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Public art creates contemplative spaces along the trail and enhances the beauty of the landscape. Through creative use of non-public funds, the City of Southfield has acquired several notable sculptures from the former Northland Center, and many have been installed along the trail system. Just outside the Southfield Public Library, take some time with "Peacock" by Arthur Kraft and Gwen Lux. Just inside the entrance, you can't miss Marshall Fredericks' "Boy and Bear."



A-1: "Boy and Bear" by Marshall Fredericks. This 5,000-pound marvel was installed in 2016, and is a favorite of those who remember this sculpture as a landmark in the Northland Center.



A-2: "Prophet" by Romanian-Canadian artist Sorel Etrog is typical of this artist's work. Fun fact: the Canadian Film Award was once known as an "Etrog" as the artist designed the trophy's statuette.



A-3: "Peacock" by Arthur Kraft and Gwen Lux is a Midcentury period study in sparse use of materials to form a recognizable whole.



A-4: "Pioneer Family II" by Dutch-Canadian artist Andreas Drenters. Made of copper, steel, and polished steel, the sculpture was completed in 1998 using found objects and repurposed farming equipment. The piece was donated by Mark Diem of Bloomfield Hills.



A-5: "Diversity" by John Piet, a 35-year resident of Southfield and former art professor at Macomb Community College. The bold 16-foot tall sculpture is made of steel painted primary red, and is well suited to the center of the Evergreen Road north roundabout. The piece was donated by Piet and his wife in July 2016.



A-6: "Gratitude" by Jay Lefkowitz. Rising 16 feet above its base in the center of the Evergreen Road south roundabout, this piece, fashioned of powder-coated steel, expresses Southfield's optimism for the future. Lefkowitz is a nationally-acclaimed Southfield sculptor, who created this piece in 1986.



A-7: "Moby Dick" by Joseph Anthony McDonnell. This piece was commissioned in 1966 by the J.L. Hudson Co. for the Northland Center, where it graced a center courtyard until the mall closed in 2015. It was restored and installed in the fountain of the Southfield Public Library in February 2019.



A-8: "Red Pole Park" by HED. Built through the generosity of 3,665 sponsors in an 2017 Patronicity crowdfunding campaign matched by an MEDC Public Spaces, Community Places grant, this interactive forest of 65 red poles, which represent the past, present and future of civic mindfulness in Southfield, is enjoyed by individuals in 120,000 vehicles on the Lodge Freeway each day.



A-9: "Yin Yang" by David Barr. Purchased from the private collection of a Southfield resident by the Friends of Southfield Public Arts this steel sculpture by Michigan modernist David Barr was restored and installed in the large traffic triangle bounded by Evergreen Road, 10 Mile Road and the Northwestern Highway northbound service drive.



A-10: "City of Southfield" by Melvin Leiserowitz. This steel sculpture was commissioned for the city's 25th anniversary in 1983 and displayed in the rear of the Southfield Municipal Campus before restoration and reinstallation at the main entrance circle of City Hall in 2020.



A-11: "Southfield Peace Poles" Three poles set in a landscaped garden to the north of the entrance to City Hall declare "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in 24 world languages and braile. With a theme of sustainability, the poles represent global peace through the May Peace Prevail on Earth International and Amig@s de la Paz (Peace Pals) nonprofit organizations.

URBAN ECOSYSTEM

NATURAL BEAUTY IN THE ROUGE RIVER WATERSHED

The Southfield City Centre Trail System has been specially designed to clean and slow the flow of rainwater into the 126-mile long Rouge River, thus preventing flooding. Strategically-placed trees, native plants, and rain gardens clustered along the trail both beautify the urban landscape and maintain the health of the Rouge River watershed.

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD THROUGH SOUTHFIELD

HS-1: SOUTHFIELD REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, also known as the "Covenanter Church." Before this church was built in 1861, the congregation worshipped in homes and barns, and some of the founding members were early settlers of Southfield Township. The adjacent cemetery is the burial place of many of these pioneers. During the Civil War, this church was instrumental in the Underground Railroad movement, supporting the anti-slavery effort and sheltering individuals on the way to free lands in Canada. The Rev. J. S. T. Milligan, pastor at this church, was active in the Michigan Underground Railroad movement.

MARY THOMPSON FARM

HS-2: Mary Thompson's parents and grandparents were pioneers who helped settle Southfield Township. Mary herself went on to make her mark by donating her farm to the city. Here it stands, along with 20 acres of land, to commemorate her family's commitment to Southfield. During a time when very few women received higher education, Mary attended Michigan Normal College. She earned a doctorate in education from New York University in 1909, and spent her life as a teacher. In 1959, she sold 106 acres of the family homestead at half value to Southfield for use as a Civic Center. The farm house itself was built in 1840, and Mary lived here with her parents and four siblings.

MIDCENTURY MODERN ARCHITECTURE

Southfield was fertile ground for homes built in the design-centric midcentury modern period, and the trail features dozens of office buildings famous for this unique architectural design.



HS-3: SOUTHFIELD CITY HALL

As Southfield transformed from township to city with a burgeoning population, the 1870s town hall outgrew its usefulness. Acting on the behalf of the City Council, the Southfield Building Authority retained Crain & Gorwic of Detroit to create the layout for the Civic Center Campus and hired the architectural firm of

Pirscher & Jarrett of Ferndale to design City Hall, the Parks & Recreation Building and the Southfield Library. Some say the design is inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright for its projected roof, exaggerated eaves and long, rectangular shape.

LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (LTU) & SPORTS STADIUM



The best and brightest seek out this mid-sized private university to further their STEM and business minds and transform educational experiences into satisfying careers. More than 100 academic programs prepare the innovators of tomorrow with a rich curriculum steeped in experiential learning. A well-rounded athletic program features a robust fall football schedule for the total college experience. Don't miss LTU's new sports stadium. LTU Photo by Matt Roush.

SHOPPING DISTRICTS & FREE-STANDING RESTAURANTS

Feeling a little hungry along your trek? Fortunately, the trail is anchored by several dining and shopping centers.

S-1: SHOPPES AT PARK PLACE

25203 - 25309 Evergreen Road

www.grandsakwa.com/property/shoppes-at-park-place

S-2: CITY CENTRE PLAZA & S-3: CITY CENTRE II

25100 & 25200 Evergreen Road

S-4: EVERGREEN ATRIUM MARKETPLACE

26221 Evergreen Road

S-5: TGI FRIDAYS

26299 Evergreen Road

S-6: TRAVELERS TERRACE RETAIL CENTER

26555 - 26559 Evergreen Road

S-7: KERBY'S KONEY ISLAND

25050 Northwestern Highway

S-7: WENDY'S

24999 Northwestern Highway

HOTELS

H-1: DETROIT MARRIOTT SOUTHFIELD

27033 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48033 | P: 248.356.7400

H-2: COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT DETROIT SOUTHFIELD

27027 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48033 | P: 248.358.1222

H-3: COMFORT SUITES SOUTHFIELD

24977 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075 $\,$ I $\,$ P: 248.357.9990

H-4: HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES - SOUTHFIELD

25100 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075 | P: 248.350.2400

H-5: WESTIN SOUTHFIELD DETROIT

1500 Town Center, Southfield, MI 48075 | P: 248.827.4000

H-6: HAWTHORN SUITES BY WYNDHAM DETROIT SOUTHFIELD 26700 Central Park Boulevard, Southfield, MI 48076 | P: 248.352.8900

H-7: CANDLEWOOD SUITES

1 Corporate Drive, Southfield, MI 48076 | P: 248.945.0010

H-8: FUTURE HOME OF THE STAYBRIDGE SUITES & HAMPTON INN 26060 & 26080 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48076

BIKESHARE (seasonal) • Movatic.co

Ready to roll the trail? Grab a bike at one of the 9 Movatic bikeshare stations near the trail and get ready to feel the wind in your hair. Register on your phone or online and cruise down the Evergreen corridor and breathe that air you help to make fresher by pedaling instead of driving. Stop for a sandwich or a smoothie, meet friends for volleyball, or venture out on a nature trail. (Just resting on a bench to people watch is OK too!)

ACCESSIBLE AND HEART HEALTHY

The Southfield City Centre Trail System is fully accessible to pedestrians, bicycles, non-motorized scooters, wheelchairs, strollers, and dogs. Our shared-use pathway is extra wide to allow for friendly encounters with all modes, and in most places, fully buffered from vehicle traffic. Watch for on-road bike lanes for dedicated bicycle traffic in some areas along the trail.

EAT TO THE BEAT

On the second Thursday from June to September, the City Centre comes alive with music, people, and food trucks as we gather to enjoy the sun and the community for Eat to the Beat. This summer concert series features live music and great food, making the Southfield City Centre a great place to play.

JAZZ FESTIVAL

One sultry weekend each summer, the City Centre transforms into a venue to celebrate the sounds of jazz. Families, friends, neighbors, and other groups come together to stretch out on blankets under the sun and stars to experience some of the best jazz artists of today. Watch for future dates.

SPONSORED EVENTS

The Southfield City Centre is host to many sponsored events, indoor and outside, throughout the year. Ample parking, safe, wide pathways, and pedestrian-friendly amenities make it an ideal venue for 5K walks and runs, awareness-building events, corporate challenges, and many other celebrations.





SOUTHFIELD CITY CENTRE TRAIL MAP

SURPRISE YOURSELF

Bike. Walk. Run. Smile.

Enjoy the Southfield City Centre Trail System.

Born from a shared desire to roam, yet still feel close to home, the Southfield City Centre Trail System is a tiny getaway tucked into a friendly urban ecosystem. With 7.75 miles of shared path, the trail is accessible on two wheels (or two legs), with room for companions, too!

Along this trail, you'll encounter art, natural beauty, culture, history, and even some opportunities to shop, eat, drink, and play. Here, you'll experience fresh air, safe, thoughtfully designed trails lined with benches, art installations, wayfinding signs, bikeshare stations, and more. The trail is beautifully maintained, and enjoyable during every season.

A cornerstone of *Sustainable Southfield*, the city's 2016 comprehensive Master Plan, the trail system was approved and endorsed by Southfield residents and businesses who put space for heart-healthy outdoor activity at the top of the list of amenities that bring quality of life to their community. It's a welcome departure from the car-centric land use patterns that dominated Southfield for 60 years.

This guide will help you navigate the trail. Here you will discover bike stations, art installations, outdoor wildlife interpretive rooms, benches, and many other amenities to enjoy.

Surprise yourself on the Southfield City Centre Trail System!

It's all here, waiting for you.

www.SouthfieldCityCentre.com











