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**Idema  
Explorers  
Trail**  
*Michigan*



# Idema Explorers Trail

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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. 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 next east section picks up along Waverly Dr. and passes Pottawatomie and Millhouse Bayous as well as the Grand River. Most of this section passes along the roadside except for a spur leading to Connor Bayou. The trail then continues along Cedar Dr. until reaching Riverside Park along the Grand River.

Further south, another section of trail cuts through Grand Valley State's campus.

## Connections

The Idema Explorers Trail is part of the Grand River Greenway Trail Network, which includes the [Spoonville Trail](#), the [North Bank Trail](#), the [Lakeside Trail](#), and the [Lakeshore Drive Trail](#).

In Grand Haven, the trail connects to [Linear Trail Park](#) trail.



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**States:** Michigan

**Counties:** Ottawa

Length: 19.3miles

**Trail end points:** Grand Haven to Grand Rapids

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

## Parking & Trail Access

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

Parking is available at:

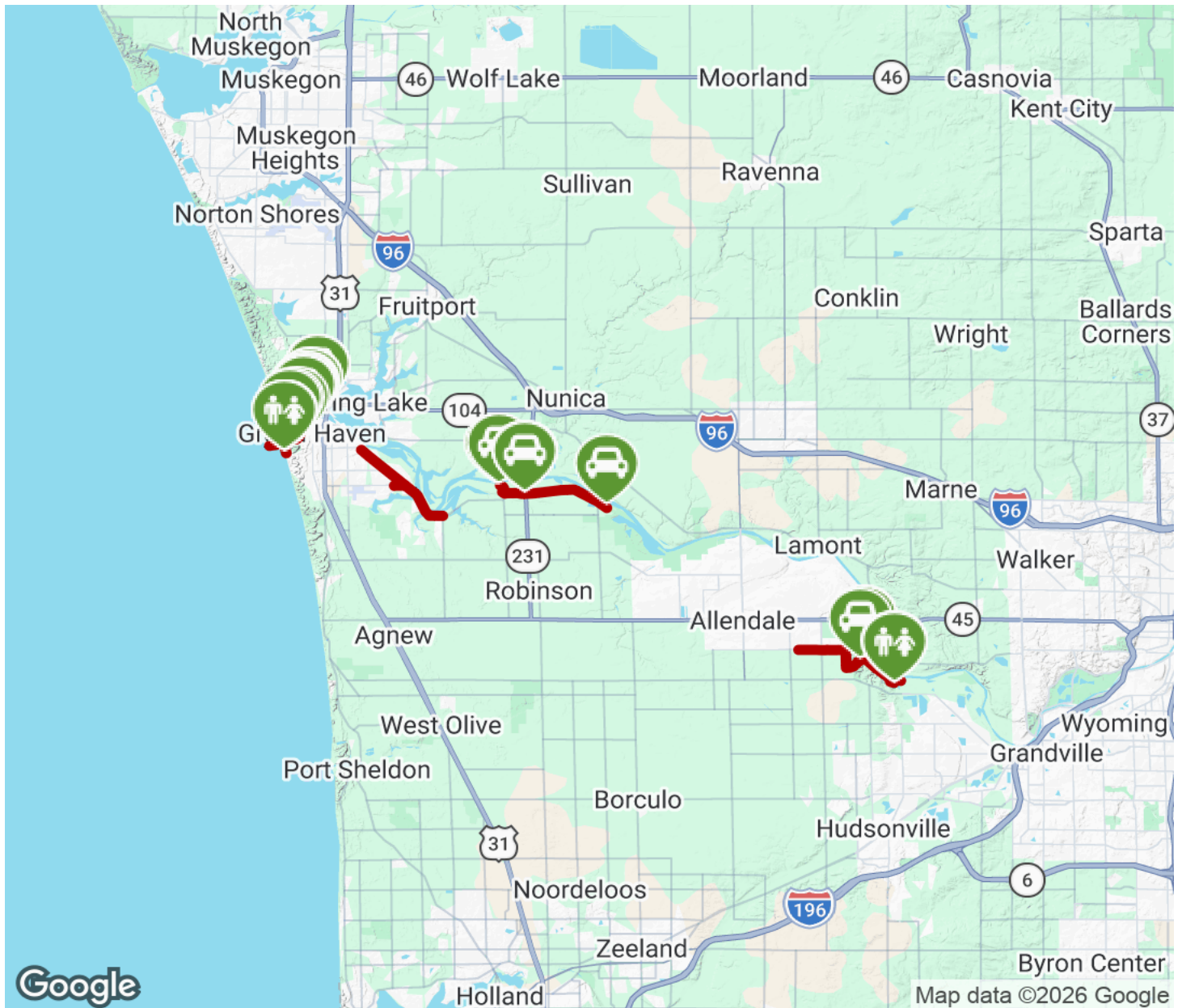
- Connor Bayou Trailhead, 12945 North Cedar Dr (Grand Haven)
- Grand River Park, 9473 28th Ave (Jenison)
- Jenison Mill Trailhead, 7746 Cottonwood Dr (Jenison)

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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