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Guides



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Linear Park**  
*Michigan*



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### About the Route

Trail users can take a 10.5-mile loop that encircles the city, or shorter loops of 6.6 or 6.9 miles by splitting the long loop. Other trails head south toward Woodland Park or west toward Fort Custer State Recreation Area. Along the way, look for gardens, gazebos, benches, fountains, and historical markers. Maps are available in boxes along the trail or online at the Battle Creek Parks and Recreation

website.

Beginning at the Bailey Park trailhead in the eastern end, head south (left) to arrive at the main loop to take a clockwise tour. The trail passes through the woods along the Battle Creek River, just across from the sprawling Kellogg Co. facility.

About 3 miles from the first trailhead, the route arrives at Division Street. Just off the trail, two blocks south, is Monument Park’s Sojourner Truth statue, which commemorates the ex-slave who moved to the city in 1858 and tirelessly crusaded for the abolition of slavery. Returning to the trail, there is more evidence of Battle Creek’s efforts to end slavery at the Underground Railroad Sculpture. Across the park is the historic Kellogg House.

The trail then passes the 1888 Michigan Central Railroad Depot in the next block. It was later used by the New York Central and Penn Central Railroads, and lastly by Amtrak until 1982, when track owner Conrail stopped using this part of the line. In 0.5 mile, just before the Battle Creek Area Math and Science Center, a side trail heads across town to the north side of the loop at Kolb Park.

Traveling along the Kalamazoo River now, the trail reaches a junction where a branch of the Linear Park Trail heads west for just under 6 miles to the Fort Custer National Cemetery, where the trail ends. Here, you can access the northeast section of the Fort Custer State Recreation Area, a 3,000-acre park with three lakes, 200 campsites, and miles of mountain biking and hiking trails through woodland and restored prairies.

Another branch off this trail heads south for 5 miles along Helmer Road past Woodland Park and Nature Preserve.

Turning north on the loop trail, the trail enters the 85-acre Leila Arboretum, home to ornamental trees and shrubs,



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**States:** Michigan

**Counties:** Calhoun, Kalamazoo

Length: 25.9 miles

**Trail end points:** Bailey Park (Battle Creek) to  
Fort Custer National Cemetery (Augusta)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Fishing, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross  
Country Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

Battle Creek Linear Park runs for 25.9 miles through Battle Creek, Michigan.

Parking is available at:

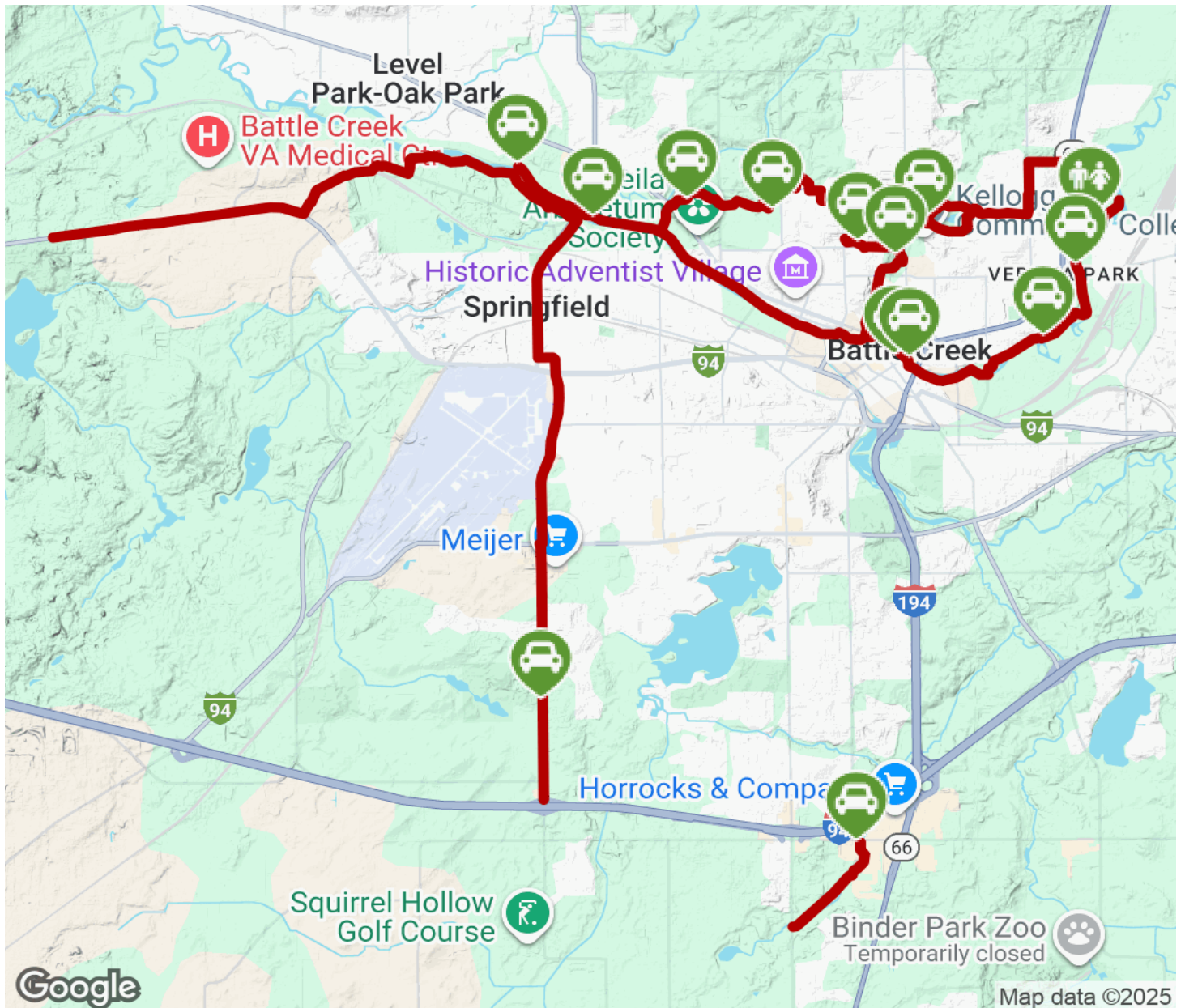
- Leila Arboretum Society, 928 W Michigan Ave. (Battle Creek)
- Bailey Park, 1350 Capital Ave NE. (Battle Creek)
- Woodland Park, 2518 Gethings Rd. (Battle Creek)

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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