



Kent Trails • Buck Creek Trail • Plaster Creek Trail • Fred Meijer M-6 Trail

Kent Trails

The area's oldest paved rail trail, the 15-mile Kent Trails opened in 1992 linking John Ball Park in Grand Rapids to downtown Byron Center. This interconnected series of trails takes you across several bridges, through two tunnels (under I-196 and M-6) and along some very scenic stretches as you pass through several parks in urban, suburban and rural Kent County. The journey from the Millennium trailhead to Byron Center is a popular day trip. See page 105 for the northern section of Kent Trails.

Buck Creek Trail

A beautiful trail that follows the course of Buck Creek through the cities of Grandville and Wyoming, Buck Creek Trail consists of three segments that pass through three parks and a natural area. Riding all three segments of Buck Creek Trail on a single trip requires some good navigation skills, but the reward is well worth the extra effort.



Fred Meijer M-6 Trail

The Fred Meijer M-6 Trail was built along the course of the M-6 highway. The trail connects the Kent Trails with the Paul Henry-Thornapple Trail. The trail segment around the M-6/US-131 interchange travels along community sidewalks. The Kent County Parks Department plans to begin construction this summer on the section from Division Avenue to 68th Street.

Buck Creek Trail Access			
Access Site	Parking	Restrooms	Water
1 Balwin Street Trailhead	Yes	No	No
2 Wedgewood Park	Yes	Yes	Yes
3 Lemery Park	Yes	Yes	Yes
4 Buck Creek Nature Preserve	Yes	Yes	Yes
5 Palmer Park	Yes	No	No
Kent Trails Access			
6 Spartan Industrial Dr.	Yes	No	No
7 Byron Center Trailhead	Yes	No	No
Fred Meijer M-6 Trail Access			
8 Burlingame Staging Area	Yes	No	No
9 Division Avenue Parking	Yes	No	No
10 Creekside Park	Yes	Yes	Yes
East West Trail Access			
11 Kelloggsville Park	Yes	No	No
Plaster Creek Trail Access			
12 Ken-O-Sha Park	Yes	No	No
Paul Henry-Thornapple Trail Access			
13 Bowen Park	Yes	Yes	Yes
14 Stauffer St Staging Area	Yes	Yes	Yes
15 Wing Street Trailhead	Yes	No	No

Plaster Creek Trail

Plaster Creek Trail takes you along the course of Plaster Creek as it meanders through southern Grand Rapids. The trail begins on Ken-O-Sha Park Drive (off Kalamazoo Avenue) and travels along a series of paved paths, boardwalks and bridges to Division Avenue.