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About the Route

The trail, dating to the 1990s, is in various stages of improvement. Asphalt covers the eastern 7.5 miles from Hamburg to MI 36 west of Pinckney; the next 4 miles to the township line near Barton Road and MI 36 is hard limestone; slag and sand comprise the surface for the next 9 miles into Stockbridge; and the final 5 miles southwest to Munith is open but mostly unimproved. Horseback riding is permitted in the trail corridor, but snowmobiles and off-road vehicles are prohibited.

From the eastern endpoint on Whitmore Lake Road, the trail runs parallel to E Michigan 36. Passing the trailhead on Hamburg Road, the route crosses through Winkelhaus Park, the site of the old Hamburg House Hotel from about 1835 to 1968.

Tradition says that Michigan has 11,000 lakes. The trail passes through a chain of them as it rolls from the town of Hamburg and Lakeland to the outskirts of Jackson almost 40 miles away. In fact, Hamburg Township is 10% covered in water.

Heading west, the trail is paved as it passes sports fields at Manly Bennett Park and Zukey Lake, one of a chain of eight lakes in the Huron River watershed, and home to a well-known lakeside tavern dating back to the 1930s. The route continues through a growing residential area to a trailhead and old railroad depot at Pearl Street in Pinckney. Four miles south is the 11,000-acre Pinckney Recreation Area, known for its mountain biking trails.

The Lakelands Trail changes to hard-packed limestone about a mile west of Pinckney as the countryside becomes mostly farmland and forest. The trail brushes the northern edge of the 535-acre University of Michigan Edwin S. George Reserve, a fenced research and educational preserve.

Crossing MI 36 again, the trail surface deteriorates and is more suitable for horseback riding, hiking, and mountain biking for the next 8 miles through the small burg of Gregory to Stockbridge, where the trail veers southwest. There is trail parking on South Clinton Street and places to eat a few blocks north.

Improvements to the trail are complete in Stockbridge, which has paved the trail section running through the village. Beyond Stockbridge, there is a trailhead on Hawkins Road, between Munith and Jackson, in the northwest outskirts in Jackson. Crossing Portage River via a pedestrian bridge, the trail continues south through the western outskirts of



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States: Michigan

Counties: Ingham, Jackson, Livingston

Length: 38.2 miles

Trail end points: E Parnall Rd & Cooper St/
M-106 (Jackson) to Whitmore Lake Rd
(Whitmore Lake)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Ballast, Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Horseback

Riding, Mountain Biking, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross

Parking & Trail Access

The Mike Levine Lakelands Trail State Park runs between the intersection of E Parnall Rd & Cooper St/M-106 (Jackson) and Whitmore Lake Rd (Whitmore Lake).

Parking is available at:

- Pinckney Trailhead, 499 Pearl St (Pinckney)
- Hamburg Trailhead, 10699 Hamburg Rd (Hamburg)

Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



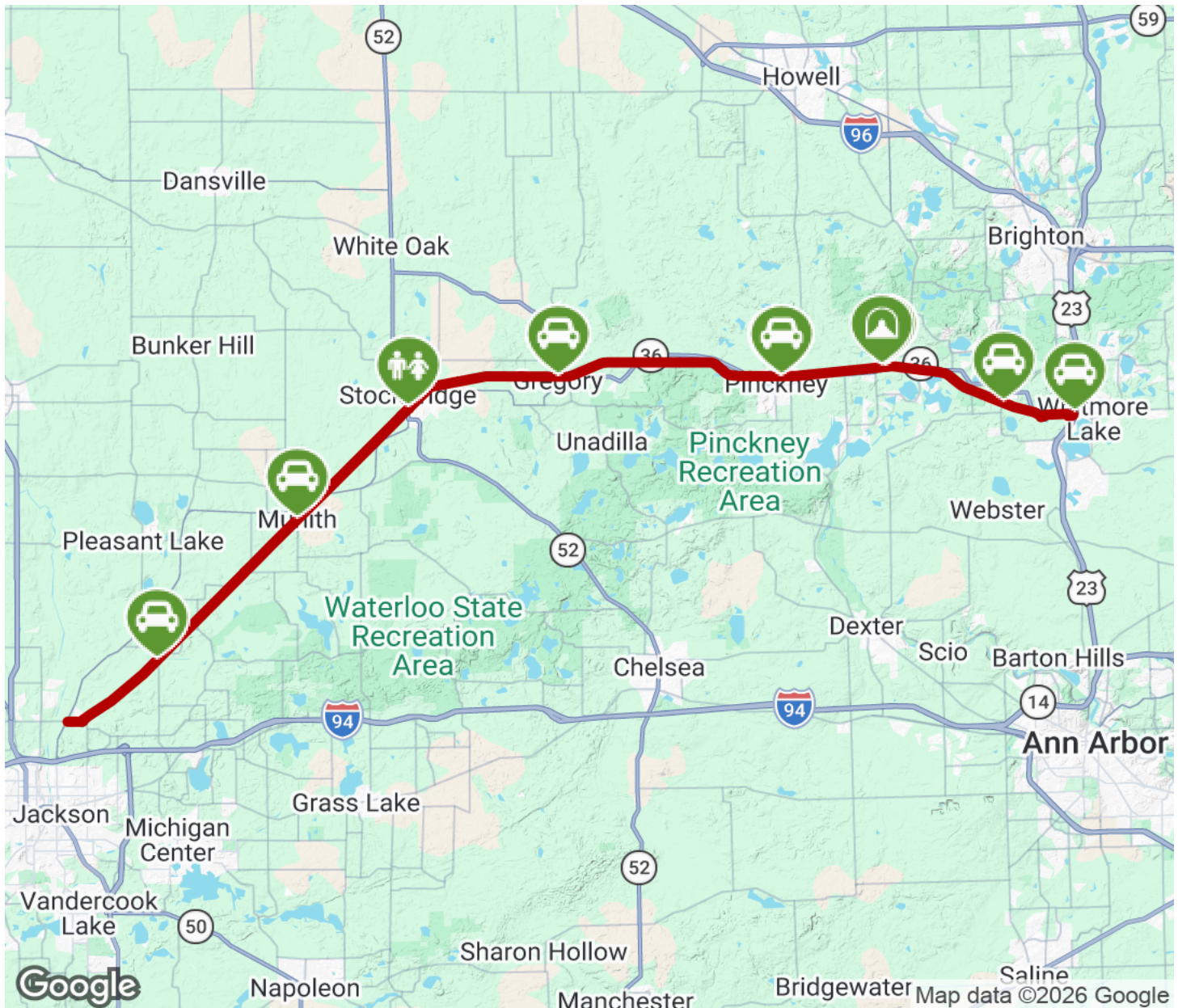
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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