



Heritage Trail AT A GLANCE

The Heritage Trail was created in 1963 by Boy Scout Troop 323. Changes in land ownership, floods, storms, and erosion erased the trail by the early 1980s. In 1981, a new trail route was created. Today, the 20.22-mile Heritage Trail begins at Litzenberg Memorial Woods, south of U.S. Route 224 West, and ends at Van Horn Cemetery. It connects parks, conservation areas, historic sites, Findlay reservoirs, and area landmarks over a variety of trail surfaces, including dirt, grass, and paved roads and trails.

Hikers on the Heritage Trail experience remote natural settings in Hancock County and urban conditions in the heart of Findlay. Popular hiking destinations from Litzenberg Memorial Woods include Indian Green Cemetery at .9-mile, Liberty Landing at 5.97 miles, Great Karg Well Historical Site at 8.23 miles, Riverside Park Waterfront at 10.07 miles, Eastpoint Area at 11.20 miles, Riverbend Recreation Area at 13.73 miles, and Van Horn Cemetery at 20.22 miles.

Yellow trail markers with black directional arrows mark the route. They can be found on utility poles and trail posts at intersections and other locations along the way. Before hiking the entire Heritage Trail to earn a patch (\$2.50) and/or a medal (\$3.50), register at the Hancock Park District Administrative Office.

On December 1, 1984, Jeannie Wiley, staff writer for *The (Findlay) Courier*, wrote, "Despite the traffic that rushes by on U.S. 224, Indian Green Cemetery stands today as it has for more than 100 years—a quiet, grassy clearing, protected from the world by willow trees and the Blanchard River." History tells us that the tombstones identify the final resting place for early pioneers and that before the pioneers, the land was used as an Indian village and burial grounds. Indian Green Cemetery is rich in history, and a fitting destination along the Heritage Trail.

The Heritage Trail mostly follows the course of the Blanchard River and offers scenic views through wetlands, woodlands, and open space. Historic points of interest include (above) the Great Karg Well Historical Site and (below) the dam that is a component of Findlay's old waterworks at what is now Riverside Park.



Tell Taylor, the performer, composer and lyricist who wrote "Down by the Old Mill Stream" in 1910, is buried at the trail's end in Van Horn Cemetery.



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