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About the Route

Forming a lowercase y shape, the trail can be divided into three sections—northeast, west, and south—of fairly equal lengths. From the northeast to the south, the trail is flat and passes through wooded areas bordering residential neighborhoods and travels across creeks, past ponds, and along a surface street. The western branch features more hills and ends at the Island Lake State Recreation Area, where it meets the Island Lake Pathway at Kent Lake Beach Road. The trail contains bumpy and

potholed pavement in some sections, and some road crossings are gravel.

The trail's northeastern endpoint begins in Wixom. Trail users have a choice between accessing the trail via the [Michigan Air Line Trail](#) or at the edge of Lyon Oaks County Park. These two branches of the trail quickly join at the intersection of Old Plank Road and Pollman Drive. Flat, the trail passes fields of flowers and stands of trees and other foliage and periodically crosses wooden footbridges. Note for all trail users: Among several road crossings in the northeast branch, one requires extra vigilance. After crossing South Hill Road, the route heads southwest and cross a curved section of Pontiac Trail—a high-speed road. There is a crosswalk but no traffic light. Traffic from the west (to the right) comes around a blind curve just before the crossing. Use extra caution here.

Near the midpoint of the trail in New Hudson, trail users can choose to continue south toward Dixboro Road or turn right onto a western segment of the trail toward the 4,000-acre Island Lake State Recreation Area. Heading west, the route passes strip malls and a former industrial park; here the trail surface is rocky and uneven and requires extra care to navigate. The western branch's western terminus is inside the state recreation area at Kent Lake Beach Road, where it connects to the [Island Lake Pathway](#). The popular park also offers canoeing, volleyball courts, picnic shelters, swimming, and cabin rentals.

The southern branch of the y is similar to the northeast branch, featuring wooded areas interspersed with suburban neighborhoods. Entering the city of South Lyon, the Huron Valley Trail overlaps a portion of the South Lyon city trail system. Signage—limited throughout—can be confusing in this area. Between 11 Mile Road and Dixboro Road, you may also see signs calling this section the South Lyon Rail Trail. At 10 Mile Road, the trail parallels Reynold Sweet Parkway.

Just before the terminus at Dixboro Road north of



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States: Michigan

Counties: Oakland

Length: 13.5miles

Trail end points: Michigan Air Line Trail; Lyon Oaks County Park (Wixom) to Island Lake Pathway (South Lyon); St Lyon City Trailhead (Dixboro Rd, South Lyon)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Mountain Biking, Inline Skating, Walking, Wheelchair

Parking & Trail Access

With multiple branches, the Huron Valley Trail runs between the Michigan Air Line Trail, Lyon Oaks County Park (52221 Pontiac Trail, Wixom), where there is parking, the Island Lake Pathway (South Lyon), where there is parking, and the St Lyon City Trailhead (Dixboro Rd, South Lyon).

Parking is available at:

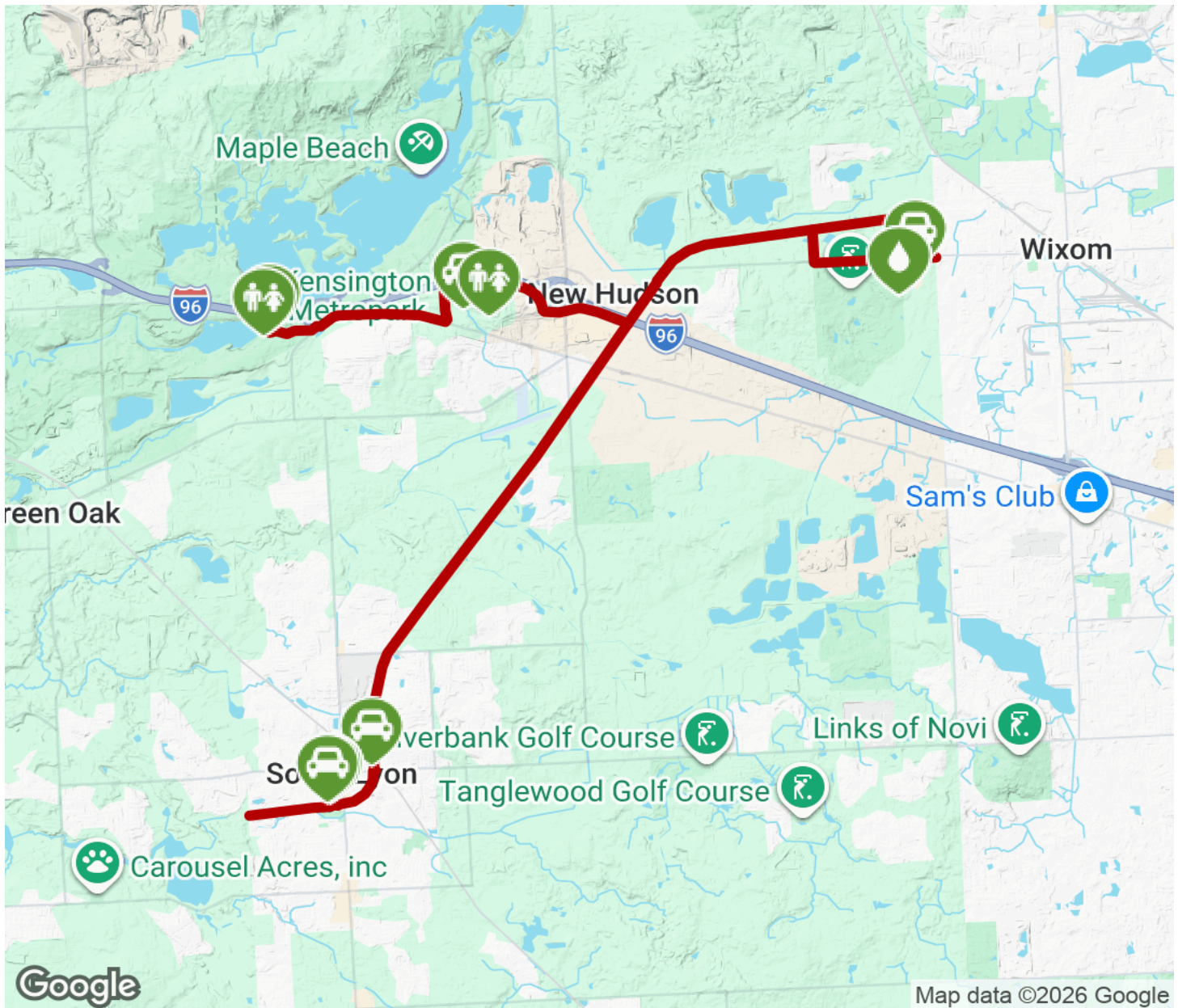
- James F. Atchison Memorial Park, 58000 Grand River Ave (New Hudson)

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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