

West Bloomfield adds new rails-to-trails link

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On a map of West Bloomfield, it is a thin green line that starts at Arrowhead Road and ends at Sylvan Manor Park. It measures 4.25 miles in length and it once was a segment of the Grand Trunk Western Railroad.

However, in a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Arrowhead Road (half a mile south of Pontiac Trail) at 2 p.m. Friday, it will officially become part of the West Bloomfield Trail Network.

The development of the West Bloomfield Trail Network is part of a national and a Michigan Trails Initiative. The dedication of the West Bloomfield Trail Network will coincide with National Trail Day which is Saturday.

U.S. Rep. Joseph Knollenberg, Bloomfield Township, will attend Friday's dedication. (Concerned Citizens for West Bloomfield will have a national Trails celebration at Arrowhead Road at 2 p.m. Saturday).

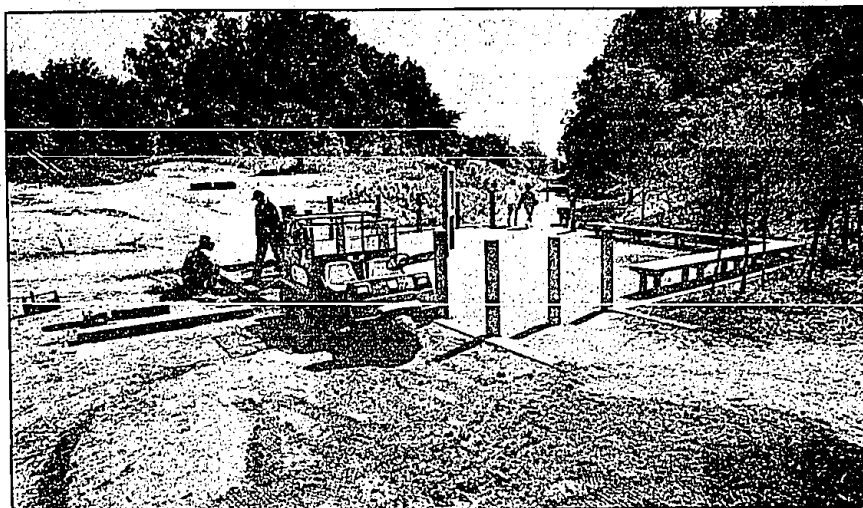
Nationally, Michigan ranks first for the number of rails converted to trails, with 52, according to the Michigan Chapter of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy. It ranks second in overall mileage converted (712). Along with the West Bloomfield Trail Network, Oakland County has several other rail-trails in various stages of development.

Paint Creek 1st

The Paint Creek Trail, which starts in Rochester and travels 10.5 miles north to Lake Orion, was Oakland County's first rail-trail and is fully developed. "The Paint Creek has been a big success," said Larry Falardeau, a landscape architect for the Oakland County Planning Division. "People come from all over Oakland County and use it. When a trail like the Paint Creek is established, it becomes a tremendous asset to the community."

A railway, like the Paint

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