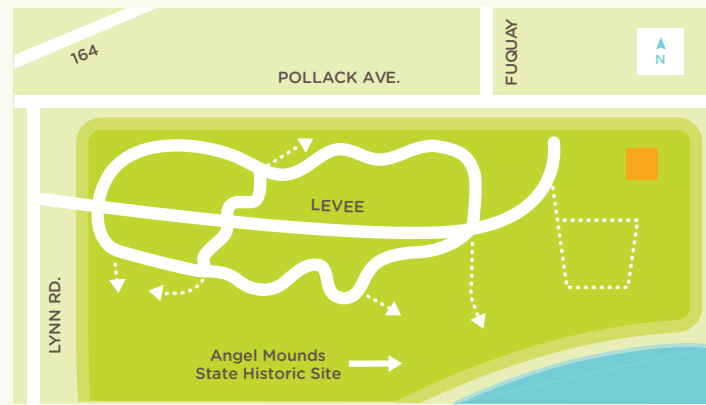


# EVANSVILLE REGIONAL TRAILS MAP



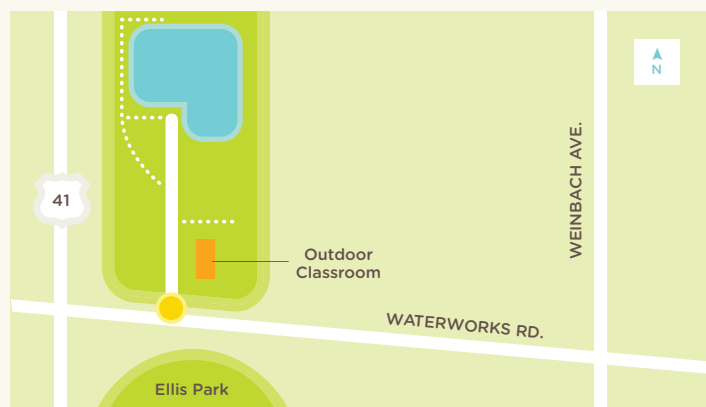
## EVANSVILLE AREA TRAILS



### ANGEL MOUNDS

8215 Pollack Ave., Evansville

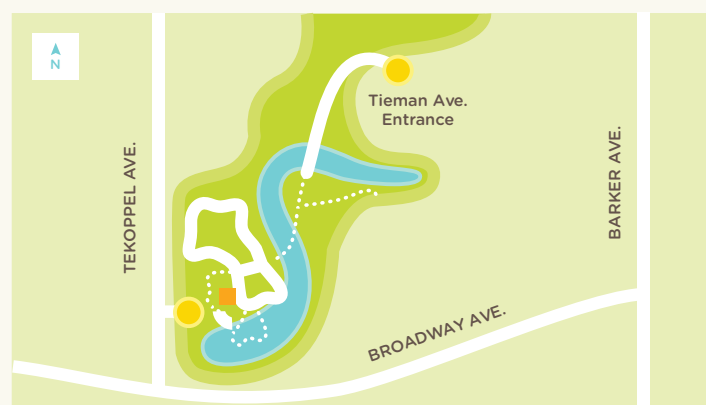
Open Tuesday – Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Find nearly two miles of trails through this prehistoric Middle Mississippian Native American site. Walking and wildlife viewing.



### EAGLE SLOUGH NATURAL AREA

5000 Waterworks Rd., Evansville

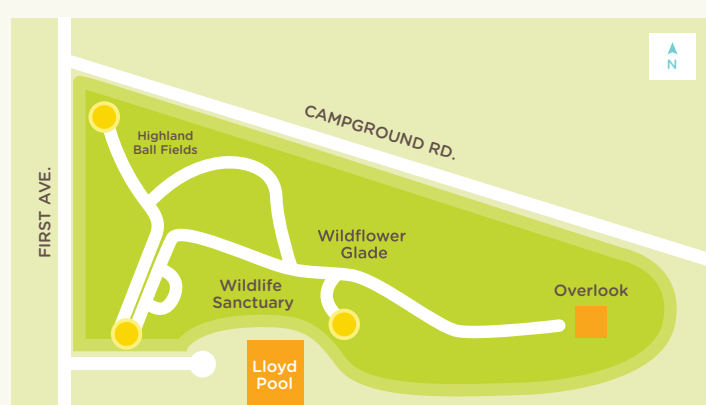
Open for self guided tours sunup to sunset, seven days a week. All of this 127-acre wetland is forested except for the northern-most part, which consists of various lakes, accessible via a flat, graveled 1/2 mile trail. Side trails available, conditions permitting. Hiking, birding, wildlife viewing, fishing and dog walking.



