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Guides



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Champion  
Grade Trail**  
*Michigan*



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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

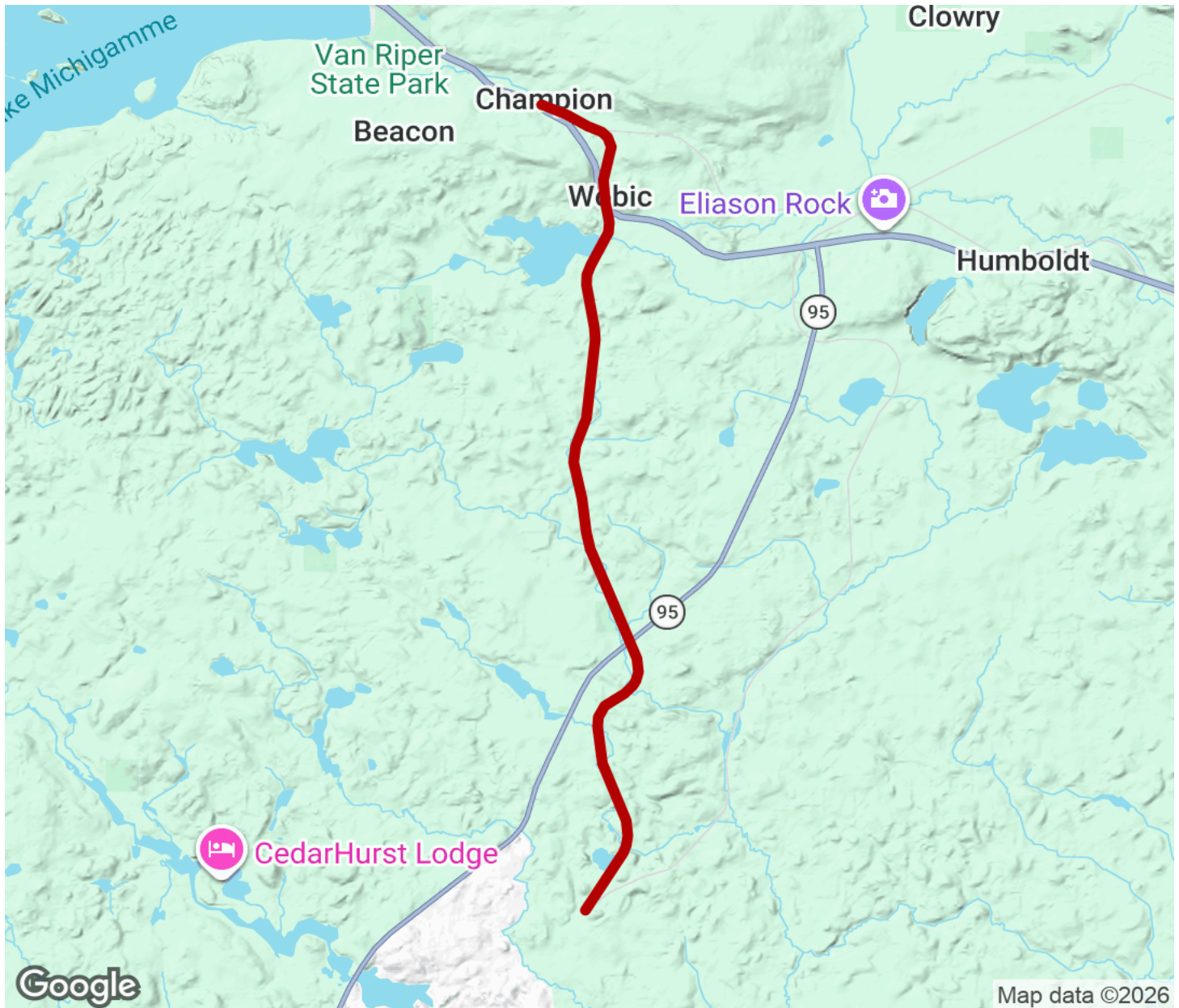
## Parking & Trail Access

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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