The Richland B&O trail is a paved 18.4 mile bike trail built on the railroad bed of the former Baltimore & Ohio Railway. Connecting Mansfield, Lexington, Bellville and Butler, the trail traverses some of the most scenic parts of North Central Ohio.

There are multiple entry points in each community. The trail is open year-round during daylight hours for bicycling, in-line skating, walking, jogging and also cross-country skiing in the winter. Motorized vehicles and horseback riding are prohibited.

Parking and bike trail access are available in each of the communities listed above. It is handicapped accessible and bike rentals are available on the trail. For more information, call the Gorman Nature Center at 419-884-3764.
City of Mansfield:
Mansfield is home to some incredible attractions such as Kingwood Center, Oak Hill Cottage, Mansfield Art Center, Renaissance Theatre, and the Historic Ohio State Reformatory made famous in “The Shawshank Redemption”.

The trail starts/ends in North Lake Park, which connects to Middle and South Parks (the B&O Trail connects with the Mansfield Bike Loop near North Lake Park).

Permanently located by a short detour Mansfield Historic Campus/District featuring one of a kind shops and unique eateries as well as coffee shops with sidewalk seating. While you are downtown enjoy a leisurely stroll down Main Street and visit several of the filming sites on “The Shawshank Trail”. Be sure to stop for a ride on the hand-crafted wooden canoe at the Richland Carrousel Park, the crown jewel of the district.

Mansfield is also the North Central Ohio hub for major retailers, restaurants, and hotels. Whether you want to relax & recharge, do some sight-seeing or just pick up some necessities, you will find what you are looking for in Mansfield.

City of Lexington:
Lexington is nestled in a picturesque setting surrounded by state parks and historic sites. Richland Park offers a beautiful setting for a leisurely stroll or a bike ride. Nearby, the Champaign County Fair Grounds is home to the annual county fair. The city is also known for its rich history, with the Old Masonic Temple and the historic Old Stone Church being notable landmarks.

Lexington is a great place to experience small-town charm, with a small-town feel and easy access to the surrounding countryside. Whether you're looking to relax or explore, there's something for everyone in this charming town.

City of Bellville:
Bellville is a small town located in the heart of rich agricultural land and surrounded by beautiful state parks. The town boasts a rich history, with the Bellville Depot Museum being a popular attraction. Visitors can explore the town on foot, bike, or car, enjoying the scenic beauty and historic sites.

The town's main street, Main Street, is home to a variety of shops and restaurants, offering a range of dining and shopping options. The nearby state parks provide opportunities for outdoor activities such as hiking, fishing, and picnicking. Bellville is a great destination for those looking for a peaceful retreat or a base for exploring the surrounding area.