

## Courtesy

Observe these simple courtesies to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience during your visit to the Trail:

- No motorized vehicles on the trail or bridge
- No smoking, fishing, climbing on or throwing objects off the bridge
- Trail users should not approach animals, including horses or pets, before receiving an okay from the owner.
- Horseback riders, then pedestrians, have the right-of-way. Buggies and bikes *must yield* to horseback riders and pedestrians.
- All trail users must walk through the covered bridge & keep horses and buggies on the south side (matted side) of the bridge, going & coming.
- Bicycles, buggies and horses must slow down and use caution in congested areas.
- All dogs must be leashed and controlled.
- Pack out your litter and no hunting.
- Horse owners should carry muck buckets in their trailers to clean up parking areas.
- Give an audible warning when passing on left.

## Your Parks

Every year, thousands of people escape the stress of their everyday world to enjoy Knox County Park sites. The Park District manages a variety of natural areas including parks, canoe access sites, the state's first water trail and multi-purpose trails.

**Improvements to your park district are made possible due to the passage of the Knox County Park levy in November 2008 – THANKS!**



## Enjoy Your Stay With Us!

The Mohican Valley Trail and Bridge of Dreams are located on the Gateway to Amish Country Scenic Byway. This byway begins in Utica on US 62 and ends at the Holmes County line. The Wally Road Scenic Byway travels along the Mohican State Scenic River from SR 514 in Greer (north of Danville) to SR 3 near Loudonville. This byway serves as Ohio's largest outdoor recreation complex with camping, canoeing and outdoor adventures to be enjoyed.

Many of the quiet villages and hamlets along the byways serve as "trail towns," offering lodging, dining and shopping experiences.

Bald eagles can be seen along either byway near the Mohican and Kokosing scenic rivers. The Kokosing serves as Ohio's first designated "water trail" and offers fine canoeing and smallmouth bass fishing.

Leave the hectic pace of life behind and return to a simpler time while visiting us. Reflect on the relaxed and friendly atmosphere of the Knox County experience, as you picnic or dine in a locally owned café. For more information concerning local area attractions, cultural events, dining and lodging, visit the Gateway to Amish Country visitor's center on US 62 between Danville and Brinkhaven.

[www.knoxcountyparks.org](http://www.knoxcountyparks.org)

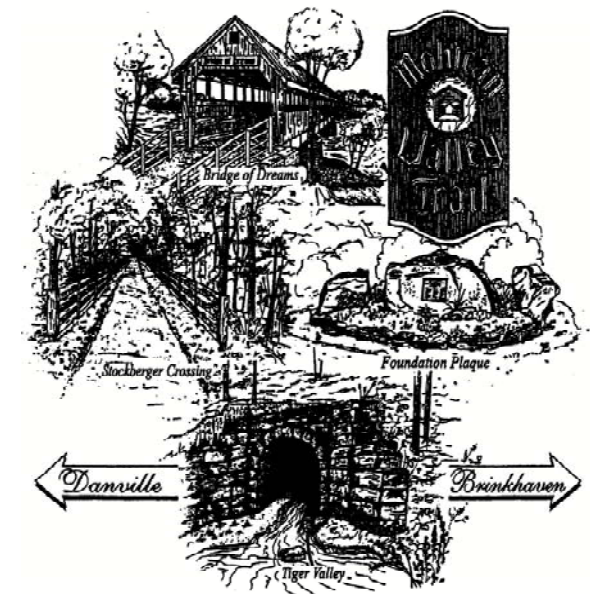
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**911 or 740/397-3333**

# Mohican Valley Trail Trail Guide



"Travel The Trail With Us"

# The Mohican Valley Trail and Bridge of Dreams:

## From Trash to Treasure...

The **Mohican Valley Trail** is a nature trail built on an abandoned Penn Central railroad bed at the eastern edge of Knox County. This trail, 4.5 miles long and connecting the villages of Brinkhaven and Danville, crosses the beautiful Mohican River through a 370-foot covered bridge, the Bridge of Dreams. About one-half mile east of the covered bridge, the trail connects with the Holmes County Trail (under development).

In 1996, and as plans for a nature trail to link Holmes County and the Kokosing Gap trails progressed, a vision arose to build a covered bridge across the majestic Mohican River and create a trail linkage. The Ohio Horseman's Council, Mohican Valley Trail Board, Knox County Commissioners, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Rails to Trails Conservancy, private donors and local corporations pooled their resources and talents, hauled tons of trash from illegal dumping and obtained grants to clean up an eye sore that eventually became a critical linkage on a statewide recreational trail (Ohio to Erie Trail).

The Bridge of Dreams was completed December 18, 1998 and dedicated April 17, 1999, and the trail officially opened on June 15, 2001. The trail goes from East Street in Danville to the Holmes County Line (near US 62), connecting the Kokosing Gap and the Holmes County Trails. Listed by the Ohio Historical Bridge Association as a replica covered bridge, its historical value is its foundation. A park area at the covered bridge includes water, a handicapped-accessible picnic shelter and tables, parking lot, hitching post for horses and information kiosk. The Mohican Valley Trail has a surface of crushed stone and sand.

Visit the Mohican Valley Trail on the web at <http://www.knoxcountyparks.org/mohican%20valley.htm>

