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Guides



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In Kent, the western leg of the trail follows the Cuyahoga River and the old P&O Canal, and Kent State University is only a few blocks away. (In fact, a spur of the trail runs right across the Kent State University Campus, beginning at Dix Stadium in the west, threading between athletic fields and buildings to Lincoln St. in downtown Kent.)

Farther east, the trail reaches a highlight of the journey: Towner's Woods Park in Franklin Township. The trail runs along the southern border of the 175-acre park, which has beautiful natural settings of forest, wetlands, and meadows. Here, trail users can also find an ancient Native American burial mound on the shores of picturesque Lake Phippen.

The next portion of the trail passes through Franklin Mills Riveredge Park, south of Main Street. This route goes through John Brown Tannery Park and around the northern bank of the Cuyahoga River, before peeling away and terminating on Middlebury Road. The Brady's Leap Riverwalk project, which linked the two segments of trail within Kent along a scenic stretch of the river, was opened to the public in 2021, creating a more seamless trail experience for users to enjoy.

Overview

The Portage Hike and Bike Trail stretches for 16.3 miles between Kent and Ravenna, about 40 miles southeast of Cleveland. The entire trail route is paved. Between the two busy downtowns, quiet woods and meadows can be enjoyed. In some areas, the trail parallels an active, but infrequently used, railroad.

The trail is more of a network of connected trail segments, with one disconnected spur in Franklin Township, so be sure to consult a map and plan your route before hitting the road.

About the Route

Connections

At the trail's short northern disconnected segment, trail users can continue along the [Bike and Hike Trail](#).



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States: Ohio

Counties: Portage

Length: 16.3miles

Trail end points: 1313 Middlebury Rd. (Kent) to Peck Rd. (Ravenna)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Concrete

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking, Cross

Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Portage Hike and Bike Trail runs between 1313 Middlebury Rd. (Kent) and Peck Rd. (Ravenna), with parking at both ends.

Parking is also available at:

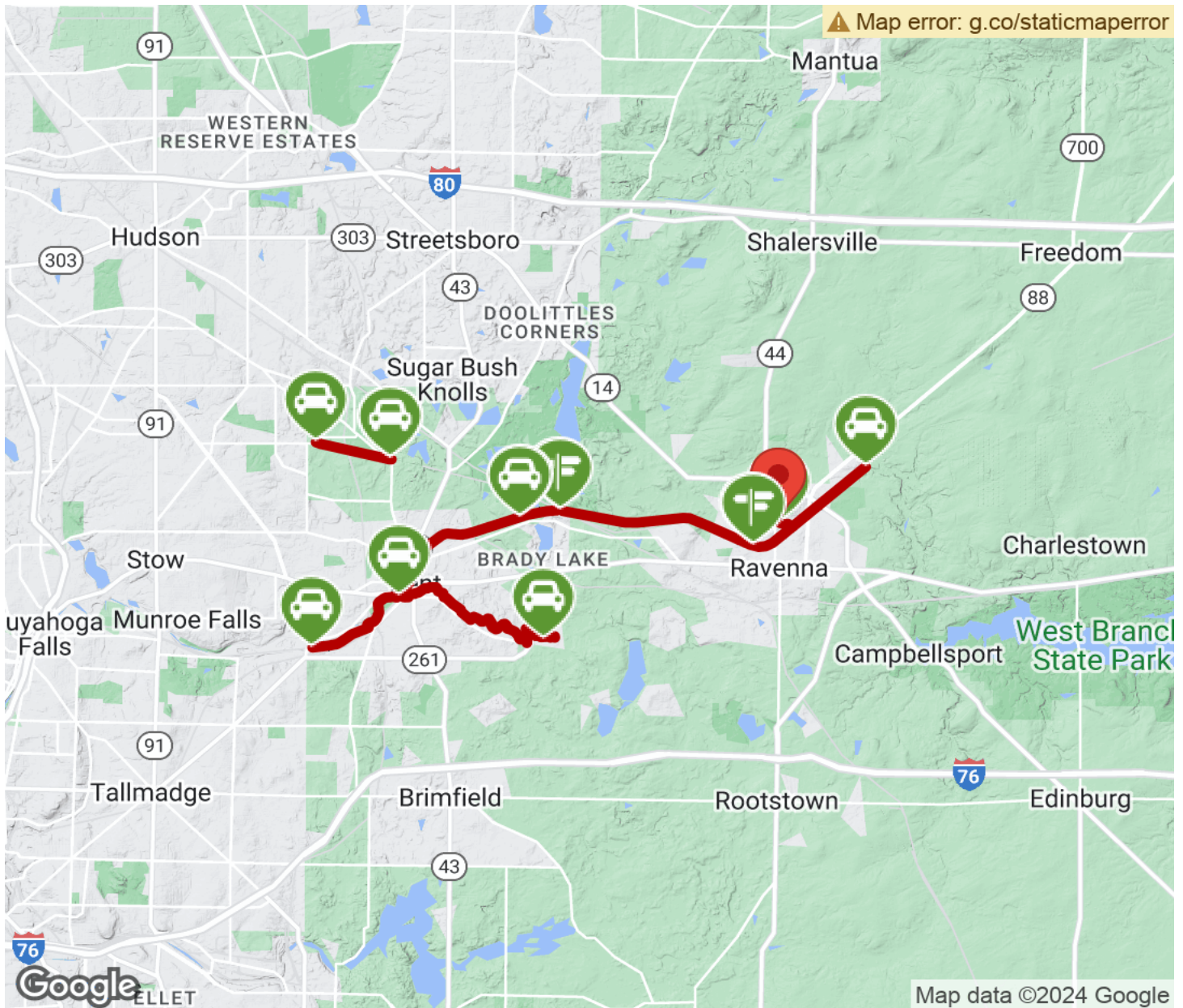
- John Brown Tannery Park, 300 Stow St (Kent)
- 2264 Ravenna Rd (Kent)
- Dix Stadium West, 2161-2153 Summit St (Kent)

See [TrailLink Map](#) for more detailed information.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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