



NAVIGATING THROUGH MASSILLON

Here's our suggested route through town to get from the Lake Avenue Trailhead, where the Towpath closure begins, to the [Sippo Valley Trail](#), a good alternative if you're riding south. This is also the route you'll use if you're riding the [Ohio to Erie Trail](#). If you'd like to explore the southern end of the Towpath from Navarre to Zoar, we recommend parking at the [John Glenn Grove](#) on Warmington Road and heading south from there.

The closures are due to an ongoing federal project to stabilize the levee, which protects downtown Massillon from flooding. River erosion has deteriorated the levee in recent years, and workers are rehabilitating it (and making improvements to the Towpath in the process!). The project is expected to be completed in November 2022.

If you'd like more information on this and future Towpath closures, please contact **Stark Parks** at 330-477-3552 (Monday-Friday, 8am - 4:30pm).

If you're traveling south on the Towpath:

1. Turn LEFT out of the Lake Ave Trailhead parking lot onto Lake Ave and cross the bridge.
2. At the end of the road, turn LEFT onto Third St.
3. In one mile, turn LEFT onto Cherry Rd.
4. In 0.2 miles, turn RIGHT onto Erie St at the light. You will be crossing Rte 21, so please use caution!
5. In 0.5 miles, turn RIGHT onto the sidewalk on Tremont Ave at the light.
6. Continue 0.4 miles along the south sidewalk of Tremont Ave, across the bridge.
7. On the other side of the river, turn left and follow the path BENEATH the Tremont Bridge. You're now on the Sippo Valley Trail!

If you're traveling east on the Sippo Trail/OTET:

1. At the Tremont Bridge in Massillon, follow the signs to cross the bridge heading east.
2. Turn LEFT at the Erie St traffic light.
3. In 0.5 miles, turn LEFT onto Cherry St at the light.
4. In 0.3 miles, turn RIGHT onto Third St. You will be crossing Rte 21, so please use caution! Third St will be the first right after crossing the highway.
5. In one mile, turn RIGHT onto Lake Ave.
6. Cross the bridge and hop back onto the Towpath, which runs along the Lake Avenue Trailhead parking lot.

