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MSU River Trail

As you reach the eastern end of the Lansing River Trail, cross over the crosswalk at Harrison Road to continue your ride on the MSU River Trail. About 50 feet east of the intersection you will see a paved asphalt pathway with a yellow center line where the trail begins. The 2-mile MSU River Trail is a bicycle-only expressway that races across this scenic campus, passing along the Red Cedar River with views of Spartan Stadium and the famous Sparty statue. At the eastern end of the trail, cross over the crosswalk on Hagadorn Road to explore the new MSU to Lake Lansing Trail.

MSU to Lake Lansing Trail

Built in several phases, the new MSU to Lake Lansing Trail was completed in June of 2024. As its name infers, the paved asphalt pathway travels approximately 5 miles from the MSU Community Music School on Hagadorn Road to Lake Lansing County Park South.

Phase One of the project was completed in November of 2023. This thoroughly scenic 1-mile section is a feat of engineering, crossing a bridge over the Red Cedar River and hugging the edge of the river on its way to the intersection of Park Lake Road and Grand River Avenue. Cross the bridge on either side of Grand River Avenue to enter the Phase Two section at Campus Hill Drive.

Phase Two passes through the Central Meridian Uplands Natural Area to Okemos Road. This picturesque 1.2-mile section connects with 2.68 miles of existing paved pathways that continue north to Lake Lansing County Park South, which includes a section of the Interurban Pathway. To extend your ride, you can travel west on a 0.76-mile spur of the Interurban Pathway from Okemos Road to Burcham Drive. You can also ride south on the paved trail along Okemos Road to explore an elevated boardwalk overlooking the Pine Lake Outlet and wetlands complex.

Meridian Township planners are currently working on the design and engineering for Phase Three of the MSU to Lake Lansing trail, which will extend the trail 2.3 miles from Marsh Road to Lake Lansing County Park North.

Northern Tier Trail

Connecting several neighborhoods and 10 community parks and recreation facilities, the 5.8-mile Northern Tier Trail is a complex of paved pathways branching off from a main north/south spine. Completed in 1999, the main spine of the trail passes along the Sanderson and Remy Chandler drains and several scenic wetlands and natural areas.

We were pleasantly surprised by all the wildflowers, wildlife and natural beauty we experienced hidden within this residential area. It's a great trail for running, biking, bird watching or a leisurely walk. You'll find easy access at several of the parks along the trail.



The 2-mile MSU River Trail is a bicycle-only expressway that crosses the campus from Harrison to Hagadorn Roads.