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Guides



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## Trail History

The Miami & Erie Canal was built between 1825 and 1845, an engineering marvel stretching from Cincinnati to Toledo. This canal was heavily used until competition from the railroad caused the decline of the canal system. The Miami & Erie Canal was last used commercially in 1929.

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## About the Route

Numerous locks, spillways and historic buildings from the canal era remain along the trail's route, and much of the local history has been preserved in the many museums located along the corridor. Note that its surface is largely unpaved and varies greatly along the route.

The trail connects three state parks, local parks, community trails and historical sites. Sections of the trail are part of the [Buckeye Trail](#) and [North Country National Scenic Trail](#).



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**States:** Ohio

**Counties:** Allen, Auglaize, Miami, Shelby, Van Wert

Length: 36.6 miles

**Trail end points:** S. Canal Street (Delphos) to Canal Road No. 1 (Fort Loramie)

**Trail surfaces:** Concrete, Crushed Stone, Dirt, Grass, Gravel

**Trail category:** Canal

**Trail activities:** Bike, Fishing, Horseback Riding, Mountain Biking, Walking, Wheelchair

## Parking & Trail Access

The Miami and Erie Canal Towpath runs between S. Canal Street (Delphos) and Canal Road No. 1 (Fort Loramie).

Parking is available at:

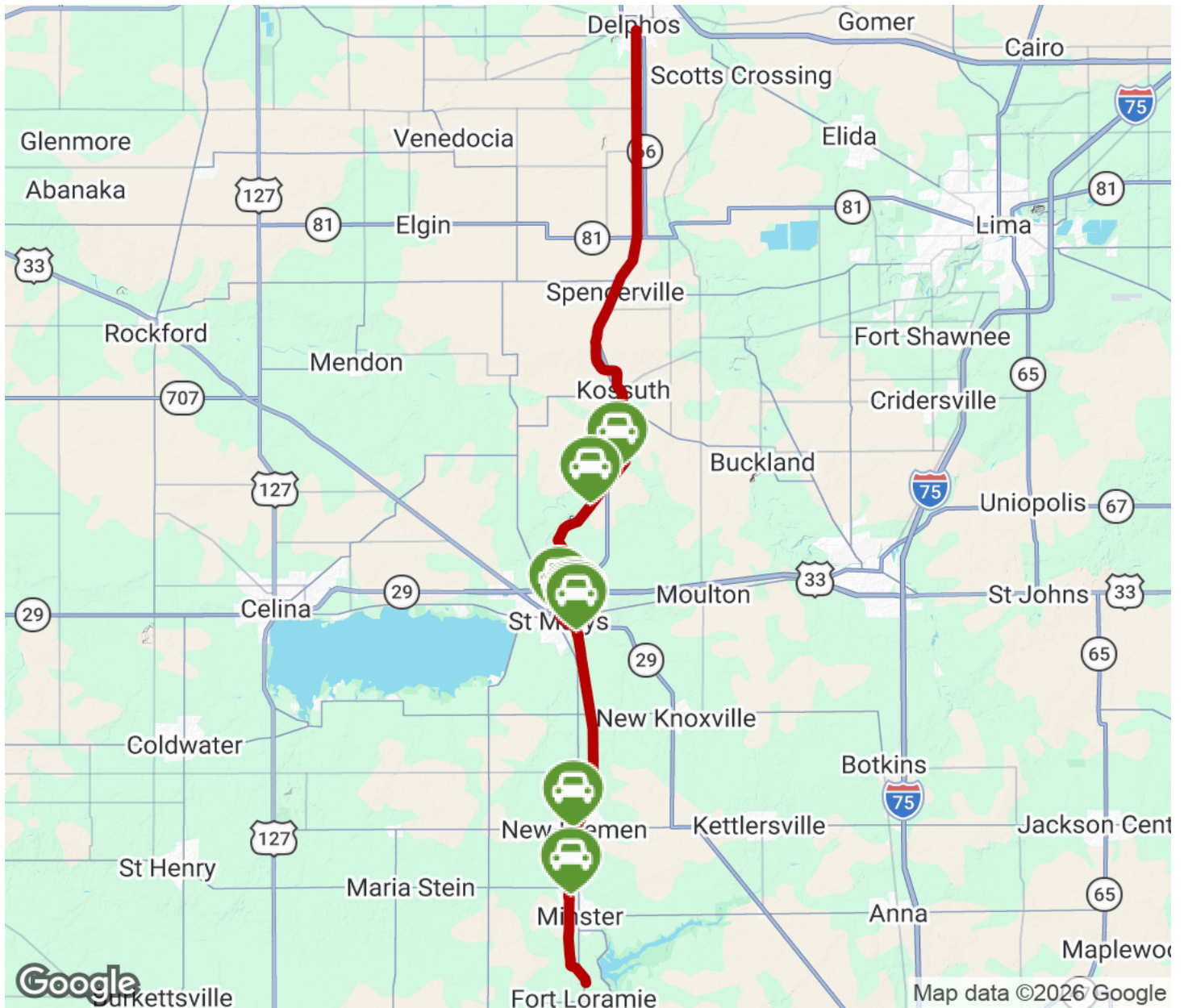
- 15498-17198 Township Hwy 55 (St. Marys)
- 156 E High St. (St. Marys)

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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