### HOWELL WETLANDS

1400 S. Tekoppel Ave., Evansville

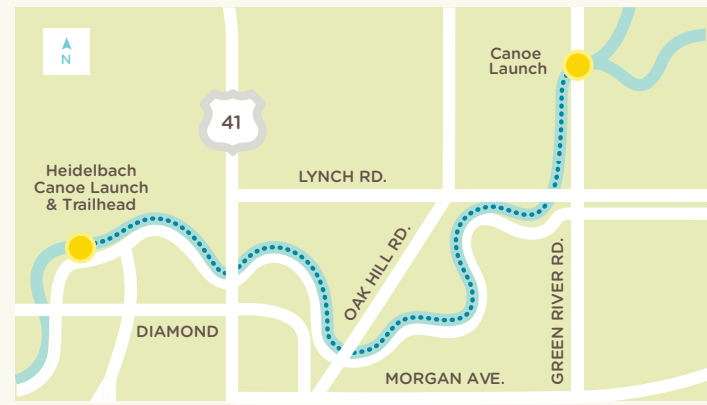
Open for self guided tours sunup to sunset, seven days a week. Over two miles of flat, mulched and boardwalked trails traverses this 34-acre property through marsh, bottomland hardwood forest, and grassland prairie habitats. Walking, wildlife viewing and dog walking.



### NORTH WOODS/IGLEHEART PARK

First Ave. at Campground Rd., Evansville

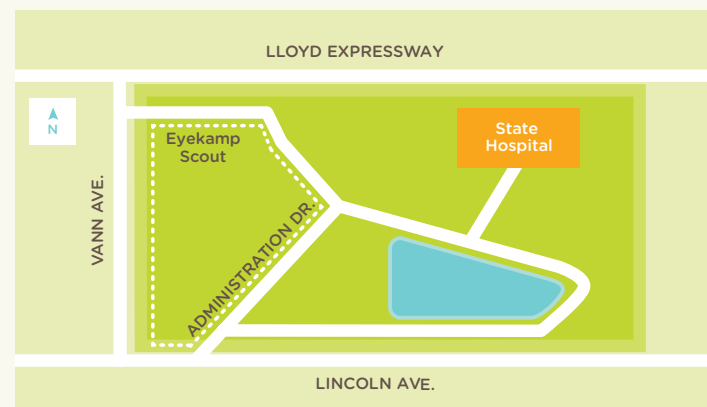
Open Sunday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Over one mile of wooded, hilly terrain for hiking. Walking and wildlife viewing.



### PIGEON CREEK BLUE TRAIL

Green River Rd. to Heidelberg, Evansville

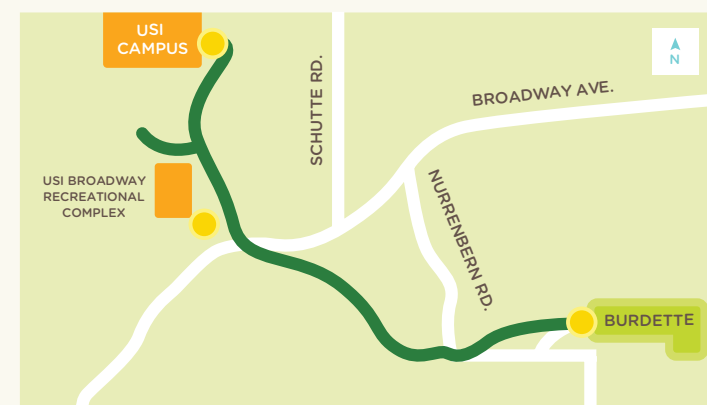
Open dawn to dusk, year round. Paddle 6.5 miles of Pigeon Creek through forested and suburban terrain on what's soon to be the region's first Blue Trail. Public access ramps at both locations. Paddling and wildlife viewing.



### STATE HOSPITAL GROUNDS

Vann Ave. at the Lloyd Expressway, Evansville

Open dawn to dusk, year round. Over one mile of flat, graveled trail. Walking, running, bicycle riding and dog walking.



### USI TRAIL-BURDETTE PARK TRAIL

University Blvd. to Nurrenbern Rd., Evansville

Open year round, dawn to dusk. This 3 mile paved trail connects the campus of USI with Burdette Park. The trail also provides a connection to the Burdette Park Discovery Bike Trail. Designated a National Recreation Trail and part of the American Discovery Trail. Walking, running, bicycle riding, wildlife viewing and dog walking.



