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Jackson County's Falling Waters Trail serves as an important community connector, linking the outskirts of the vibrant City of Jackson to the picturesque Village of Concord, which brims with Victorian homes. With its spectacular scenery and rich connections to history, the Falling Waters Trail, which opened in 2007, has proved popular.

About the Route

The paved pathway rolls through rural countryside and lush woodlands with few road crossings. On its west end, the rail trail crosses a branch of the Kalamazoo River and travels over wetlands teeming with birds and wildlife.

The trail takes its name from the natural beauty that

abounds here; the region's Potawatomi tribes called the area "The Land of Falling Waters" for its numerous springs, lakes, and rivers. Trail users can learn about the Potawatomi at a preserved village site near present-day Spring Arbor; the Falling Waters Historic Park is located just a half-mile north of the trail near the intersection of Cross and Hammond roads. Pedaling along, history buffs will also enjoy the numerous interpretative signs about the area's past that dot the trail.

Another of the trail's best features is a manmade lake that was formed from an early 20th-century mining site; about halfway along the pathway, adventurers will glide right through the middle of Lime Lake with a glistening expanse of water on both sides. Trail users can fish in the lake.

Connections

The Falling Water Trail is nestled within the Great Lake-to-Lake Trail, a route spanning the entire Lower Peninsula from Lake Michigan to Lake Huron, as well as the even more massive Iron Belle Trail, which connects 2,000-plus miles of trail all across the state.

At the trail's eastern end, trail users can continue along the [Martin Luther King Equality Trail](#).

Trail History

The trail's value as a transportation corridor goes back to its days as a Michigan Central Railroad route. The railroad was completed in 1871 and the tracks remained in use for more than a century. In Jackson, trail users can find one of the old passenger depots still serving its original function; the beautiful red brick building, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, accommodates Amtrak trains today.



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States: Michigan

Counties: Jackson

Length: 11.25miles

Trail end points: Park Rd. (Jackson) to Allman Rd. (Concord)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Falling Waters Trail runs between Park Rd. (Jackson), where parking is available, and Allman Rd. (Concord).

Parking is also available at:

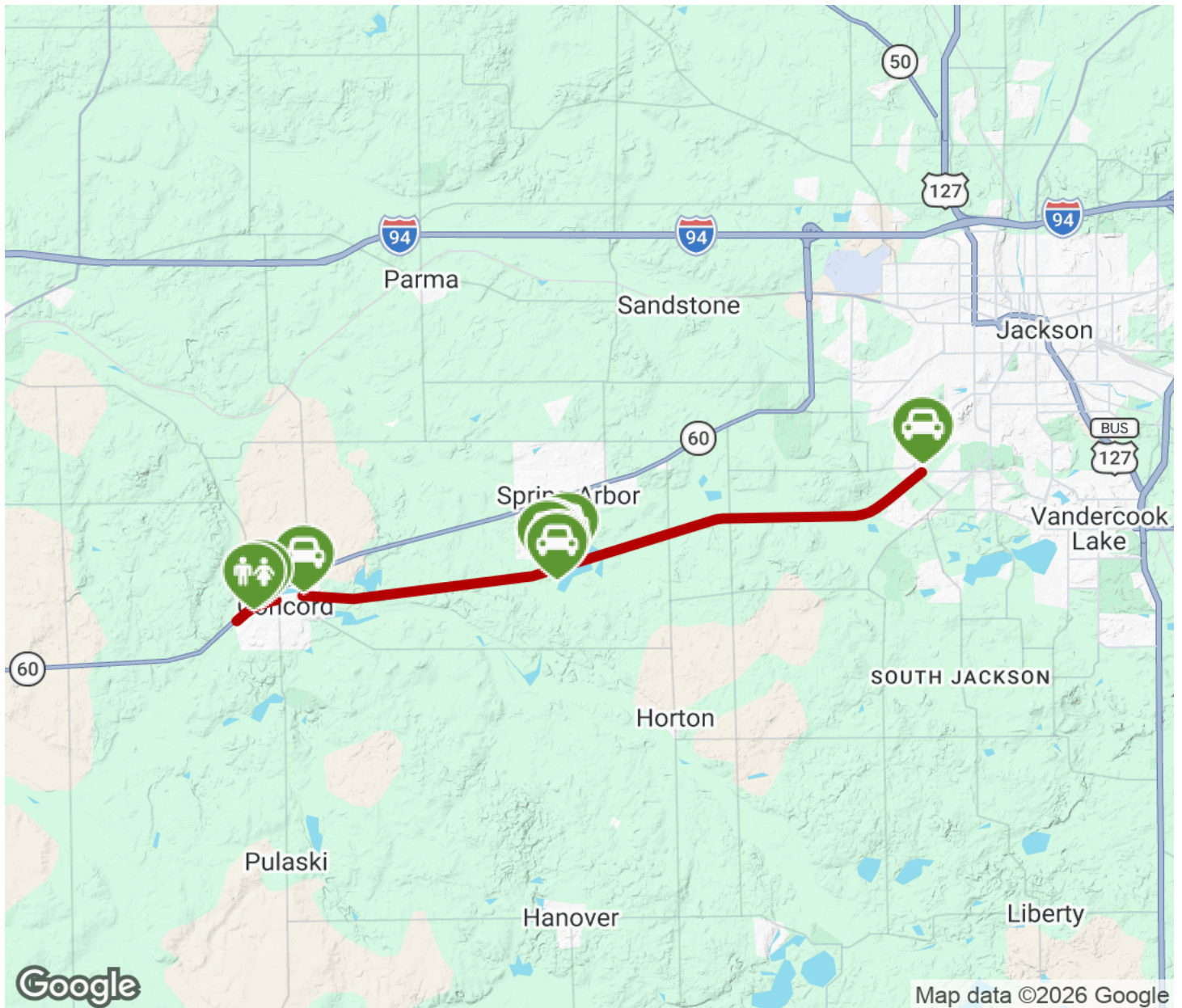
- 8771-8999 Hammond Rd. (Spring Arbor)
- Concord Community Center, 310 Homer Rd. (Concord)

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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