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Wadhams to Avoca Trail

One of Michigan's hidden jewels, the 12.5-mile Wadhams to Avoca Trail travels on a former CSX Railway line that was purchased

by the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission in 1999 and opened for recreational use in 2003. The original rail line, completed in 1882, connected Port Huron with Saginaw and was called the Port Huron & Northwestern Railroad. The entire trail is smooth and flat, and a pleasant day ride for people of all abilities.

The Wadhams Trailhead is easy to find, just north of Interstate 69 at the Wadhams Road exit. Look for the trailhead on your left at the Wadhams to Avoca Trail crossing signal. Restrooms, food and drinks are available at businesses next to the trailhead. The first 5 miles of the southern section of trail is paved with asphalt, passing through mostly wooded terrain with long tunnels of trees and seasonal blooms of wildflowers.

At McLain Road, the trail surface changes to finely screened and compacted limestone. The hard-packed surface is well maintained and suitable for most bikes. This northern section of trail travels through farm country and is also open to horseback riding.

The highlight of the Wadhams To Avoca Trail is the Mill Creek Trestle, or "High Bridge," located 1.5 miles south of Avoca. This 640-foot long, 60-foot high steel trestle bridge offers commanding views of the Mill Creek Valley; a great place to stop, relax and soak up the scenery. The trail ends in the quaint village of Avoca where you will find a convenience store, tavern, café and the Avoca Trailhead.

While you're in Port Huron, we highly recommend riding, running or strolling along the 3.75-mile section of the Bridge to Bay Trail. The Bridge to Bay Trail is a long-range plan to build a continuous bike trail from Port Huron to New Baltimore. The Port Huron section is now

completed and the scenery is amazing.

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Watching the brilliant blue waters of Lake Huron rushing under the Blue Water Bridge into the St. Clair River channel is a spectacle you really must see. The trail begins north of the Blue Water Bridge and travels along the edge of the St. Clair River and over the Black River drawbridge through downtown Port Huron and the Blue Water River Walk, ending on 10th Street about a quarter mile past the Coast Guard Cutter "Bramble" Museum and a tunnel under Military Street. Interpretive signs along the River Walk tell the story of this historic port city.