### WESSELMAN WOODS NATURE PRESERVE

551 N. Boeke Rd., Evansville

Currently open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and Noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Call (812) 479-0771 for most current hours of operation. This 210-acre Indiana State Nature Preserve and National Natural Landmark offers over 4 miles of flat, mulched and board-walked trails through a remnant old growth bottomland hardwood forest. Walking and wildlife viewing.



## BICYCLE SAFETY

### BE A SAFE CYCLIST

Cycling safely on city streets requires an understanding of traffic rules. Follow these simple steps to become a safer cyclist.

- Learn and obey ALL traffic signs and signals
- Stop and look both ways for traffic before crossing a street
- **RIDE RIGHT - WALK LEFT** - always ride in the same direction as traffic
- Always wear a properly fitted helmet
- Use hand signals for turning or stopping
- Ride in a straight line - don't swerve in and out around parked cars
- Yield to pedestrians when riding on the sidewalk and at street intersections (riding on sidewalks is illegal in business districts)
- If you have to ride at night, use front and rear lights and have reflectors. Wear reflective or light-colored clothing



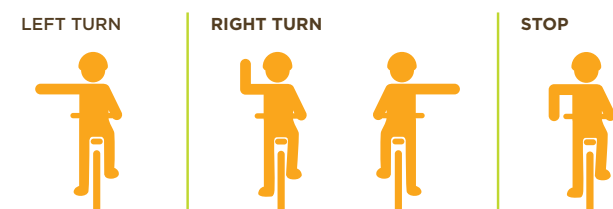
### ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET

Helmets should be worn level, not tilted back. A tilted helmet won't protect you. You should be able to look up and see the edge of the helmet. The helmet should fit snugly and should not move or slide around.



### HAND SIGNALS

Be sure to use these hand signals while riding to let motorists know where you are going. Making eye contact and waving to alert drivers of your intentions is also helpful, especially at intersections.



## PADDLING SAFETY

Paddling is a great way to get outdoors and terrific fun for the whole family. Planning and safety are key elements in the success of any paddling outing. Follow these tips for a safe and enjoyable trip:

- Let someone at home know where you are going and when you plan to return.
- Check current local weather and waterway conditions prior to departure. <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/rt>. Only paddle waterways whose conditions meet your abilities. Avoid swollen or flooded waterways.
- Wear a properly fitting personal floatation device (life jacket) at all times during your trip. Life jackets are required by Indiana law and are common sense. The American Canoe Association reports that in 85% of paddling fatalities, the individual was not wearing a life jacket.
- Dress for current weather conditions and expect to get wet. Wear layers of clothing made of synthetic fabrics that dry quickly, such as neoprene or polyester fleece. Wear a wet suit if water temperatures are below 60 degrees. Wear secure fitting footwear and a hat, as well as sunscreen and insect repellent as needed. Be familiar with the early symptoms of hypothermia and heat exhaustion.



- In addition to a boat and two paddles you should carry the following equipment on your trip:
  - Drinking water
  - Whistle
  - First Aid kit
  - Cell phone in a sealed bag
  - Map of your route
  - Food
- Do not paddle under the influence of alcohol.
- Respect private property. While access points are located on public property, most of the shoreline is privately owned. Obtain permission before entering on privately owned land.
- Keep your trash in your boat and dispose of it properly. Be considerate of others and avoid disturbing wildlife that you encounter. Positive behavior by paddlers will help to ensure more paddling opportunities in Indiana.

A note about strainers...Strainers are the most likely hazard you may encounter on Pigeon Creek. Strainers occur when obstructions such as trees or branches allow water to flow, but block or "strain" people and boats. Overhanging branches, downed trees, and log jams can all be potential strainers and should be avoided.

## WELCOME TO OUR TRAILS

The Evansville-area Trails Coalition is pleased to present this brochure of the newly expanded walking/bicycling trails for recreation and active transportation in our community. These greenways and pathways are free for all to enjoy, and we believe they're a great addition to our quality-of-life and quality-of-place.

They're also a great way to improve your health, connect with friends, connect with nature, and 'go green' by driving less.

Trails and greenways help create a 'built environment' that promotes physical activity, which is ever important in this era of rampant obesity and other chronic illnesses directly related to lack of exercise and bad diet. Experience has shown that if people have the opportunity to walk and ride bikes safely in their community, they take advantage of it. They want that opportunity! Trails provide it.

