



Macomb Orchard Trail • Stony Creek Metropark Hike-Bike Trail

The stretch between Romeo and Armada is one of the most scenic sections of the trail.



Photo by Malonie Licht

## Macomb Orchard Trail

Explore 23.5 miles of smooth pavement and beautiful scenery on the Macomb Orchard Trail. Built on the former Michigan Air Line Railway, the southern end of the trail connects with the Clinton River Trail at Dequindre Road. If you begin your journey from the south, you will notice a changing landscape that takes you on a journey from suburban neighborhoods through wide open spaces, long tunnels of trees, quaint country towns, and of course, an orchard south of Romeo. Just north of Romeo, a unique barn covered bridge over highway M-53 marks a transition point where the trail heads east to Armada through a mostly wooded landscape.

Pause and soak up the exceptional scenery as you cross a bridge over the Clinton River. A towering grain elevator announces your arrival in Armada, where you'll find several stores and eating places just one block north of the trail. From Armada to Richmond, the trail passes through woodlands, pastures and fields of corn and beans. An archway welcomes you to the eastern trailhead and downtown Richmond where you'll find a bike shop and several stores and restaurants.



Cross this unique barn bridge over M-53 near Romeo.

## Stony Creek Metropark Hike-Bike Trail

Enjoy a pleasant ride or run on the 6.1-mile Stony Creek Metropark Hike-Bike Trail. This nicely maintained, smooth asphalt trail takes you on a circular loop around Stony Creek Lake with access to several nature trails and mountain biking trails along the way. The Metropark also offers bike rentals. To connect to the Hike-Bike Trail from the Macomb Orchard Trail, head north on the west sidewalk on Shelby Road where the trail crosses the intersection of 25 Mile and Shelby roads. About a quarter mile north, the sidewalk transitions into the Hike-Bike Trail as it leads you into the Metropark.