

The Wayne Trace
Adams County
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Marker Text

General Anthony Wayne and the Legion of the United States passed this way on October 30, 1794, in route from Fort Wayne to Fort Greenville, ending the western campaign against the Indian Confederacy. The Legion spent the previous night camped 2.6 miles NNW of here.

Report

This marker has some information that conflicts or cannot be substantiated with secondary sources. Primary sources could not be located. Most secondary sources confirmed that Wayne's Trace did pass through Adams County. However, one source placed the trace on the east side of Decatur, and another placed the trace on the west side of Decatur.

In 1945, Indiana House Bill No. 340 created an Anthony Wayne Trails Commission, whose purpose was "to determine the routes followed by [Wayne]." The pamphlet "Anthony Wayne in Indiana" is the only located publication or report that this commission issued.

According to Barnhart and Riker's *Indiana to 1816*, Wayne did leave Fort Wayne in late October 1794 for Greenville, where the Treaty of Greenville would be signed the following August. Presumably, Wayne traveled the trace to Greenville.

No source has been located that would corroborate that Wayne's Legion camped 2.6 miles NNW of the marker's location.