Our goal is for a comprehensive network of trails and greenways throughout our community — a network of safe, scenic pathways connecting our neighborhoods with our schools, parks, workplaces and each other. We believe it would help make the Evansville area the absolute coolest place on the Ohio River to live, work and play!

*Roberta Heiman*

ROBERTA HEIMAN, PRESIDENT  
Evansville Trails Coalition, Inc.

### CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITE AT

[www.evansville-areatrailscoalition.org](http://www.evansville-areatrailscoalition.org).  
Join in our effort by e-mailing us at [info@evansville-areatrailscoalition.org](mailto:info@evansville-areatrailscoalition.org).

## EVANSVILLE-AREA TRAILS COALITION PARTICIPATING AGENCIES & PARTNERS

Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization  
[evansvillempo.com](http://evansvillempo.com)

Vanderburgh County Health Department  
[vanderburghgov.org](http://vanderburghgov.org)

City of Evansville Parks Department  
[evansvillegov.org](http://evansvillegov.org)

Town of Newburgh  
[newburgh-in.gov](http://newburgh-in.gov)

Keep Evansville Beautiful  
[keepevansvillebeautiful.org](http://keepevansvillebeautiful.org)

Wesselman Nature Society  
[wesselmannaturesociety.org](http://wesselmannaturesociety.org)

Deaconess Hospital  
[deaconess.com](http://deaconess.com)

St. Mary's Medical Center  
[stmarys.org](http://stmarys.org)

Easter Seals  
[in-sw.easterseals.com](http://in-sw.easterseals.com)

Evansville Bicycle Club  
[evansvillebicycleclub.org](http://evansvillebicycleclub.org)

University of Southern Indiana  
[usi.edu](http://usi.edu)

University of Evansville  
[evansville.edu](http://evansville.edu)

Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation  
[evscschools.com](http://evscschools.com)

Evansville GAGE  
[evansvillegage.com](http://evansvillegage.com)

United Neighborhoods of Evansville  
[unoevansville.org](http://unoevansville.org)

Evansville YMCA  
[ymcaevansville.net](http://ymcaevansville.net)

Evansville Convention and Visitors Bureau  
[evansvillecvb.org](http://evansvillecvb.org)

Greater Evansville Runners/Walkers Club  
[gerwc.com](http://gerwc.com)

River City Ramblers  
[http://home.insightbb.com/~jgvf65/rivercityramblers.htm](http://http://home.insightbb.com/~jgvf65/rivercityramblers.htm)

TriState Business Group on Health  
[tsbgh.org](http://tsbgh.org)

Eagle Slough Natural Area  
[eagleslough.org](http://eagleslough.org)

Southern Indiana Classic Marathon  
[sicmarathon.com](http://sicmarathon.com)

Westside Improvement Association  
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Greenway - Pigeon Creek



Eagle Slough



## Evansville Regional Bikeways & Greenways

- greenways
- planned greenway short-term
- planned greenway long-term
- bike routes
- bike routes short-term
- pedestrian bridge
- trailhead
- parks & nature areas
- major waterways

All inset maps not to scale.



### BURDETTE PARK DISCOVERY TRAIL

Seminary Rd. to Old Henderson Rd., Evansville

Open year round. Four routes create a combined 37 miles of bicycle trail southwest of Evansville. Riders on paved roads and some gravel share the road with motor vehicles. Bicycle riding.

- Route 1
- Route 2
- Route 3
- Route 4
- Gravel

### PIGEON CREEK GREENWAY

From Sunrise Park in downtown Evansville north to Heidelberg Ave.

Open year round. Over 6.7 miles of paved trail showcases Pigeon Creek and the historic Ohio River as it connects neighborhoods and parks. Walking, running, biking, skating, and dog walking.

### BLUE GRASS FISH & WILDLIFE AREA AND BLUEGRASS BICYCLE ROUTES

Boonville New Harmony Rd., Elberfeld

Open year round, dawn to dusk. Blue Grass FWA covers approximately 2,532 acres and features about 28 pits and lakes (600 acres of water). Fishing, paddling, hunting, and wildlife viewing. Obey posted signs. Includes 36 miles of paved bicycle riding contained in four distinct routes of varying difficulty. Free hunting and fishing. Permits required. Great birding area.

- Route 1
- Route 1
- Route 3
- Route 4

### NEWBURGH RIVERTOWN TRAIL

Hwy. 662 at Yorkshire Rd., Newburgh

Open year round. Follow this paved 2 3/4 mile long trail through woods and along the historic Ohio River to the Newburgh Dam Park at Hwy. 66. Walking, running, bicycle riding, wildlife viewing and dog walking.

