

the scenic River Raisin watershed. This is a nicely maintained, paved rail trail that deserves to be on your trailrider's bucket list.

The Kiwanis Trail gets its name from a unique partnership that came together to create the trail. Back in the 1980s, the City of Adrian was working on a plan to build a series of parks and walkways along its riverfront. The plan hinged on the acquisition of an abandoned railway (Detroit Toledo & Ironton) that ran along the edge of the river through downtown Adrian. The railroad refused to sell only the portion of property through the city; they wanted to sell the entire rail corridor as a single parcel. To allow the project to proceed, the Adrian Kiwanis Club agreed to partner with the City to purchase, develop and maintain the northern section of trail from Curtis Road to Ives Road and the Kiwanis Trail was born.

While the southern end of the trail actually begins at Main Street, the best place to access the trail is Riverside Park where the paved path begins next to Bohn Pool. After crossing a bridge over the South Branch River Raisin, the Kiwanis Trail takes you on a scenic tour of Adrian on a series of boardwalks and bridges over and along the river. North of Trestle Park, the trail crosses two more bridges over Wolf Creek and Beaver Creek and enters a long, continuous tunnel of trees. The northern two miles of trail are more open and sunny, passing along farms and quiet meadows. At the north end at Ives Road, continue about one mile north on Green Highway to the City of Tecumseh. At Russell Road, go two blocks east (near Cal Zorn Park) to find a paved path leading north toward Tecumseh's historic downtown business district. Cal Zorn Park is a good staging area to begin your ride from the north.

The Kiwanis Trail is part of a long-range plan to create a continuous trail from Adrian to Manchester along the River Raisin that would be called the River Raisin Greenway Trail.