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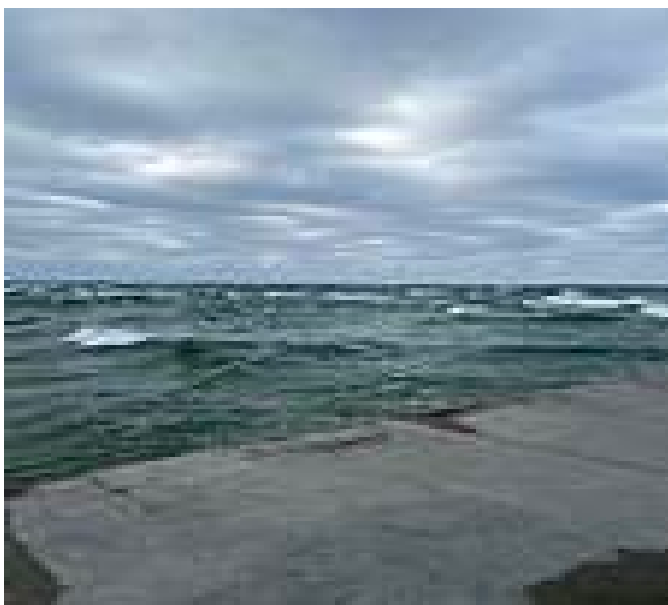
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The Idema Explorers Trail is a multiuse, ADA-accessible trail that will connect communities, parks, other trails and more between Grand Haven at the edge of Lake Michigan and Grand Rapids, MI.

Currently, the trail is in several segments totaling 16 miles. When complete, the trail will be 36.5 miles. The trail is 10ft wide and paved. Dogs are allowed, but must be leashed.

The Idema Explorers Trail is part of the Grand River Greenway, 9,000 acres of public land between Grand Rapids and Grand Haven that includes a variety of wildlife habitats, protected areas, and recreational opportunities along the Grand River. There are beaches, bayous, ravines, marshlands, floodplain forests, restored prairies,

lakes, parks, and trails. Parks include Millennium Park, the Bass River Recreation Area, Grand Haven State Park, Grand Ravines, and Connor Bayou.

About the Route

The Idema Explorers Trail is currently in several segments.

The [Grand Haven Boardwalk](#) segment is a 2.5-mile scenic route between the shore of Lake Michigan inland along south shore of the Grand River. The trail links the Lake Michigan pier and beach with downtown Grand Haven. There are shops and eateries, as well as nice places to sit and enjoy the view from one of the landscaped parks. At the 3rd Street bridge, the trail crosses the river to Harbor Island.

The Odawa segment runs 3.9 miles between Connor Bayou and Riverside Park. This section has three trailheads: the Connor Bayou Trailhead (12945 North Cedar Dr. Grand Haven), the M-231 Trailhead (12250 North Cedar Dr. Grand Haven) and the Riverside Park Trailhead (10317 North Cedar Dr. Grand Haven). By the M-231 Trailhead, the trail connects to the Spoonville Trail.

The Versluis GVSU Campus segment is 2.2-miles long, linking Grand Valley State University's Allendale Campus and Grand Ravines Park, as well as Allendale's business district.

The Bill Idema Moraine Nature 1.7-mile segment connects Grand River Park (9473 28th Ave, Jenison) and Grand Ravines. There are two Grand Ravines Trailheads: South (3991 Fillmore St, Jenison) and North (9920 42nd Ave, Jenison).

In Georgetown Township, there is a 2-mile section that connects to the Kent County trail system and the Bend Area Open Space. Its eastern end connects to the Jenison Mill segment. There's Bend Area trail access (8914 12th Ave, Jenison).



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States: Michigan

Counties: Ottawa

Length: 16.8miles

Trail end points: Grand Haven to Grand Rapids

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike,Inline

Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Idema Explorers Trail runs between Grand Havens and Grand Rapids in several segments.

