



rails-to-trails conservancy

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NATIONAL RAILS-TO-TRAILS CONSERVANCY TO SHOWCASE IMPACT OF GREAT AMERICAN RAIL-TRAIL IN INDIANA OVER THREE DAYS OF TRAIL RIDING AND EVENTS

Special Event on Sept. 13 in Muncie will honor RTC's 2022 Rail-Trail Champion

RICHMOND, INDIANA—Media are invited to take part in events hosted by [Rails-to-Trails Conservancy \(RTC\)](#), the [Adventure Cycling Association](#), [Cardinal Greenways, Inc.](#), [the Nickel Plate Trail](#) and other partners in the state that will provide a behind-the-scenes look at the impact, potential and progress of the [Great American Rail-Trail®](#) in Indiana.

At these events, media are invited to join RTC and its partners for trail riding and special events, with opportunities to experience local gems, connect with local business owners and leaders, and explore a portion of the Great American Rail-Trail in Indiana that highlights the vision to connect outdoor spaces to communities, making it easier and safer to walk around the area.

On Sept. 13, RTC will honor Rep. Carey Hamilton (D, 87), as the 2022 Doppelt Family Rail-Trail Champion for her leadership of the state's legislative trails caucus and efforts to connect the state's trail system—building enthusiasm and generating investment in trails as fundamental to the quality of life and economic prosperity of Indiana's towns and cities.

Media are invited to the events outlined below. For interviews and to RSVP, contact Patricia Brooks at patricia@matchmapmedia.com.

SEPT. 13

Bike tour of the Cardinal Greenway, Richmond to Muncie, including visit to Starr Gennett Records building and Red Tail Nature Preserve (24 – 41 miles).

- **8:30 a.m.:** Riders depart [Starr Gennett Records building](#) in Richmond
- **12:30 p.m.:** Lunch at the [Losantville Trailhead](#), hosted by Randolph County United

- **6:30 p.m.:** VIP reception for RTC’s 2022 Rail-Trail Champion, Rep. Carey Hamilton, at the [Cardinal Greenway Muncie Depot](#)

SEPT. 14

Ride the Cardinal Greenway and the Nickel Plate Trail (31 miles). Explore efforts to complete two gaps that are critical to the Great American Rail-Trail, followed by an evening dinner reception in Peru.

- **9:00 a.m.:** Riders depart [Cardinal Greenway Muncie Depot](#)
- **12:00 p.m.:** Lunch in Marion at [Hogin Park](#)
- **2:30 p.m.:** Ice cream stop at [Converse Big Dipper](#)
- **6:45 p.m.:** VIP dinner at [Canal Toll House and Granary](#) in Peru

SEPT. 15

Complete the Nickel Plate Trail (25 miles) and enjoy lunch at historic Lake Manitou.

- **9:15 a.m.:** Riders depart [Nickel Plate Trail North Peru Trailhead](#)
- **12:00 p.m.:** Lunch and presentation on Lake Manitou history at [Dam Landing in Rochester](#)

The Great American Rail-Trail will be the nation’s first cross-country multiuse trail—a route that is entirely bikeable and separated from vehicle traffic across 3,700 miles between Washington State and Washington, D.C. Indiana’s segment of the cross-country multiuse trail is nearly 120 miles and is 55% complete.

For more information about the Great American Rail Trail, [visit RTC’s website](#).

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC), the nation’s largest trails organization—with a grassroots community more than 1 million strong. RTC is dedicated to building a nation connected by trails, reimagining public spaces to create safe ways for everyone to walk, bike and be active outdoors. Connect with RTC at railstotrails.org and @railstotrails on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).