Paul Henry Thornapple Trail

Explore the natural beauty of the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail, a work in progress that inches closer to completion with each passing year thanks to the efforts of the Thornapple Trail Association, Barry County Parks and local units of government. As you venture along the trail, you’ll travel through the Thornapple River Valley with its mix of farmland, quaint country towns, lush wetlands, shady woodlands and long tunnels of trees.

The trail’s origins date back to 1990 when the Michigan Central Railroad sold major portions of its right-of-way to the State of Michigan, the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, the Thornapple Trail Association and several private landowners. The 42-mile nonmotorized trail is being built in phases and will eventually connect Grand Rapids with Vermontville.

Fully developed paved sections of the trail currently include 12.8 miles from Kentwood to 108th Street, 4.6 miles through Middleville to Irving, the 2.4-mile trail currently in private ownership.

Barry County Parks and the Thornapple Trail Association continue to support the trail. We need members! You can help the Thornapple Trail Association by becoming a member.

In loving memory of Jean Lamoreaux whose leadership and dedication to the Thornapple Trail Association and Middleville community will be remembered by us all.

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Maple Valley High School near Nashville to Vermontville.

Barry County Parks and the Thornapple Trail Association are currently applying for funding to acquire and develop the abandoned railway between 108th Street and Middleville and other sections currently in private ownership.

Thornapple Birding Trail

McKeown Bridge Park  BarryCounty.org/parks

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Visit our website for an Interactive Birding Trail Map.

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