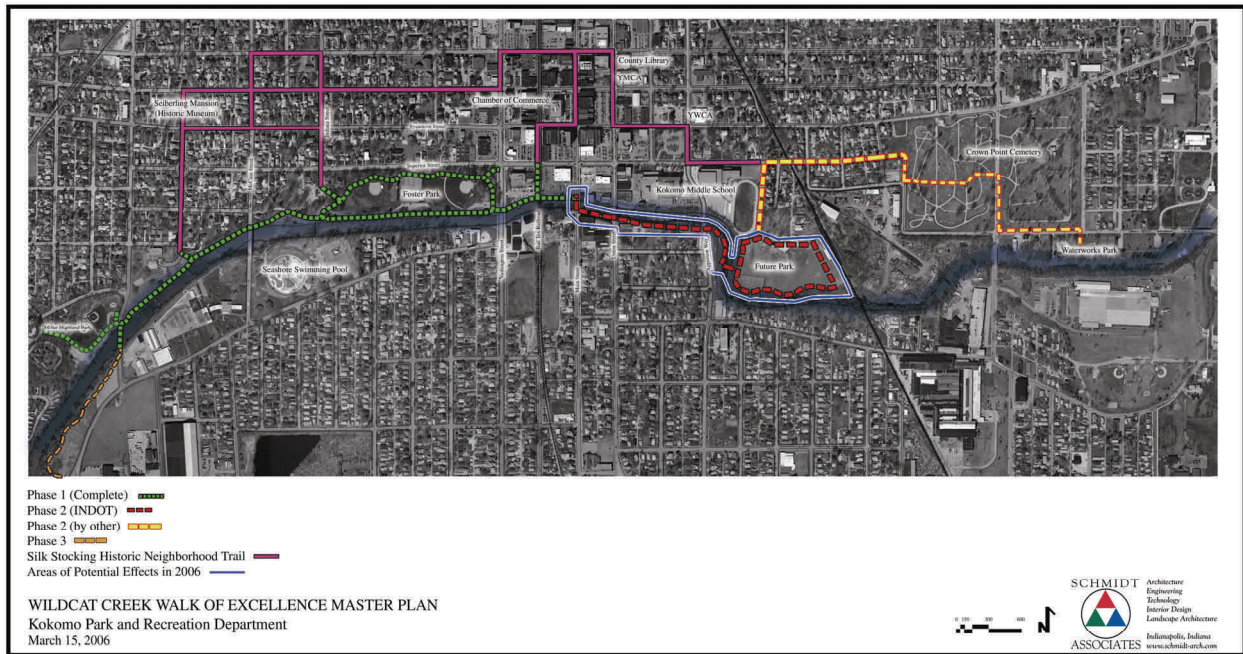


Wildcat Creek Walk of Excellence Located in Kokomo, Indiana



Taking several years to complete, the dedication of the Walk of Excellence was held on October 27, 2008 and completed a 3.4 mile paved urban trail from East to West and connecting several parks as well as Kokomo's Historical Downtown. Phase I of the Walk is between Miller-Highland Park and Fire Station #1. Phase 2 is between Fire Station #1 and Waterworks Park. Phase 3 is between Miller-Highland Park and just north of the intersection of Markland Ave. & Park Ave. There is also a loop not shown on the map above that crosses the Wildcat Creek in Foster Park and circles Kokomo Beach.



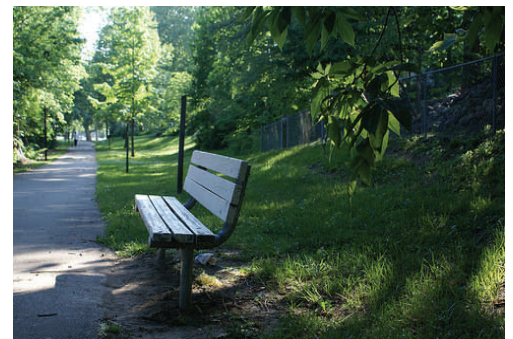
Information Kiosk located behind Fire Station #1 in Downtown Kokomo.

The Wildcat Creek Walk of Excellence is ideal for walking, hiking, running, bicycling or even roller blading. Overall it is comfortably wide, smoother and maintains an almost unnoticeable grade. There is also a good mixture of open areas and tree canopied areas.



Walkpath between Foster Park and Miller-Highland Park.

The trail located in several parks, runs alongside and in places crossing over, the Wildcat Creek. The landscape surrounding the trail not only looks beautiful, but has the unmistakable fresh smell of the Indiana countryside. No matter how many times you visit the trail, there is always something new for you to find from day to day and season to season.



Walkpath in Foster Park along the Wildcat Creek.



Boardwalk between Main and Union Streets in Downtown.

woodpeckers, Baltimore orioles, red-tailed hawks, kestrels and turkey vultures can be seen in the area.

Mammals found along Wildcat Creek include fox, badger, beaver, mink, deer, woodchuck, muskrat, raccoon and numerous smaller species. Several varieties of bass, catfish, panfish and other game and “rough” fish are found in the Wildcat waters.

Another point of interest is the Chief Kokomo Monument, which is the source of the community’s name. The burial place of Chief Kokomo is located in Pioneer Cemetery on the 400 block of Purdum Street. The cenotaph was built by the Grand Army Republican in 1911.



Chief Kokomo Monument.



Walkpath between Union Street and Apperson Way.

Features include the Wildcat Creek, Miller-Highland Park, a walk bridge and trail spur to Kokomo Beach Family Aquatic Center, World War II military tank in Foster Park, Kokomo Senior Citizens Center, Historical Downtown Kokomo, Future Park, Pioneer Cemetery, Crown Point Cemetery and Waterworks Park.

The trail in Foster Park hugs the scenic Wildcat Creek. As you explore the woodlands and wetlands along Wildcat Creek in Foster Park you can see a variety of plant and animal life. Visitors to Wildcat Creek can expect to observe a variety of wildlife. Great blue herons, green herons, wood ducks, mallards, barred and great horned owls, redheaded



Rotary Bridge crossing the Wildcat Creek into Future Park.



Well cared for, the Wildcat Creek Walk of Excellence is one of the nicest looking trails in central Indiana. The amazing sights, sounds and scents the trail provides makes it much more than just a great place to visit, it’s an experience.



Foot bridge from Foster Park to Kokomo Beach.

Walk of Excellence Signage was installed in the Fall of 2009 through a generous donation from the Howard County Historical Society and the Downtown Association.

This Trail Map Key is displayed in the Kiosk located behind Fire Station #1.



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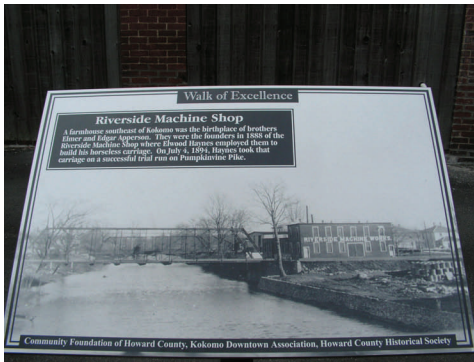
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