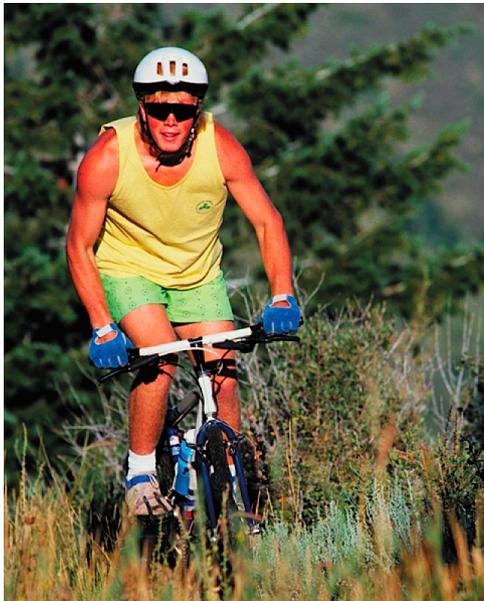


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### Delphi Historic Trails



The Delphi Historic Trails system now has over 10 miles of groomed trails. They are wide, crushed limestone surfaces, and they lead to some of the most interesting things. Trails have been constructed over several years, primarily by volunteers, and they are open to walkers, runners, and bikers. A [trail map](#) brochure with descriptions is available at Canal Park, the City Building, and other locations in Delphi.

Places to start include:

- Trailhead Park next to Deer Creek, one mile southwest of Delphi on State Road 25.
- Another entrance to the trail system is off State Road 25 two tenths of a mile south of Trailhead Park.
- Also off SR 25 near Arby's is parking for Interurban trail access.
- Limited parking is available behind Pizza Hut off Bicycle Bridge Road, adjacent to the historic Blue Bridge.
- Scenic tours also begin at both Canal Park and Canal Park Annex, 11 blocks north of the Court House stoplight on Washington Street. Riley Park on South Washington Street also provides parking and access to trails.
- Another starting place with parking is City Park in East Delphi.

The [trails map](#) shows all the trails and their access points. Informational displays are strategically located along the trails. The Wabash & Erie Canal Park and Interpretive Center on North Washington Street provides abundant information about the Canal and its history.

In front of the Interpretive Center in the bank barn along the Canal is [Noble Bikes and Concessions](#) which rents all sorts of bicycles for use on the trail system and around town. Phone 765-427-3320 for more information.

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**Underhill Towpath Trail - .9 mile** - Trail 4 on the [Map](#) .

The Undehill Towpath Trail takes the hiker from the Highway 421 crossing to North Washington Street. Canal Park is a main attraction along the way. The newest additions there are the canal boat and the guard lock.

The Wabash and Erie Canal Conference and Interpretive Center offers meeting facilities and interactive exhibits to tell the fascinating story of life during the 1850s canal era. The canal village with the refurbished Federal style 1844 Reed Case House and other historic log cabins and blacksmith shop, provides hikers and visitors ample things to see and do.



**Founders Towpath Trail - .5 mile** - Trail 5 on the [Trails Map](#) .

From North Washington Street this trail takes the hiker along the west side of the beautiful, rewatered section of the canal, past the restored 1873 red iron bridge and ends at Founders Point where the 'tumble' brings the million gallons of fresh clear water from the Delphi Limestone Company's diversion pumps. The tranquil setting for the rest area at the point will allow the hiker time to reflect on how this 150 year old waterway might have looked during its heyday.



**Draper North End Trail - .5 mile** - Trail 6 on the [Map](#) .

This trail leads from Founders Point to the Riley City Trail. An easy walk from Founders Point takes the hiker past the old Lime Kilns of the 1850s, where locally quarried limestone was 'burned' to produce plaster and whitewash. Commercially, these lime products were some of the best quality in the country and were transported as far away as New York City (via canal). You will also see the restored 1873 Paint Creek iron bridge. The trail then passes the widewater canal boat turnaround and loading area in Canal Park Annex and then joins the Riley-City Trail.



**Belt Railroad Trail - .3 mile** - Trail 7 on the [Historic Trails Map](#) .

This trail leaves the North End Trail at Canal Park Annex and follows the century old Delphi Commercial Club's path to a potential industrial site near the Golf Course. The most active commercial ventures were the Harley Brothers Lime Kilns, which ceased operations in 1917, and the Ice Plant, which ceased in 1950.

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**Robbins Trail - .5 mile** - Trail 1 on the [map](#) .



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