MICHIGAN’S IRON BELLE TRAIL
TWO ROUTES ONE GREAT TRAIL
Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder first proposed a statewide trail in 2012: “We will need a showcase trail that celebrates these efforts and pulls together private and public trails into a signature Pure Michigan experience.”
TWO TRAILS 2,031 MILES

Biking Route: 827.7 miles
Hiking Route: 1203.1 miles

The Iron Belle Trail crosses 48 Michigan counties, 83 cities-towns-villages and 240 townships, making it one of the premier trails in the Midwest.
## Iron Belle Trail Update

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Michigan is nationally recognized as ‘The Trails State’ due to its 12,500 miles of state-designated trails and its four seasons of trails.

The vision for the Iron Belle Trail is to create and maintain a seamless recreational pathway from Belle Isle to Ironwood to showcase the State of Michigan, promote communities, health and wellness and Michigan’s natural resources.
From its inception, the Iron Belle Trail has captured the imagination and interest of Michigan's residents. Media outlets from across the state continue to report on the progress and expansion of the trail.
Since 2015, thousands of Michigan Scouts have celebrated National Trails Day in June by walking more than 30,000 miles on Michigan’s Iron Belle Trail as part of the annual Iron Belle Challenge.
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Using existing trails, networks and some new connections, the trail extends more than 2,000 miles from the far western tip of the Upper Peninsula to Belle Isle in Detroit on a biking trail and hiking trail. The biking route utilizes many of the state’s existing bike paths, bike lanes, and signed, designated biking routes as it travels up the east side of the state, while the hiking route utilizes sidewalks, trails, and the 1,000-mile plus North Country National Scenic Trail traveling up the west side of the lower peninsula.
Public and private dollars have led to construction projects in several counties and on several trails – from Washtenaw County to Trenton to Gaylord. The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and the Michigan Department of Transportation have been key contributors.
FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

IRON BELLE TRAIL FUND CAMPAIGN

The Iron Belle Trail Fund Campaign is a major effort to raise $155 million in private funds to support the work necessary to finish connecting the trail, which is roughly 68 percent completed.

IBT FUND CAMPAIGN TEAM
The Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation on October 27 announced a $100 million investment of parks and trails in Southeast Michigan. Of that gift, $40 million will be allocated toward projects that close physical gaps in the region’s trail systems and $10 million will be designated toward helping operate and maintain the trails for decades to come.
Not only is the Iron Belle Trail more than 2,000 miles of hiking and biking trails, it is also a key connector of neighborhoods, communities, cities and counties. In the days ahead, look for the Iron Belle Trail to extend beyond the current structure of the trail and include loops near Traverse City, Saginaw and the Joe Louis Greenway in Detroit.
Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) announced the **Gordie Howe International Bridge project** will include a dedicated multi-use path that will accommodate pedestrians and cyclists. The integration of the multi-use path will benefit the communities, as it will support active transportation, a healthy lifestyle as well as enhance cycle tourism across the border.
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