Parking is available at:

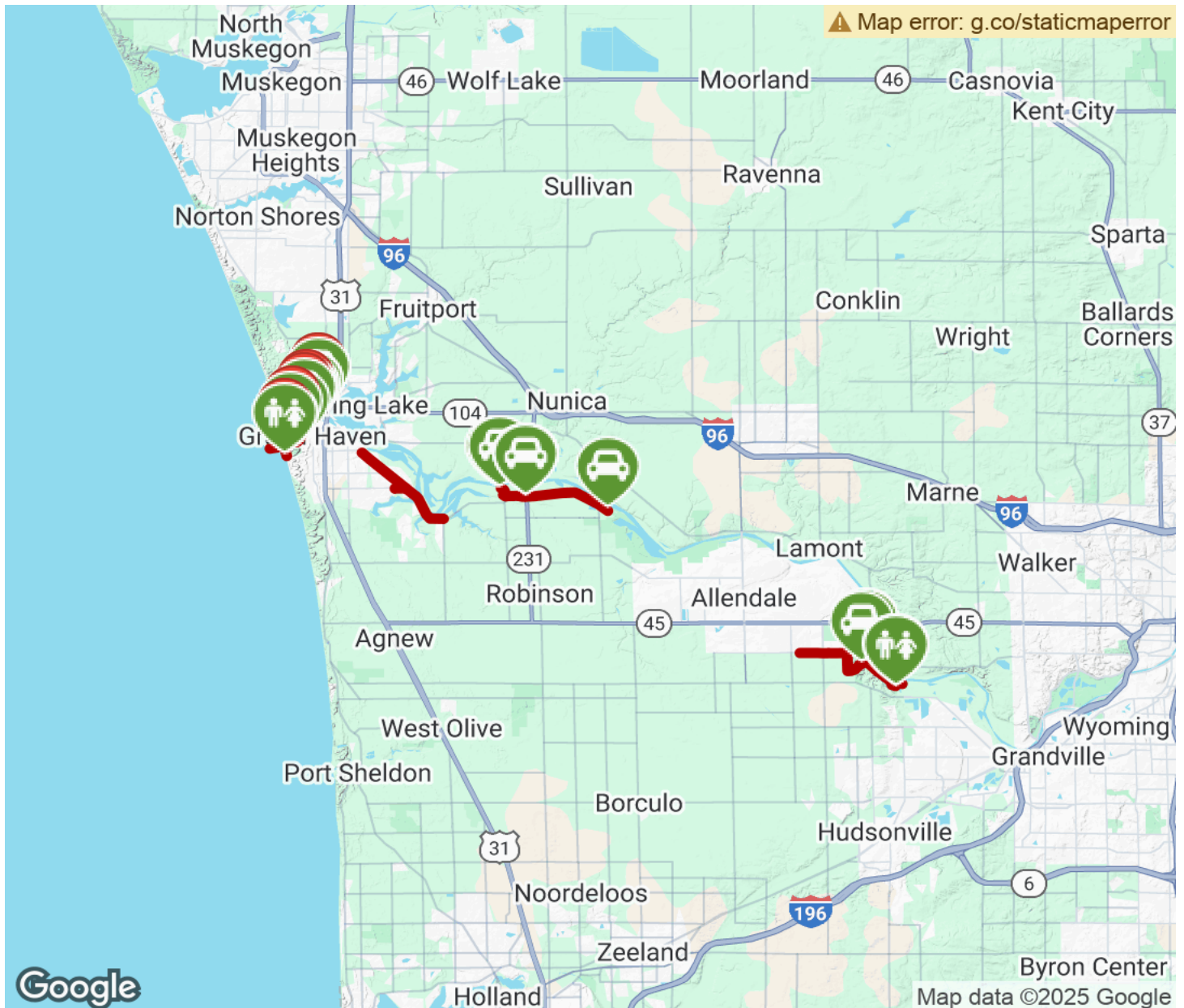
- Connor Bayou Trailhead, 12945 North Cedar Dr (Grand Haven)
- Grand River Park, 9473 28th Ave (Jenison)
- Jenison Mill Trailhead, 7746 Cottonwood Dr (Jenison)

Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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