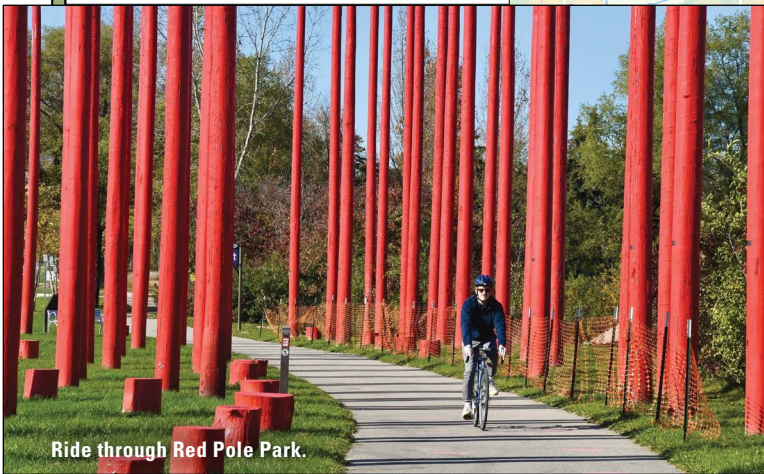




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Explore the rich history, art, culture and stunning architecture of Southfield, Michigan on the Southfield City Centre Trail. The entire trail system currently consists of more than 7.75 miles of nonmotorized pathways. At the heart of this trail system is a 3.5-mile “Inner Loop” that takes you on a tour of several outdoor art installations, historic sites, and the campus of Lawrence Technological University (LTU) around Southfield’s City Centre business district.

Often referred to as “The Golden Triangle,” Southfield’s “City Centre” is dominated by a distinctive cluster of high-rise office buildings clad in golden glazed glass, bordered by two major expressways, Interstate 696 and the John C. Lodge Freeway (US-10). We recommend exiting I-696 at Evergreen Road. Heading south on Evergreen, use the Civic Center Dr. roundabout entrance to the Municipal Campus parking area and begin your walk or ride on the “Inner Loop” Trail.

Starting at City Hall, we suggest riding the trail in a counter-clockwise fashion. Many of the art installations can be found along the shared-use path near the front of City Hall and Southfield Public Library (north of City Hall). As you venture north, you will pass by historic Southfield Reformed Presbyterian Church and cemetery, which was once a station on the Underground Railroad.

Follow the wayfinding signage as you make a loop around Evergreen Road and head west along Civic Center Drive to another group of art installations on Northwestern Highway. Here you will see “Endeavor” and “Red Pole Park.” The trail continues west and then south along the campus of LTU where you will encounter more art, the “Tapestry of a Community” and the LTU Barrier Wall Murals. As you complete the loop, you will pass by historic Mary Thompson Farm, where you can see more art, tour the farm, and learn about the family that helped settle Southfield in the late 1800s.

You can also access the trail system from Burgh Historical Park. The Burgh Historic District is home to Southfield’s original “Town Center,” and includes the early farming community’s first town hall, fire station, Methodist Church and pioneer homes.

For a 3.5-mile guided tour of 26 public works of art and historic sites, download the PocketSights app to your mobile device and search “Southfield City Centre Walking Tour.”

