

BENEFITS OF LOCAL TRAIL SYSTEMS



Health and Well-being

Trails provide spaces for walking, running, cycling, and other outdoor exercises, which can improve physical health by encouraging an active lifestyle. Access to nature and green spaces has been shown to reduce stress, anxiety, and depression, promoting mental well-being.

Environmental Benefits

Well-designed trails can protect natural habitats by directing foot traffic away from sensitive areas, reducing erosion and environmental degradation. Trails offer opportunities for education on local ecosystems, increasing public awareness and support for conservation efforts.

Economic Impact

Trail systems attract visitors, which can boost local economies through tourism, increasing revenue for nearby businesses like restaurants and shops. Properties near trails often see an increase in value due to the appeal of living near accessible recreational areas.

Community Engagement and Education

Trails offer educational opportunities, such as guided nature walks, that teach residents and visitors about the local environment, history, and wildlife. Trail maintenance often involves community volunteers, promoting civic engagement and a sense of ownership over local resources.

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

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DeKalb County Trails Fund

For immediate needs in planning and expanding trails across DeKalb County. Become a Friend of DeKalb County Trails with just a \$10 donation.

DeKalb County Indiana Trails, Inc. Endowment Fund

For future expansion and maintenance of trails across DeKalb County.

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For immediate needs and maintenance of the Auburn Waterloo Trail.

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WHO IS DEKALB COUNTY INDIANA TRAILS, INC.?

The DeKalb County Trails, Inc. group was formed for the purpose of creating bicycling and multi-use trails and paths throughout DeKalb County. Keep up with us on Facebook for all the latest information!

For more information on the DeKalb County Indiana Trails Inc. please email us at dekalbtrails@gmail.com



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Connecting DeKalb County

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CURRENT TRAILS

- A** Auburn-Rieke Trail: 8' wide paved trail extending 1.2 miles from the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum through downtown Auburn to the Rieke Park Trail.
- B** Don Lash Trail: 0.29-mile mulch path winding through a wooded area and marsh landscape in Don Lash Park in Auburn.
- C** Hague Nature Trail: 0.25-mile wooded mulch path connecting neighborhoods along Center St. with Eckhart Park in Auburn.
- D** Eckhart Park Trail: 0.36-mile paved loop winding through Eckhart Park in Auburn.
- E** Auburn/Waterloo Trail: 2.8-mile paved trail extending north from Auburn along C.R. 427 to Waterloo.
- F** Rieke Park Trail: 1.15-mile paved trail with dog stations, benches, and connection to the Auburn/Waterloo Trail.

FUTURE TRAILS

- G** Auburn Junction Trail: Connecting Auburn-Rieke Trail to future Pufferbelly Trail at the DeKalb County and Allen County line, and will be an integral connection to the Poka-Bache Trail.



Upon completion, the Poka-Bache Connector Trail will be the **longest in Indiana** at 81 miles. It will traverse four counties and seven cities, **running from Pokagon State Park in Steuben County to Ouabache State Park in Wells County.**

DeKalb County has six miles out of 22 miles of the trail complete.

