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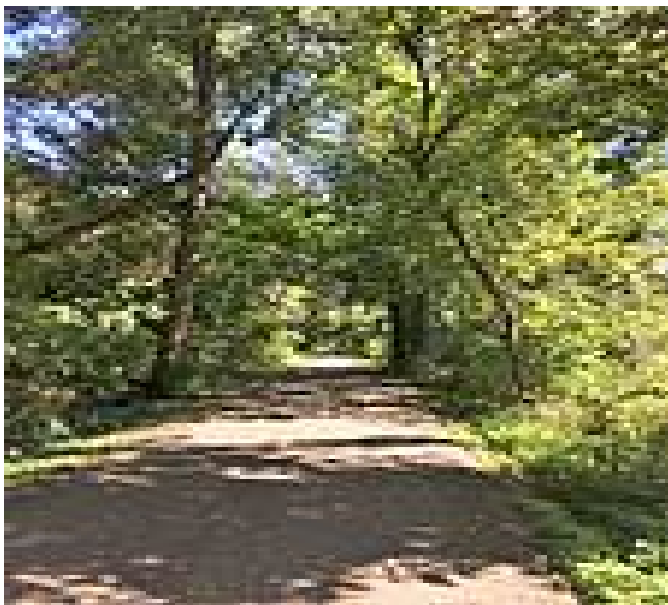
**Kal-Haven
Trail State
Park**
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Overview

More than a half-dozen old railroad towns between Kalamazoo and South Haven offer rest and replenishment to travelers using the Kal-Haven Trail. The nearly 34-mile crushed-limestone rail trail links these towns as it rolls across the rural landscape of southwestern Michigan, from the outskirts of the bustling city to the resort town on Lake Michigan.

Opened in 1991, the trail is one of the oldest conversions in Michigan. Old depots serve as trailside visitor centers in Bloomingdale and South Haven, and an old red caboose offers trailhead services on the outskirts of Kalamazoo. The majority of the route is crushed slag and limestone and slopes gently down toward the lake; note that while the trail can accommodate road bikes, the crushed stone may prove challenging in a few sections.

About the Route

The Kal-Haven Trail State Park leaves off from its western endpoint in South Haven, a scenic beach town on the shores of Lake Michigan, famous for its iconic lighthouse. The trail heads east, away from Lake Michigan, alongside the Black River.

As the trail heads towards Grand Junction, there is a covered bridge that will take trail users across the south bank of the Black River. Just before reaching Grand Junction, the trail passes another bridge, nicknamed the Camelback Bridge because of its unique midspan hump, a structural support common in the 1920s.

In the town of Kibbie, the blueberry industry is going strong. Look for signs for “pick yourself” blueberry farms around Grand Junction and west to South Haven, which hosts the annual National Blueberry Festival in August.

The town of Gobles, just past Kibbie, offers services before the trail arrives at the restored Bloomingdale Depot, a museum filled with railroad and local history. This section of trail, between 52½ St and 68th St, offers an adjacent bridle trail.

As the trail approaches its eastern endpoint, the easternmost 7 miles of trail offer tree shade, a welcome change after passing through the open fields of Mentha.



Kal-Haven Trail State Park

Michigan

States: Michigan

Counties: Kalamazoo, Van Buren

Length: 33.95 miles

Trail end points: Bailey Ave (South Haven) to
4143 10th St N (Kalamazoo)

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Wheelchair

Accessible, Snowmobiling, Walking, Cross

Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Kal-Haven Trail State Park runs between Bailey Ave. (South Haven) and 4143 10th St N (Kalamazoo), with parking at both ends.

Parking is also available at:

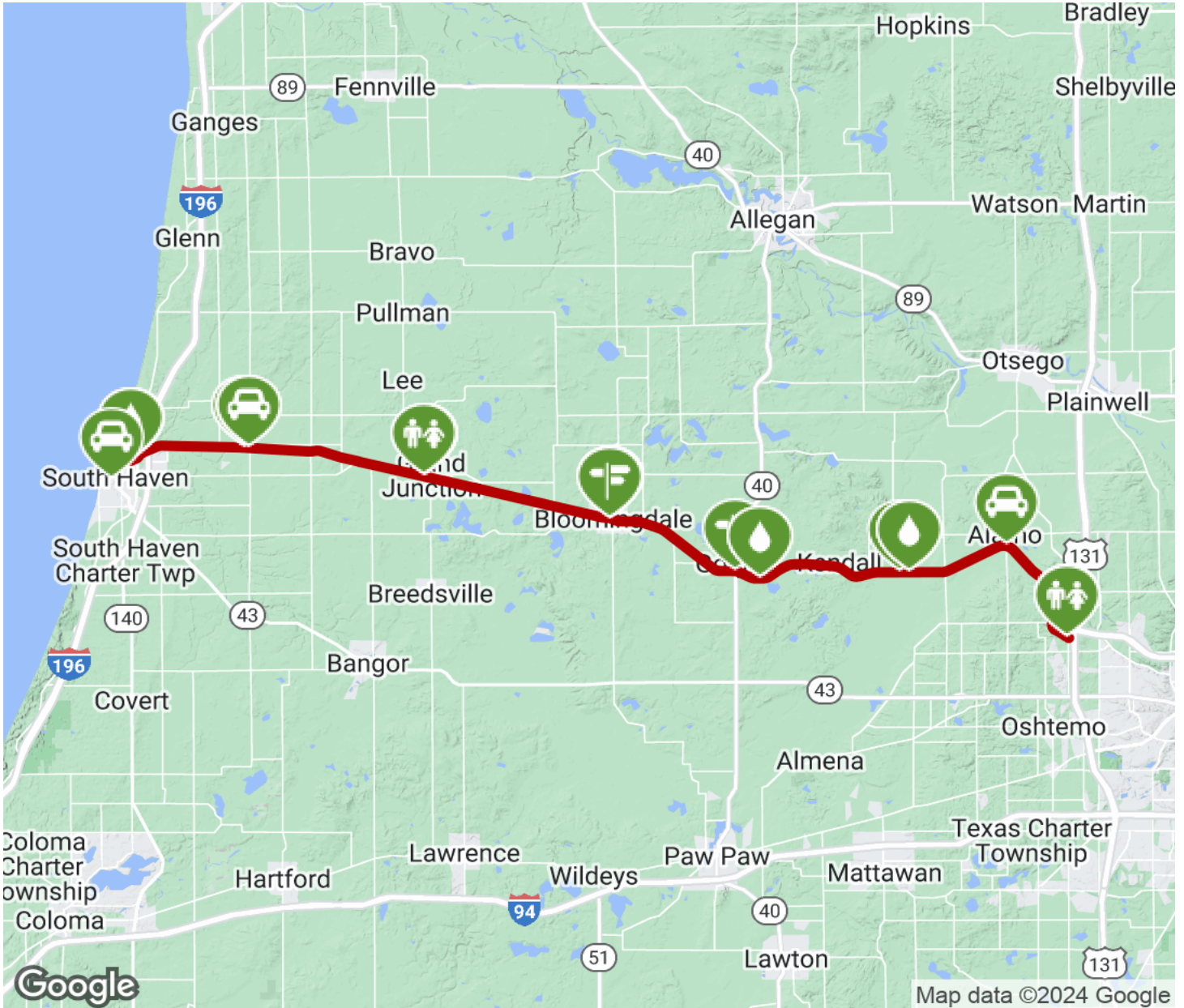
- 54480 Co Rd 388 (Grand Junction)
- Augustus Haven Park, 100-198 W Spring St (Bloomington)

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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