



The trail passes through Markin Glen County Park.

Kalamazoo River Valley Trail

Following along the Kalamazoo River over bridges and boardwalks, through woodlands and ravines, several city and county parks and the downtown entertainment district, the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail is a fun and healthy way to explore the natural beauty of the greater Kalamazoo area.

The first section of trail opened in 2008 and has been extended in several phases over the years. It currently includes 22 miles of paved trails, bridges and elevated boardwalks and is part of a master plan that will eventually consist of 35 miles of trails with four sections radiating from downtown Kalamazoo.

Built on the former Kalamazoo & South Haven Railroad, the west section of trail is a continuation of the Kal-Haven Trail State Park,

making a gradual descent from the 10th Street Trailhead to Westnedge Avenue. This portion of the trail passes through shady woodlands, marshes and a tunnel under US-131 as the landscape transitions from rural to suburban to urban. From there, follow the directional signs through downtown Kalamazoo to the main spine of the trail along the Kalamazoo River.

The north section of trail travels along the river through Verburg Park and Markin Glen County Park. The northernmost part of the trail is very hilly and exceptionally scenic as it travels through the Kalamazoo Nature Center and a series of wooded ravines — well worth the extra pedal power. The east section of trail goes through the villages of Comstock and Galesburg, passing through Mayors' Riverfront Park, South Wenke Park and River Oaks County Park. County Park officials are working on plans to extend the trail east to Augusta and south to the Portage Bikeway Trail System.



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