

Coordination with Water Trail Routes

Water trails were not part of the scope of this planning process. However, it's recognized that coordination between land trails and water trails is beneficial. Particularly, there are often opportunities for shared trailheads and trailhead amenities such as parking, restrooms, drinking fountains, signage, etc. There are also opportunities for coordinated multi-activity events such as paddle-bike-run. Water Trails are a designated route on a navigable waterway primarily for kayaking, canoeing and stand-up paddle-boarding.

A Development Plan was created in 2017 for the Upper Grand River Water Trail by Land Information Access Association (LIAA), Region 2 Planning Commission, and The Upper Grand River Watershed Alliance. The goal of the Plan is to outline the activities, process and framework to establish a water trail along the Upper Grand River. The Plan includes the desire to have several access points that may also be able to be coordinated with land trails and trailheads including:

- Vandercook Lake County Park
- Ella Sharp Park in Jackson
- High Street East Bridge in Jackson
- Riverfront Park in Jackson
- Jackson County Fairgrounds
- Parnall Road in Blackman Township
- Maple Grove Bridge in Rives Township

Groups in the region are also working to advance water trails along the Kalamazoo River and the River Raisin.



Water Trails in Jackson County

