

Bike & Hike Trail Brandywine Road



- **Type:** All-purpose trail
- **Length:** 1 mile
- **Cost : \$2,629,140**
 - Design = \$283,540
 - Construction = \$2,345,600
- **Funding Sources:**
 - Transportation Enhancement Program = \$700,000
 - Recreational Trails Grant = \$150,000
 - Summit County Community Grant = \$31,000

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Bike & Hike Trail Brandywine Road Trail Realignment 2012:

The Brandywine Bike & Hike Trail project involved the relocation of a 1.06-mile section of the trail off-road that was using Brandywine Road. The new alignment passes through natural and partially developed areas and affords cyclists and pedestrians a more scenic and safe travel route. The Bike & Hike Trail is over 33 miles long and covers a large portion of Summit County. Project was initiated and lead by Summit Metro Parks along with Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The Bike & Hike Trail project connect the two ends of the multi-purpose trail on Brandywine Road with an off-road connection. Also, the trail will travel behind the Inn at Brandywine Falls (bed and breakfast) and connect directly to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park at Brandywine Falls near the parking lot. Project goals:

- Improve visitor accessibility
- Improve visitor experience
- Separate vehicles and pedestrians
- Avoid impacts to natural and cultural sensitive areas

Planning started for this project in 2003. After several options were considered the current trail design was chosen. GPD Group was contracted to design the project in 2009. And the project was constructed in 2011-2012 by Cavanaugh Building Corporation and ODOT. Major obstacles to overcome included: I-271, Brandywine Creek, steep grades, National Park Service process, private property, vacating roads and protecting natural and cultural resources.

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The Good Stuff

- **Amenities:**
 - 85-car parking lot & trailhead
 - ADA compliant
- **Connections to other non- project assets:**
 - Brandywine Falls
 - Inn at Brandywine Falls
 - Horse & Carriage Farm
 - All Saints Cemetery
- **Trails:**
 - Brandywine-Gorge Trail

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This project connects the north and south parts of the Bike & Hike Trail that formerly used Brandywine Road. The project keeps the user off-road for the entire 1.06 mile section. This project helps get bikers and hikers off Brandywine Road and onto an off-road trail. Brandywine Road is narrow with high-speed traffic and a steep slope of pavement on either side of I-271. The new alignment passes through natural and partially developed areas and afford users a more scenic and safe travel route. Besides connecting the two ends of the current Bike & Hike Trail it connects directly to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park at Brandywine Falls where users could hike the boardwalk near the falls or Stanford Trail down to the Towpath Trail.


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Unique!

- **Benefits to the Public:**
 - 19% increase in visitation
 - Separate vehicles & trail users
 - Improve visitor experience
- **Environmental Enhancements:**
 - Avoid impacts to ecological & cultural sensitive areas
- **Social Equity**
 - Improve visitor accessibility

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Project extras:

- ADA accessible for the entire length, using tunnel, bridge, boardwalks, asphalt paving and existing infrastructure
- New parking lot with increased parking and bus access to Brandywine Falls
- Increased and easy access to Inn at Brandywine Falls
- Avoided impacts to ecologically and culturally sensitive areas
- Snack stand opened in the summer

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“Wow!”

“Best local trail ride yet!”

“Love the trail behind the inn”



“The new trail with switch backs replaces the dangerous and steep road route into Brandywine Falls. And its fun!”

“The paving of the northern trail portion a few years ago was a major improvement”

Buzz on the Street

“This is great!”



“Now the whole family can ride.”



“A true favorite”

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Users of the Bike & Hike Trail seem to love the improvement of the trail off Brandywine Road. Before the improvement we had negative comments about this 1-mile section of on-road trail: not safe, cars speed, no berms, steep grades, not for families, etc... Posts are from the following sources: carlessohio.com, igotabike.com, summitmetroparks.org and trailink.com.

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