



## 4.2 Pedestrian and Bicyclist Access

Bicyclist and pedestrian trails can be found throughout Indiana in state parks, and along roadways and abandoned rail lines. These trails provide people access to Indiana's outdoor, scenic areas and wildlife. Existing US 31 does not have any special accommodations for bicycle or pedestrian traffic, and does not cross any existing bicycle or pedestrian paths within the study area.

Within St. Joseph County, there is the South Bend North Side Boulevard trail, the East Bank Walkway, Lasalle Blue-stem Trail and the Darden Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Path, which is currently under construction in South Bend. There is also a plethora of other proposed trails in and around the City of South Bend and St. Joseph County. One of the proposed trails is the South Bend/Dillon Trail, which would be part of the Hoosier Rails-to-Trails system. This trail would serve as a link between South Bend and Potato Creek State Park, and from there it would travel through the Kankakee River valley to the Kingsberry Fish and Wildlife Area in Laporte County.

In Marshall County, there are currently four signed bike trails located southwest of Plymouth. These trails are on existing roadways and range in length from 16 miles to 63 miles and are also associated with an annual bike ride called the Blueberry Bicycle Cruise, which is held every Labor Day weekend.