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Guides



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About the Route

The northern section of the trail leaves off from its northeasternmost endpoint at Butterworth St. SW near

John Ball Park. The trail heads southwest and after about a mile, there are options to travel along either side of the Grand River as a scenic truss bridge carries trail users across the river here.

Shortly after, the trail along the northern bank of the trail enters Millennium Park, an impressive 1,500-acre park, and one of the most scenic points along the trail. As the trail approaches SR 11, it continues west of here, only along the south bank of the Grand River until reaching a trail end at Baldwin St.

At the trail along the southern bank of the Grand River, just where the route passes Hopewell Indian Mounds Park, a southern section of the trail leaves off by crossing the Grand River and heading south. This section is less wooded than the northern route of the trail, with the northernmost part of this section nestled right by Ivanrest St SW.

After the route moves east along Prairie St. SW and then meanders south again through a small wooded corridor. When the trail passes Paul B. Henry Fwy, there is a trail tunnel that takes trail users under the highway.

At 76th St SW, the southern section of the trail splits into two trailheads, one of which travels east along 76th St. and then south through a small wooded area before reaching Douglas Walker Park. Along the other southern end of the trail, this route continues south along the old rail corridor before reaching another southern endpoint along 84th St.

Connections

At the trail's northwestern trailhead, it connects to the [Butterworth Trail](#).

In multiple spots in Millennium Park, the trail connects with the [Fred Meijer Millennium Trail](#).



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States: Michigan

Counties: Kent

Length: 22.1miles

Trail end points: Butterworth St. SW (Grand Rapids) to 84th St. SW (Byron Center)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline Skating, Fishing, Wheelchair

Accessible, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

Kent Trails runs approximately between Butterworth St. SW (Grand Rapids) and 84th St. SW (Byron Center).

Parking is available at:

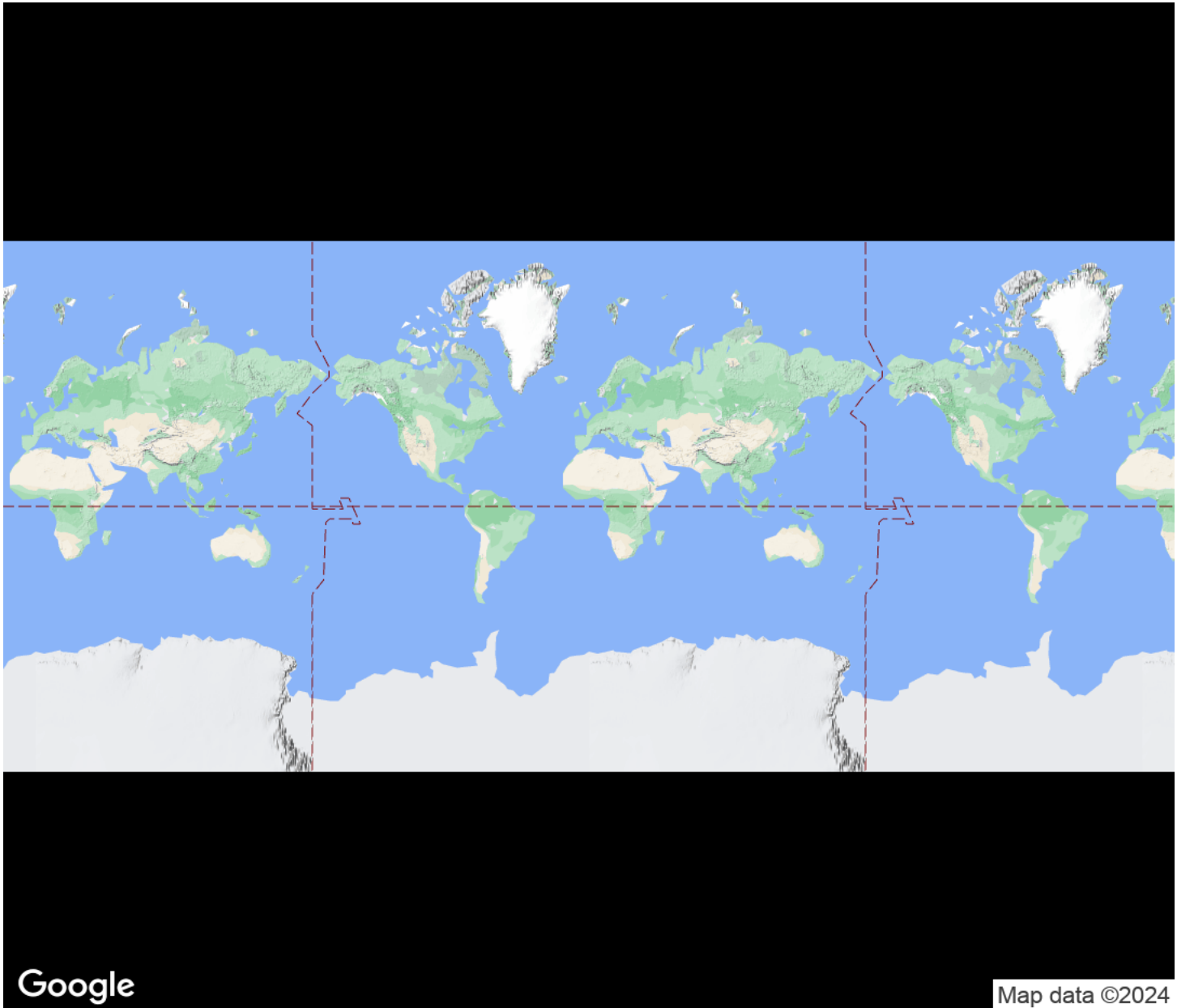
- 1620 Butterworth St SW (Grand Rapids)
- Johnson Park, 2600 Wilson Ave SW (Walker)
- Douglas Walker Park, 1195 84th St SW (Byron Center)

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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