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Guides



**West Branch  
Trail**  
*Ohio*



## West Branch Trail

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Two of Canton's most famous attraction lie either on or close to, the West Branch Trail. The city boasts its very own presidential museum and library, and is also the home of the National Football Hall of Fame.

The trail gets its name from the West Branch of the Nimishillen Creek, which is its nearly constant companion north on its 4.5 mile journey through Canton's parks. The trail begins on 9th Street in West Park, and heads north into City Field Park where it starts to parallel the creek. It then ducks under SR 172 / Lincoln Highway before entering Water Works Park. Following that, the trail reaches the McKinley Memorial Park, whose complex includes the 25th president's gravesite as well as the library and the science and history museum opened in his name. The museum tells the story of President

McKinley, from his birth, to his career as a lawyer and politician, and his assassination in 1901. It also hosts permanent and temporary science exhibitions designed to delight and educate children.

The trail continues up through McKinley Park, sandwiched between a railroad and the creek. Crossing 12th Street brings users into Stadium Park, where the trail crosses to the west bank of the creek. On the other side of I-77 from the park lies the Hall of Fame museum as well as the Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium. However, there trail itself doesn't connect to the park - to do so would require on-street riding (be careful, as usual).

The West Branch Trail continues its journey north in the riparian corridor, with the creek and Interstate on one side, and an active railroad on the other. Turn right onto 38th Street and left on Guilford Avenue to reach the trail again. The final stretch of trail winds up into Covered Bridge Park.

The West Branch Trail is open to hikers, bikers and users with leashed dogs. The trail with some slight slopes greater than 5%. Eventually, the trail will connect to the [Pioneer Trail](#), which will in turn connect to the [Middle Branch Trail](#) for an extended ride.



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**States:** Ohio

**Counties:** Stark

Length: 4.5miles

**Trail end points:** 9th St SW to Covered Bridge  
Park

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt,Crushed Stone

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike,Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

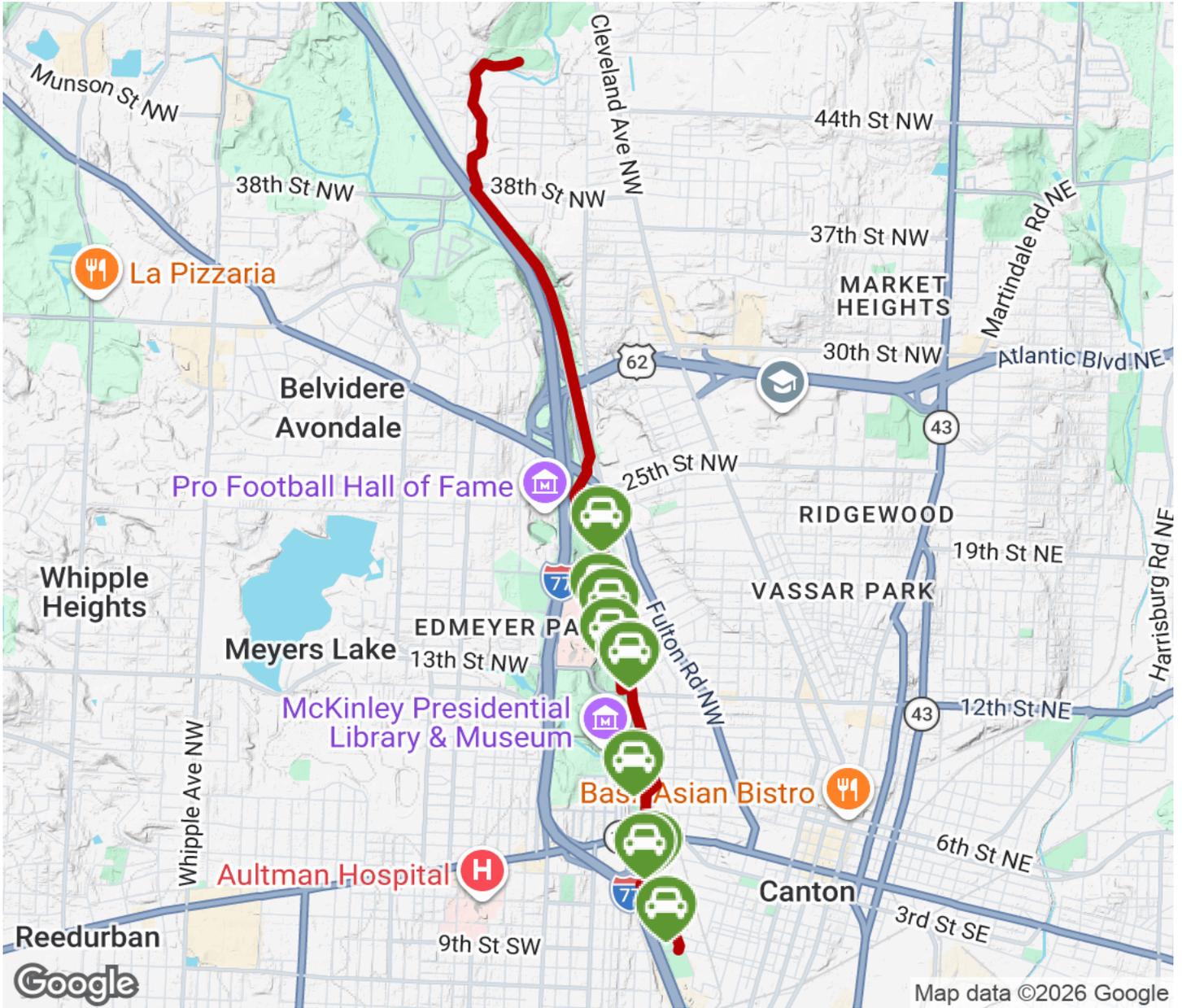
Parking for the trail can be found in the parks along it:

- West Park - off 9th Street, at the skate park.
- City Field Park - Schroyer Avenue south of 5th Street
- Water Works Park -Elgin Avenue south of 7th Street
- Stadium Park (multiple locations) - 1200-2500 Stadium Park Dr NW, Canton, OH 44707



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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