

## Paint Creek Trail

Follow the course of Paint Creek from Lake Orion to Rochester on the 8.9-mile Paint Creek Trail – a pleasant ride or run through a beautiful natural area and over 12 restored railroad bridges.

The Paint Creek Trail Commission purchased the abandoned railway from the Penn Central Railroad in 1983 to create Michigan's first nonmotorized rail trail. The trail is nicely landscaped and surfaced with asphalt through the city of Rochester where it travels under a bridge along Paint Creek. The trail north of Rochester is surfaced with finely screened and compacted limestone. Equestrian use is permitted north of Rochester Hills.

This popular trail attracts over 100,000 users annually.

## Paint Creek to Polly Ann Connector Trail

To continue your journey from the Paint Creek Trail to the Polly Ann Trail, you will need to head west on Golden Gate Street, just south of Lake Orion. At Lapeer Road (M-24), travel south along the sidewalk to Clarkston Road, cross at the intersection and proceed west on the paved path along the north side of Clarkston Road. Construction should begin soon on the rest of the connector trail between M-24 and the Paint Creek Trail.

## Polly Ann Trail

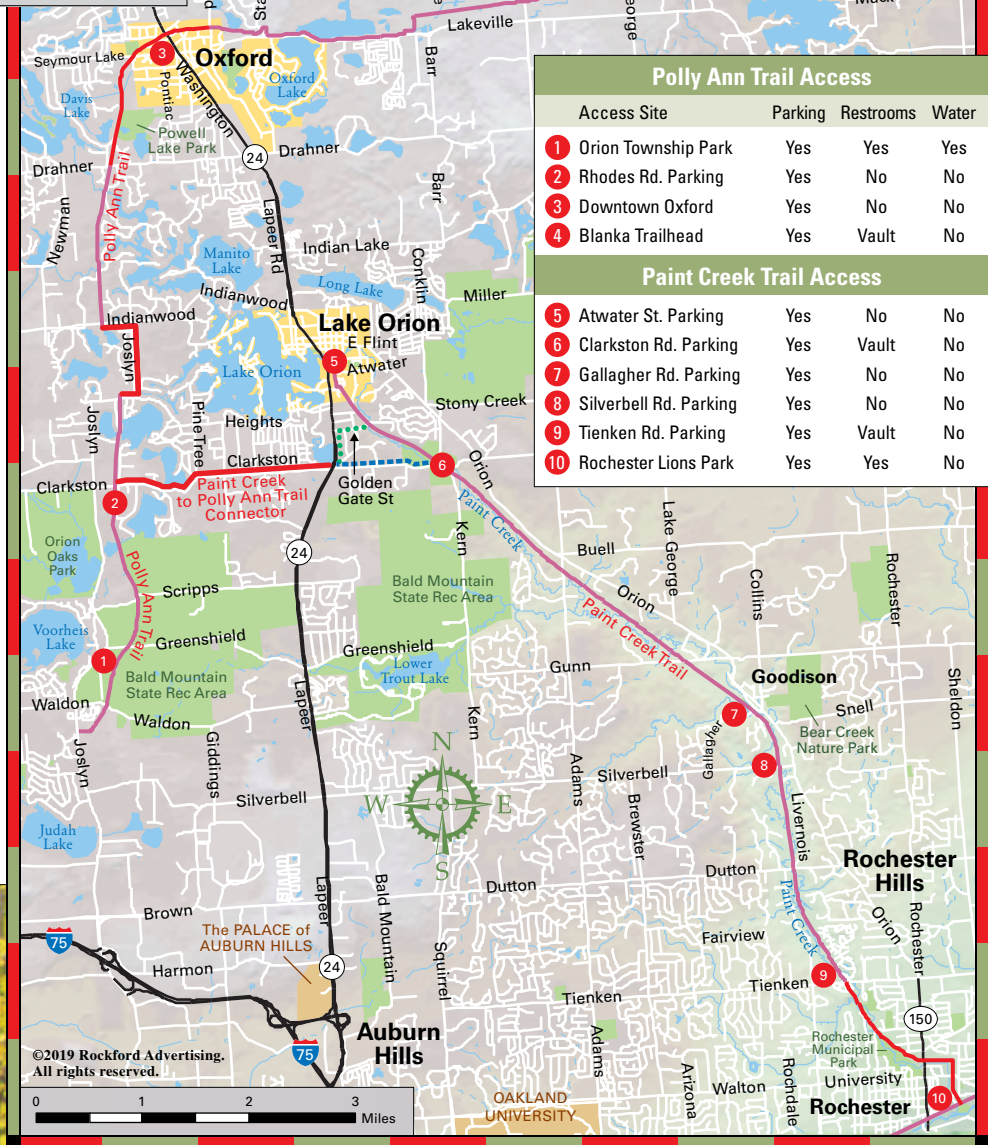
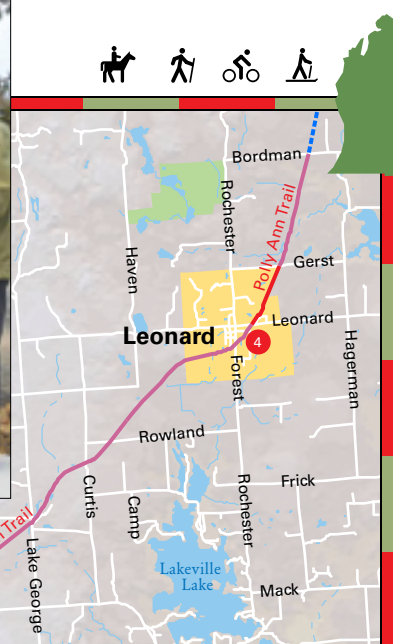
The 16.9-mile Polly Ann Trail takes you on a ride through rural northern Oakland County from Orion Township Park to the Lapeer County line. The trail was built on the abandoned Pontiac, Oxford & Northern Railroad that originally ran from Pontiac to Caseville. The trail's name comes from the dubious nickname for



On November 19, 2018, a ribbon-cutting ceremony officially opened the newest section of the Paint Creek to Polly Ann Connector Trail.

**Trails Legend**

- Paved Trail
- Limestone Trail
- - - Connector Route
- - - Proposed or Planned Trail
- Highways
- Roads



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Enjoy the fall colors on the Paint Creek Trail.

Photo by David Rivett

the PO&N Railroad, which was never profitable and rarely arrived on time. The trail passes through a mix of wetlands and suburban neighborhoods south of Oxford on a hard surface of finely screened and compacted limestone. Through the city of Oxford, the trail is paved with asphalt and features a bridge over Lapeer Road (M-24). North of Oxford, the trail travels on a limestone surface through mostly wooded terrain on its way to Leonard. At Bordman Road, the trail crosses into Lapeer County where the trail surface is currently undeveloped. Equestrian use is permitted from Oxford to Bordman Road.