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The trail runs from M-94 south of Shingleton to the Water Intake Plant in Manistique on a surface of gravel, dirt and sand. It also includes ballast from the old rail bed upon which it runs, making travel difficult for bikes and horses in some spots.

In preparation for the trail's 50th anniversary in 2020, improvements to the trail are underway, including the addition of mile markers.



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States: Michigan

Counties: Alger, Schoolcraft

Length: 33 miles

Trail end points: Intake Park Riverview Dr.
(Manistique) to Rt. 94 (Shingleton)

Trail surfaces: Ballast, Cinder, Dirt, Sand

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: ATV, Fishing, Horseback
Riding, Mountain

Biking, Snowmobiling, Walking, Cross Country
Skiing

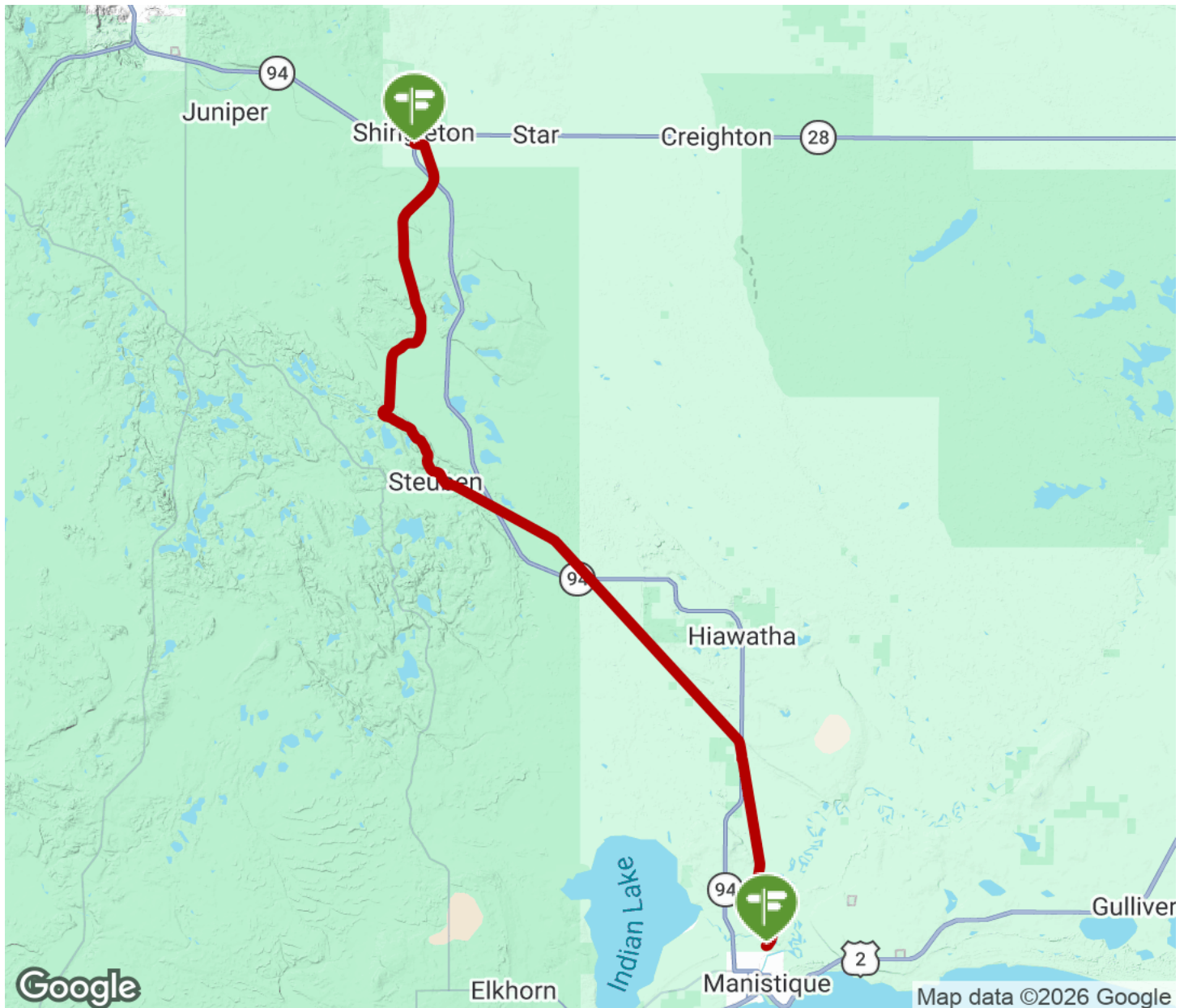
Parking & Trail Access

A sign marks the northern trailhead on the east side of M-94 just south of Shingleton. There is no parking, but spaces are available east of the Tanglewood Restaurant and Antique Shop on M-28 in Shingleton less than a quarter mile north of the trail.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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