

Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Annual Dues: _____ New _____ Renewal

___ Student	\$ 5.00
___ Individual	\$ 10.00
___ Family	\$ 15.00
___ Club or Organization	\$ 30.00
___ Supporting	\$ 50.00
___ Sustaining	\$100.00
___ Benefactor	\$250.00
___ Life Membership	\$1,000.00

TOTAL _____

I would also like to donate:

___ Labor
___ Equipment _____

Detach and Mail this section.

Please make your check payable to:

Firelands Rails To Trails, Inc.

44 East Main St. Norwalk, OH 44857

Membership fees and donations to Firelands Rails to

Trails are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

ABOUT HURON COUNTY'S RAIL TRAIL THE NORTH COAST INLAND TRAIL

Take the scenic recreational tour across Northern Huron County... on The North Coast Inland Trail. Stroll through the tunnel-like areas of heavy forests bordered by wide open fields. Walk, run, bike or gallop along endless fields of corn, soybeans, and wheat. Cross the Branches of the Huron River and its tributaries on ancient viaducts and modern bridges.

Take in the views from high above and look out across the endless vistas. All of this and more - only on Huron County's Rail Trail.

These environments contain the multitude of wildflowers, plants, trees, birds, animals and insects; native and non-native to Northern Ohio. We invite you to experience this Huron County treasure throughout the year.

ABOUT FIRELANDS RAILS TO TRAILS

Firelands Rails to Trails, Inc. is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 all volunteer organization dedicated to completing the North Coast Inland Trail across Huron County. The NCIT measures 102.5 miles from Lorain to Millbury and is approximately 90% complete and continuous. The NCIT is one of the top ten longest non-motorized rail trails in the country and is the preferred transcontinental route.

Firelands Rails to Trails, Inc. was formed for the promotion of and development of this linear park. Other trails have been developed by all-volunteer organizations which have mustered the support of interested citizens to help with donations, engineering expertise, equipment and labor.

Firelands Rails to Trails co-owns the North Coast Inland Trail in Huron County with five park districts from surrounding counties. This consortium owns approximately 16 miles of former Penn Central railroad property stretching through the northern part of Huron County. The property varies from about 60 feet wide to about 400 feet wide and the total acreage of the land owned is about 185 acres.

All over the United States such linear parks are being developed for recreational use. Your support of this trail system will provide a safe, clean, and picturesque route for bike riders, walkers, joggers and rollerbladers. The NCIT is also the only public equestrian trail in Huron County.



Glacial moraine east of Rt 601

HISTORY OF THE NORWALK BRANCH



The Toledo, Norwalk and Cleveland Railroad was built in 1851 as a route connecting Toledo, Norwalk & Grafton. In 1853 the railroad merged with the Junction Railroad to become the Cleveland & Toledo Railroad. In 1866 the railroad built a more direct connection from Oberlin to Elyria to join their Northern Division. The line served the rich agricultural regions of Northern Ohio and later became the east-west main line of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern. The route was later reduced to a secondary line by the New York Central System with the newer line through Sandusky becoming the current main line. The "Norwalk Branch" was abandoned in 1976 by Penn Central.

RULES OF THE TRAIL

1. Trail is open dawn to dusk.
2. Respect private property. Stay on the trail.
3. No motorized vehicles except power chairs for the disabled.
4. No climbing on fences, railings, or bridges.
5. No camping, campfires, swimming or loitering.
6. No cutting or removal of firewood without permission.
7. Park only in designated areas. Do not park on trail surface.
8. Pedestrians have the right of way. "Wheels yield to heels".
9. All trail users keep right except to pass.
10. Alcohol is not permitted. No littering or fireworks.
11. Dogs must be on leashes and must be under control.
12. No hunting or discharging of firearms on trail property.
13. All organized events, activities, fundraisers, postings, signs, and projects must be approved by FRTTI.

Additional park rules as per the Ohio Revised Code.

For emergencies or to report ATV's or other motor vehicles, contact local law enforcement.
Contact us at 419-465-3367 or 419-668-3027

