

MCPD 45th Anniversary - Lester Rail Trail

Size:  (Small) Difficulty:  Terrain:  (1 is easiest, 5 is hardest)

N 41° 10.110 W 081° 55.373

This cache is part of the [Medina County Parks 45th Anniversary Challenge](#). You do not have to participate in the challenge to do this cache, but we hope you will anyway!

The [Lester Rail Trail](#) is the first example of conversion of a former rail corridor for public use as a bike/hike trail in Medina County. The limestone trail extends 2.5 miles from Lester Road in York Township to the Medina County Career Center. Visitors to the trail can enjoy mostly level terrain which travels through farmland. Wildlife along the trail is abundant, and remnants of prairie grasses can be seen as well. The Cardinal Flower, a relatively rare wetland species, can be seen in wet areas along the trail.

A 2 mile round-trip hike/bike ride will be required to get this cache. Please note this trail is paved and in full sun. It may become very hot during the day, so keep this in mind when bringing children and pets along. You may want to bring an adequate amount of drinking water. Begin from the Lester Rail Trail parking lot north of Rt. 18 and use your GPS or the poem below to get you from there to the cache.

Long ago upon this trail,
Trains would travel on a rail.
But keep in mind there is no shade,
Without water you'll quickly fade.

On your left go past the house,
Watch for wildlife and maybe a mouse.
Past the wires way up high,
With ladders leading to the sky.

Rest on a bench near the ½ mile mark,
Then cross over Columbia but stay in the park.
You're almost there... before the next road,
A bench you'll see and maybe a toad!

Behind the bench go up the small hill,
To the left two trees are standing still.
Out of sight and behind,
Its here that you will make the find!

The cache, a small peanut butter jar, is located about 5 feet from the trail, so please do not bushwhack. Please remember to cache in and trash out. Park closes at dark.

If you have questions or concerns about any of the caches in this challenge, please contact Shelley Tender at 330.239.4814 or stender@medinaco.org.

This cache will expire on October 31, 2010.

