

# Lester Rail Trail

Lester Rail Trail is the first example of conversion of a former rail corridor for public use as a bike/hike trail in Medina County. The trail extends from Abbeyville Road to Lester Road in York Township.

Visitors can enjoy mostly level terrain that travels through farmland. Wildlife along the trail is abundant, and remnants of prairie grasses can be seen as well. The cardinal flower, a relatively uncommon wetland species, can be seen in wet areas along the trail.



## Medina County Park District

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-  Lester Rail Trail (3.2 miles)
-  Park Boundary
-  Park Entrance
-  Parking
-  Trailhead
-  Restrooms

### Northeast Ohio Live Steamers

Northeast Ohio Live Steamers (NEOLS) is a local club that has been running live miniature steam engines and other model trains since 1969. For many years, NEOLS operated on seven acres of land leased from a local company. In 1998, that land was sold, and the group began searching for a new site.

The park district's master plan for the Lester Rail Trail area called for the use of a railroad theme in the further development of the park. NEOLS contacted the park district about a site for its activities, and a relationship was established that permitted the group to operate on a portion of park property in exchange for offering rides for public programs scheduled periodically throughout the year.

In 2001, the club constructed and donated a station house on the property as a focal point for its activities. Construction of the track began along with the necessary bridges. In the fall of 2003, NEOLS gave its first public ride. Since 2003, the club has continued to expand its track and now has over 9,000 lineal feet. In addition, the club has facilities for smaller model trains on elevated tracks.

Public rides are available on scheduled dates throughout the year. Visit the park district's website at [medinacountyparks.com](http://medinacountyparks.com), or contact the park office at (330) 722-9364 to obtain schedule information.

