

*This map and trail description is adapted from the Sippo Valley Trail Map and brochure a cooperative project of Massillon Parks and Rec, Rails to Trails of Wayne Co, Massillon Area Greenways, and the Village of Dalton.

Sippo Valley Trail Stark County Bicycle Club

MAP 802

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START: Any Trailhead as Scheduled

DISTANCE: Any Distance As Scheduled. See Ride Schedule.

Trail - Approximately 6 miles paved and3 miles of packed limestone.

Trail Courtesy

(Ohio and Erie Canalway Association)

- Travel at safe speeds. Stay right except to pass.
- Bicyclists yield to ALL users
- Give clear warning before passing on the left.
- Travel single file when passing and being passed.
- Move off the trail when stopped.

Sippo Valley Trail Description and History *

Sippo Valley Trail is a 9.5 mile park corridor in Northeast Ohio linking the downtowns of Dalton in Wayne County to Massillon in Stark County. This east-west trail connects with the north-south Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Towpath in Massillon. The connection currently involves following side streets in Massillon.

The trail takes its name from West Sippo Creek and the unincorporated village of Sippo located where the trail crosses Manchester Road. The trail surface is asphalt at the Massillon and Dalton ends. The middle three miles is a fine crushed limestone surface.

Massillon trailheads are located at Bottoms Park off 6th St NW and Llncoln Park at 17th St NW. The Dalton trailhead is located at Village Green Park just east of the downtown. The trail can also be accessed from many north-south roads leading from route 172 between Massillon and Dalton.

The trail follows the road-bed of the former Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad line built in 1882 to connect Dalton and Orrville to the national rail network in Massillon. In 1910 a new line was built from Brewster to Orrville bypassing Dalton, but the line from Dalton to Massillon remained as a spur line until 1994 when the tracks were abandoned. In 1995 a company next to Lincoln Park in Massillon acquired the entire rail-bed between Massillon and Dalton and sold it to Massillon Parks and Recreation Department for a trail.