertained along its route, watching farmers work their fields and witnessing the changing scenery from spring planting to fall harvest.

The Fred Meijer Kenowa Trail was strategically developed to create an important nonmotorized path connecting trail networks in the Grand Rapids and Holland metro areas. Spearheaded by the West Michigan Trails & Greenways Coalition, the project was especially challenging since no abandoned railways or suitable right-of-ways

existed between the two urban trail systems. Working in cooperation with Zeeland and Jamestown townships and the Ottawa County Parks Commission, the trail was finally completed in the spring of 2012. It features a 10-foot-wide paved asphalt path along Byron Road, 5-foot shoulders along 48th Street, paved path along Riley Street, a bridge and 5-foot-wide sidewalks through downtown Jamestown and along 24th Street, and paved path and elevated boardwalks from 24th Street to Kenowa Avenue. To connect with the Grand Rapids trail network, you must ride a road route east on 68th Street, north on Ivanrest Avenue, and east



Ride through the quaint village of Jamestown.

on 64th Street to Kent Trails. Local officials are currently working on a possible route to connect the two trails with a paved path in the coming years.

## Upper Macatawa Greenway Trail

Completed in the summer of 2015, the 2.8-mile Upper Macatawa Greenway Trail provides a critical link between the Fred Meijer Kenowa Trail and a vast network of trails in the Holland metro area that lead to the Lake Michigan shoreline.

“Short and sweet,” we think you’ll relish every inch of this beautifully landscaped trail. Developed and maintained by Ottawa County Parks, this paved path begins at Adams Road and meanders through the Upper Macatawa Natural Area, passing along the Macatawa River, through meadows, grassy wetlands, rolling hills, dense hardwood forest, and several bridges and boardwalks over steep ravines, before crossing another bridge over the river and linking up with the Fred Meijer Kenowa Trail on Byron Road.

You’ll find easy access to the trail system at the Upper Macatawa Natural Area trailhead on 84th Street, which also includes access to some nice hiking and mountain biking trails that intersect with the paved trail. This should definitely be on your short list of parks to explore or trails to ride this coming year.

