

Nickel Plate—Panhandle Connector Route (East to West) 6-29-23

1. Leave from the west side of the Nickel Plate Trailhead and follow Wallick Road northwest to the stop sign at Business US 31. Turn right onto Business US 31 and travel a short distance to West River Road.
2. Turn left (west) onto West River Road and proceed. When you cross into Cass County, West River Road changes names to South River Road. Continuing west on South River Road, the name changes again to CR 200 S. Continue west on Cass Co. Rd. 200 S.
3. 200 S. curves left (south) and changes to CR 825 E. Follow 825 E. south to Pipe Creek Bridge. Turn right (west) and cross Pipe Creek Bridge.
4. Once on west side of the bridge, turn right and go north on CR 800 E.
5. CR 800 E curves up and to the left (west) and becomes CR 250 South. Caution: Steep hill.
6. Follow CR 250 S west to CR 700 East.
7. Turn right (north) and proceed on CR 700 E to the four-lane highway, US 24, also known as the Hoosier Heartland Highway. Caution: High speed traffic.
8. Carefully cross the four-lane highway, US 24, and turn left (west) on CR 125 S.
9. Proceed on CR 125 S. to the "T" at CR 600 E.
10. Turn left (south) and proceed one quarter of a mile on CR 600 E to CR 150 S.
11. Turn right (west) and proceed west on CR 150 S.
12. CR 150 S changes names to South River Road at CR 500 E.
13. South River Road changes names to Wabash River Road at 24th St.
14. Follow Wabash River Road west to the "T" at 18th St.
15. Turn right (north) on 18th St. and proceed across the 18th Street Bridge.
16. On the north side of the bridge, immediately turn left (west) onto the Little Turtle Waterway Trail.
17. Follow the trail west and turn right (north) on Wabash Ave.
18. Proceed on Wabash Ave. across the railroad tracks and turn left (west) on Melbourne Ave.
19. Turn right (north) on 5th St. and proceed to North St.
20. Turn right (east) on North St. and proceed to 7th St.
21. Turn left (north) on 7th St. and proceed to Race St.
22. Turn right (east) on Race St. and proceed to the entrance of Riverside Park.
23. Follow the Riverside Park Trail east next to the Eel River to the Cole Bridge.
24. Turn left (north) onto the Cole Bridge and over the Eel River.
25. On the north side of the Cole Bridge, turn left (west) onto the River Bluff trail.
26. Follow the River Bluff trail west approximately 500 feet.
27. Turn right into the Hervey Preserve/Huston Park trail.
28. Follow this trail through Huston Park and out onto Commerce St.
29. Follow Commerce St. north one half block to Smith St.
30. Turn left (west) and proceed on Smith St. to Michigan Ave.
31. Turn left (southwest) and proceed on Michigan Ave a short distance to Meadlawn Ave.
32. Turn right (north) and proceed on Meadlawn Ave. to Jackson St.
33. Turn left (west) and proceed on Jackson St. to Clifton Ave.
34. Turn right (north) and proceed on Clifton Ave. to Northern Ave.
35. Turn left (west) and proceed on Northern Ave. to Indian Creek Road.
36. Turn right (north) and proceed on Indian Creek Road to CR 150 N.
37. Turn left (west) and proceed on CR 150 N across US 35 to CR 500 W.
38. Turn left (south) and proceed on CR 500 W to CR 50 N.
39. Turn right (west) and proceed on CR 50 N to the Kenneth Trailhead.