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Guides



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At the trail's southern end in Republic, pick up the 47-mile [Iron Ore Heritage Trail](#) to trek east to Marquette.



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States: Michigan

Counties: Marquette

Length: 8.2miles

Trail end points: Van Riper State Park
(Champion) to Iron Ore Heritage Trail
(Republic Twp.)

Trail surfaces: Ballast

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Horseback Riding, Mountain
Biking, Snowmobiling, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

Although the trail starts behind the mini-mart in Champion, there is no formal parking. Your best bet is to start at Van Riper State Park and travel just more than a mile east along US 41/State Route 28 to the trailhead.



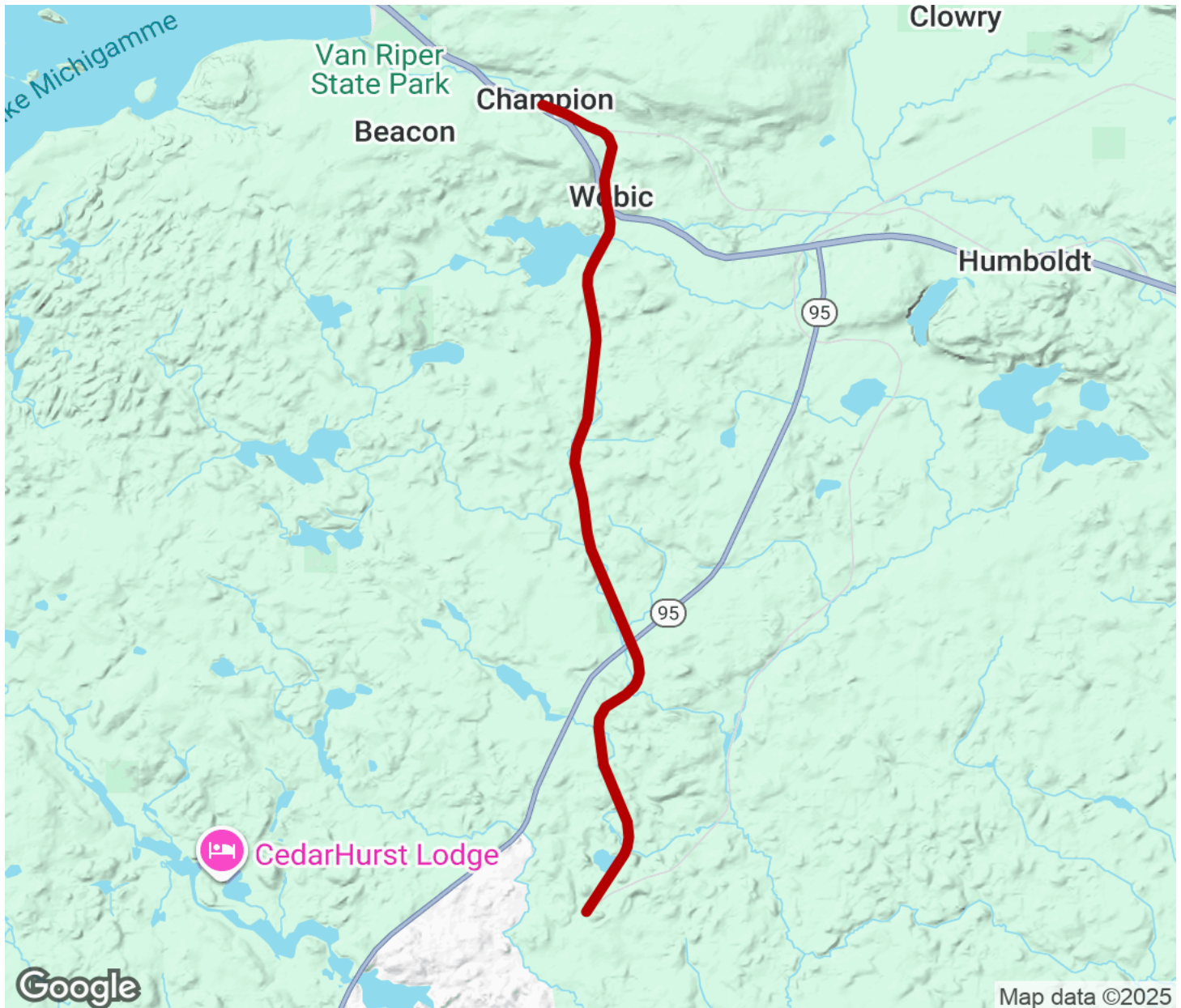
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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