



Licking River Greenway Trails

Location: Northern Kenton County, starting in Covington KY at Levassor Place, just east of Eastern Ave, going north along the Licking River until it dead ends in about 1.6 miles across the grass levy near the end of 8th St at Randolph Park. There is no trailhead at the current north end of the trail. Extensions to this trail are planned, so expect this description to change in the future.

Website: http://lickingrivertrail.org/web/Licking_River_Greenway_and_Trails.html

Driving Directions: Levassor Ave runs east from Madison Ave (aka KY-17), just north of the intersection of KY-16 and KY-17. Drive east on Levassor, which runs along the south side of Holmes High School. Turn left on Eastern Ave, then an immediate left into the Holmes parking lot where you will see signs for trail parking. From the lot, look across Eastern Ave to see a sign announcing the trailhead. Trail runs north from Levassor, just a few feet east of Eastern Ave.

Hiking Trail Miles: 2, including the spur trail to Tot-Lot at 17th and Glenway Aves.

Trail Features: The main trail corridor currently runs between the Licking River on the east and the levy/flood wall system on the west, going north from Levassor Ave until ending in about 1.6 miles across from the levy from Randolph Park, near 8th St's deadend. Most of the trail is gravel, but approximately 0.6 miles from the Levassor trailhead, a blacktop spur runs southwest over the flood wall to a Tot-Lot on Glenway Ave, just north of 17th St. The trail can be entered there, but parking is not as convenient. Where the trail crosses the floodwall, a blacktop path also runs south about 0.2 miles over the levy until it dead-ends at the bottom of a steep hill at the base of the floodwall. The top of the levy provides a good vantage point for Downtown Cincinnati and Covington buildings, so it's worth the steep walk.

Continuing about 0.1 miles north from the blacktop spur, 16th St. passes through a floodgate and terminates at the Rizzo Painting Co. The trail runs along the east side of the painting company and continues for about a mile to the end of the gravel path.

According to the web site, much more trail is planned, but only about two miles (including the spur) are complete as of October 2013. There are many views of the Licking River, but currently there are no easy access points from the trail into the river, as for kayaks or canoes.

History: Licking River Greenway & Trails is a multi-community Northern Kentucky effort to create an urban greenway from the mouth of the Licking River to the I-275 loop. The trails system seeks eventually to connect neighborhoods and businesses on both sides of the river.

