# **Auburn Waterloo Trail (4 mi)**

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### **Summary**

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#### **Description**

Enjoy 4 miles of paved trail that extends from Morning Star Rd. at Greenhurst Country Club (Auburn) and Wayne St. at Cedar St. (Waterloo City Limits). The path follows alongside County Road 427, linking the two towns and skirting past the Middle School and High School. Make sure to pause at the pavilion nearby to admire the exquisite sculpture.

### LOCATION

County: <u>DeKalb</u> City: Auburn Mileage: 3.88

North Endpoint – General: W. Lincoln Road South Endpoint – General: Morning Star Road Connection to bus, rail: Waterloo Amtrak Station

Near to US highways: US Highway 427

## TRAIL FEATURES

Type of Trail: Rail Trail, Shared Roadway

Surface: asphalt

Uses allowed: Hiking, Walking, Biking, Inline Skating, Cross Country Skiing.

Wheelchairs allowed: yes

Which uses NOT allowed: no firearms, no motor vehicles

# **History**

DeKalb County Trail is built on a former interurban (electric railroad) line. Before the turn of the century, as the country transitioned from horse and buggy to the automobile, Indiana interurban systems were the most prolific interurban systems in the US. In the 1930s, five major interurban lines in Indiana, under the control of Midland Utilities and owned by Samuel Insull, merged into one entity, forming the Indiana Railroad. The Indiana Service Corporation (one of the five) ran through 12 Indiana counties, including DeKalb County. During the 1930s, interurban lines were abandoned one by one, mainly due to the Great Depression, as well as, competition from automobiles and buses. By 1941, only two lines remained in operation and on September 8, 1941 a fatal head-on collision of two high speed interurban cars ended the interurban in Indiana.

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