NORTH COAST INLAND TRAIL

Main Line of North America

HURON COUNTY

**WAKEMAN - COLLINS - NORWALK-
MONROEVILLE - BELLEVUE**

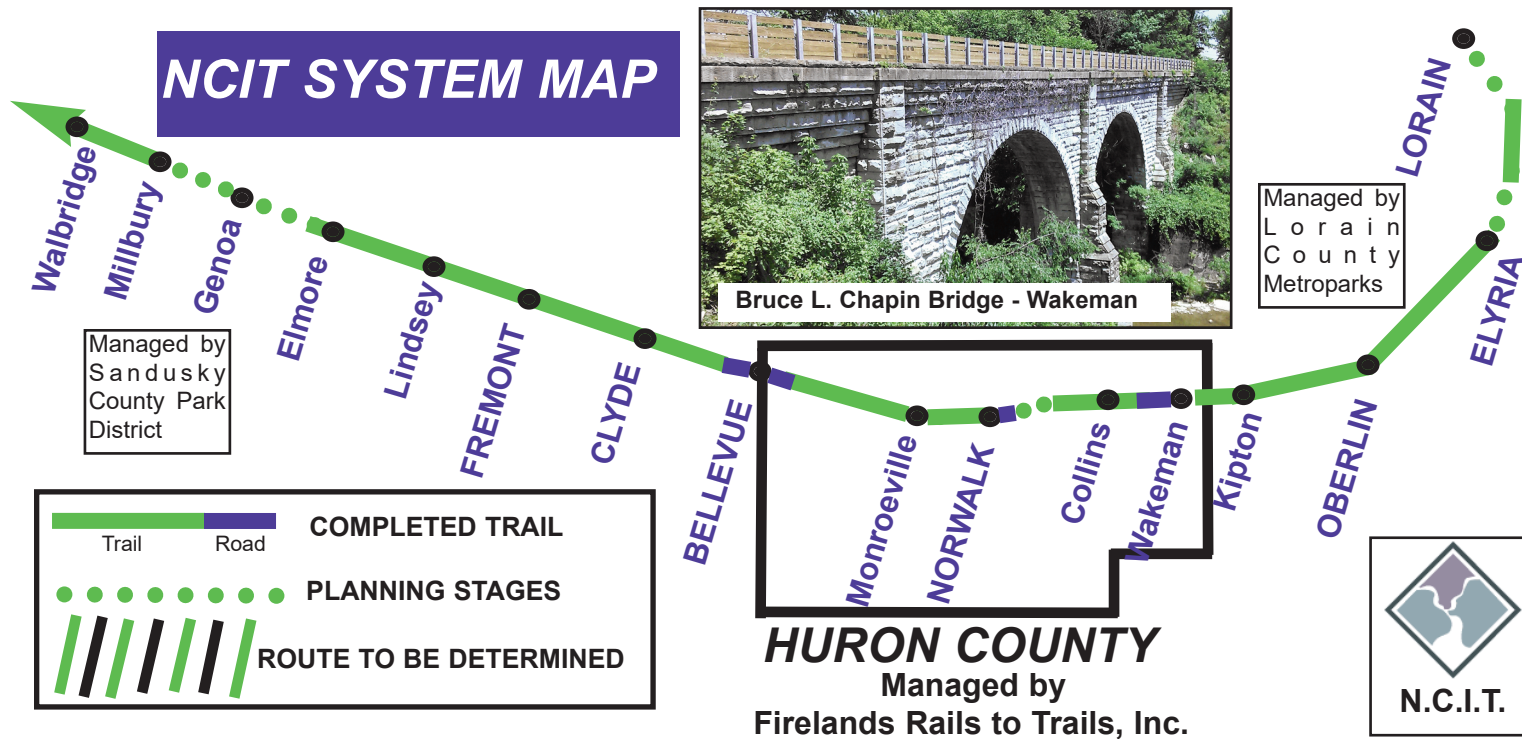


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TRAIL MAP AND GUIDE



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 Bellevue Parks & Recreation Dept.
 Bellevue Knights of Columbus
 Bellevue VFW
 Berry's Restaurant - Norwalk
 Bluto's Sports Bar & Grille - Norwalk
 BMP Industries - Birmingham
 Citizen's Banking - Norwalk
 City of Bellevue
 City of Norwalk
 Dr. Ted N. Clark, Jr., DVM - Bellevue
 Jeff Colvin CPA - Norwalk
 Domino's Pizza - Norwalk
 Excel Bike & Fitness - Norwalk
 Firelands Audubon Society
 First National Bank - Bellevue
 Haynes Construction - Norwalk
 Huron County Board of Commissioners
 Lyme Township Board of Trustees
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 Mad River & NKP Railroad Society - Bellevue
 Miller's Drive-in - Bellevue
 Monroeville Knights of Columbus
 Monroeville Marine Inc.
 Mossman Music - Norwalk

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 New London Greenwich Rail Trail, Inc.
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 Norwalk Lions
 Norwalk Township Trustees
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 Owens Law Firm - Norwalk
 Pean's Pizza & Subs - Monroeville
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 Sharpnack Chevrolet Buick Cadillac - Willard
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