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DO YOU SEE THE BIG BUILDING WITH THE DOMED ROOF? THIS WAS ONCE KNOWN AS THE 'SKA-TEEN' A POPULAR ROLLER SKATING RINK.



SKA-TEEN

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PAST THE SKA-TEEN THE BUILDING MARKED '64 ISRAEL STREET' WAS ONCE THE LOCATION OF COLUMBUS MILPAR WHICH MANUFACTURED CLUSTER-BOMBS DURING THE EARLY 1960'S

MILPAR

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ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE TRAIL, BENNETT MANUFACTURING MADE THE STUMP-PULLERS THAT CLEARED THE LAND FOR THE OHIO STATE FAIRGROUNDS.

BENNETT  
MANUFACTURING

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THE BUSY FARMER'S EXCHANGE LOOMED NEXT DOOR TO BENNETT.



FARMER'S EXCHANGE

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DIRECTLY ACROSS THE TRAIL WAS THE LOCATION OF KILGORE MANUFACTURING. KILGORE CAME TO WESTERVILLE IN 1918 AND MADE ITS NAME BY MANUFACTURING TOY CAP GUNS, AND LATER, FLARES AND MUNITIONS. THE PLANT WAS BUILT ON BOTH SIDES OF EAST BROADWAY. FLARES, FIREWORKS AND MUNITIONS WERE MANUFACTURED IN THE BUILDINGS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF EAST BROADWAY. THIS SECTION OF RAIL WAS THE MOST 'EXPLOSIVE' IN THE CITY OF WESTERVILLE! ON THE RIGHT OFE EAST BROADWAY/OLD COUNTY LINE ROAD INTERSECTION IS WHERE KILGORE MANUFACTURING MADE THE TOY CAP GUNS, CAPS, METAL BANKS AND DOLL HOUSE FURNITURE.

KILGORE  
MANUFACTURING



THIS PORTION OF THE TRAIL ENDS AT OLD COUNTY LINE ROAD. THE LANDSCAPE YOU ARE RIDING BY HAS NOT CHANGED MUCH SINCE THE TRAIN RAN THROUGH! ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR RIDE ON THE B & W TRAIL!

# TOURING WESTERVILLE'S INDUSTRIAL HEART ON THE OHIO TO ERIE TRAIL



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WELCOME! THE TRAIL YOU ARE ABOUT TO RIDE WAS THE RAIL BED OF THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD STEAM ROUTE THAT SERVED WESTERVILLE FROM 1873-1982. THIS SECTION FROM THE BIKE DEPOT TO EAST BROADWAY AVE. TRAVELS THROUGH WHAT WAS ONCE THE INDUSTRIAL HEART OF WESTERVILLE.

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DEPOT/PRESIDENTIAL  
OAK GROVE

BEGIN YOUR RIDE HEADING NORTH FROM THE DEPOT DIRECTLY BEHIND THE LIBRARY. DEDICATED IN 2012, THE DEPOT STANDS ON LAND THAT ONCE SERVED AS THE PRACTICE FIELD FOR THE WESTERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND UNTIL 1960. WESTERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL IS NOW HANBY ELEMENTARY. THE FIELD DIRECTLY EAST OF THE DEPOT IS DEDICATED TO OHIO'S PRESIDENTS. THERE IS AN OAK FOR EACH PRESIDENT FROM OHIO ON THE OVAL (PLUS ONE—YOU NEVER KNOW WHO COULD BE NEXT!)



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CELLAR LUMBER



AS YOU CROSS PARK STREET, YOU APPROACH, ON YOUR RIGHT, THE LARGE METAL STORAGE SHED THAT MARKS THE LOCATION OF CELLAR LUMBER, WHICH HAS BEEN IN BUSINESS IN WESTERVILLE SINCE 1908. THE MURAL PAINTED ON THE SHED WALL WAS COMPLETED DURING THE SUMMER OF 2014. THE MURAL ON THE PATH WAS A COMMUNITY EFFORT, PAINTED BY VOLUNTEERS.

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BLENDON TOWNSHIP HALL

NOTE THE BUILDING ON THE LEFT AS YOU REACH EAST COLLEGE AVE. IT ONCE SERVED AS THE BLENDON TOWNSHIP HALL.

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THE CREAMERY

THE EAST COLLEGE AND EAST BROADWAY CORRIDOR WAS PROBABLY THE BUSIEST SECTION OF TRACK IN THE CITY! THE WEST SIDE OF THE TRAIL WAS THE LOCATION OF THE CREAMERY. IN ITS DAY, THE CREAMERY DOMINATED THIS SPACE. NOW, THE ONLY REMAINING PORTION OF THE OLD BRICK BUILDING IS VISIBLE IF YOU LOOK DOWN HOME STREET TOWARD VINE. IT IS DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM THE EMERSON SCHOOL PLAYGROUND (ONCE KNOWN AS THE VINE STREET



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COAL YARD

ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE TRAIL, CELLAR LUMBER ONCE HAD A COAL YARD AND A BARN FOR ANY LIVESTOCK BEING TRANSPORTED BY RAIL.

