

# RAILROAD HISTORY



You are walking along a historic section of the former Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad which carried President Abraham Lincoln on his inaugural tour. The railroad was regularly used to transport ice cut from Twin Lakes to Cleveland.

Pictured is the Hudson train depot. Built in the early 1900s, the depot sat on the same Cleveland & Pittsburgh line that ran through Trail Lake Park. It was also the station that connected the main line to the Akron branch.

The Cleveland & Pittsburgh line was originally chartered in 1836 in response to public interest in building a rail line connecting the two cities. It was completed in 1852 and leased to the Pennsylvania Railroad in the 1870s. At its height in 1908, the line operated 256 miles and carried over 1.8 million passengers.

Before the line was built, passengers would take a train from Cleveland to Ravenna, then take a stagecoach from the train depot to the canal in Ravenna, then take the canal to Pennsylvania. The completion of the C&P line in 1852 halted the canal passenger traffic.



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