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Guides



**Baw Beese  
Trail**  
*Michigan*



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The Baw Beese Trail, named in honor of a former chief of the local Potawatomi population, connects the Michigan communities of Hillsdale and Jonesville. The paved trail is a model of efficient land use, as portions of it use a former railroad corridor, while others share a road right-of-way. Near downtown Hillsdale, short rail-with-trail segments parallel an active Indiana Northeastern freight line.

The most scenic part of the Baw Beese Trail can be found as it heads south from the charming heart of Hillsdale. After winding through dense woodlands, the trail emerges on the eastern shore of Baw Beese Lake, providing picturesque water views. A series of parks along the lake's edge offers a boat launch, beach, and several sitting areas.



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**States:** Michigan

**Counties:** Hillsdale

Length: 10.9miles

**Trail end points:** Sandy Beach Park on  
Lakeview Dr. (Hillsdale) to Lacey St. (Osseo)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Fishing, Inline  
Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross  
Country Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

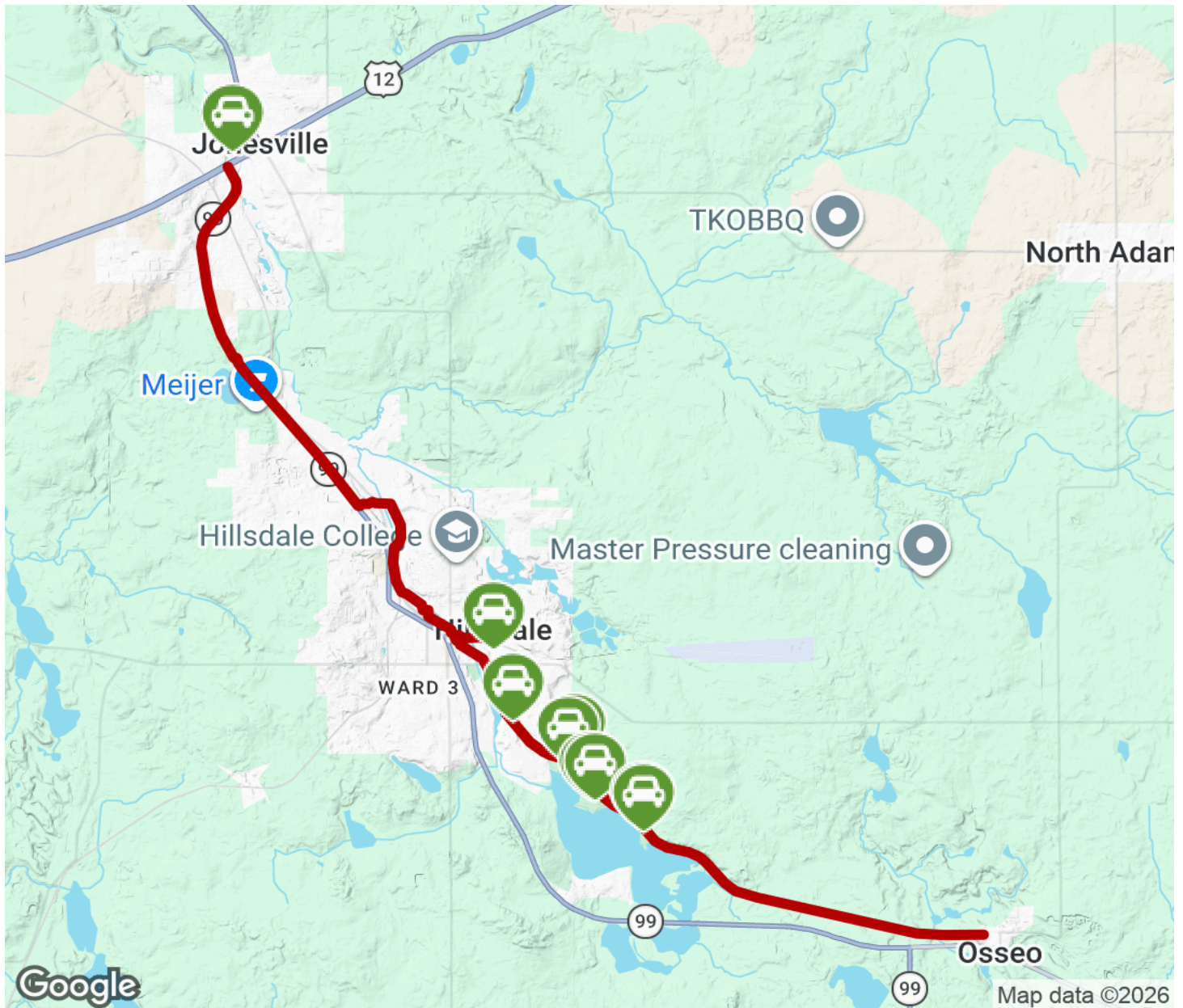
Parking for the Baw Beese Trail can be found at Waterworks Park, Owen Memorial Park and Sandy Beach Park. The entrances to all three parks are on Lakeview Drive at the eastern edge of Baw Beese Lake.

Farther north, limited parking is available where the trail meets Barnard Street and Bacon Street in Hillsdale.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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