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Overview

The North Coast Inland Trail will one day stretch across northern Ohio from Indiana to Pennsylvania on a network of connecting off-road trails. Today, large sections of the trail, especially from the Indiana border to Lorain County, Ohio, are well defined. One of these segments is a 29-mile route between the City of Lorain and Wakeman Township. The other components of the North Coast Inland Trail are located in [Huron County](#) and [Sandusky](#)

[and Ottawa counties](#).

About the Route

The Lorain County section is primarily a paved pathway that offers a classic rail-trail experience: flat and mostly straight. There are a few short sections that utilize bike lanes and sidewalks. Along the rail-trail sections, the route runs along the former Toledo, Norwalk and Cleveland Railroad corridor.

City of Lorain

The trail's northeast end is at Lakeside Landing on the edge of Lake Erie in the City of Lorain. Parking and a bicycle repair station are available at the Lakeside Landing trailhead. This portion of the trail is also known as the Black River Trail and trail signage may use that name.

Heading south and crossing Lakeside Avenue, the trail is a paved asphalt path until E. Erie Avenue/US Route 6. Turning left to head north along Erie Avenue, the route briefly makes use of bike lanes and sidewalks until Century Park (1955 East Erie Ave, Lorain). The park has restrooms and parking available. At the park, the trail becomes an off-road paved asphalt path again as it meanders south through Longfellow Park (Lorain City Park) and curves east.

About 4 miles from the northeast end, the trail turns south again and begins paralleling the Black River. The trail briefly passes through the west side of French Creek Reservation. Continuing to follow the river, the route meanders south through Black River Reservation. Partway through the reservation the trail leaves the City of Lorain and enters the City of Elyria.

Portions of the trail have been known as the Steel Mill Trail and the Bridgeway Trail. Trail signage may reference these names. The Day's Dam Picnic Area (2720 East 31st St, Lorain) in the reservation has parking, restrooms, drinking fountains,



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States: Ohio

Counties: Lorain

Length: 30.7miles

Trail end points: Lakeside Landing (401 Lakeside Ave, Lorain) to County Line Rd, 0.3 mile north of US 20 (Wakeman)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Inline

Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Mountain

Biking,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The North Coast Inland Trail (Lorain County) runs between Lakeside Landing (401 Lakeside Ave, Lorain) and County Line Rd, 0.3 mile north of US 20 (Wakeman).

Parking is available at multiple locations along the trail, including:

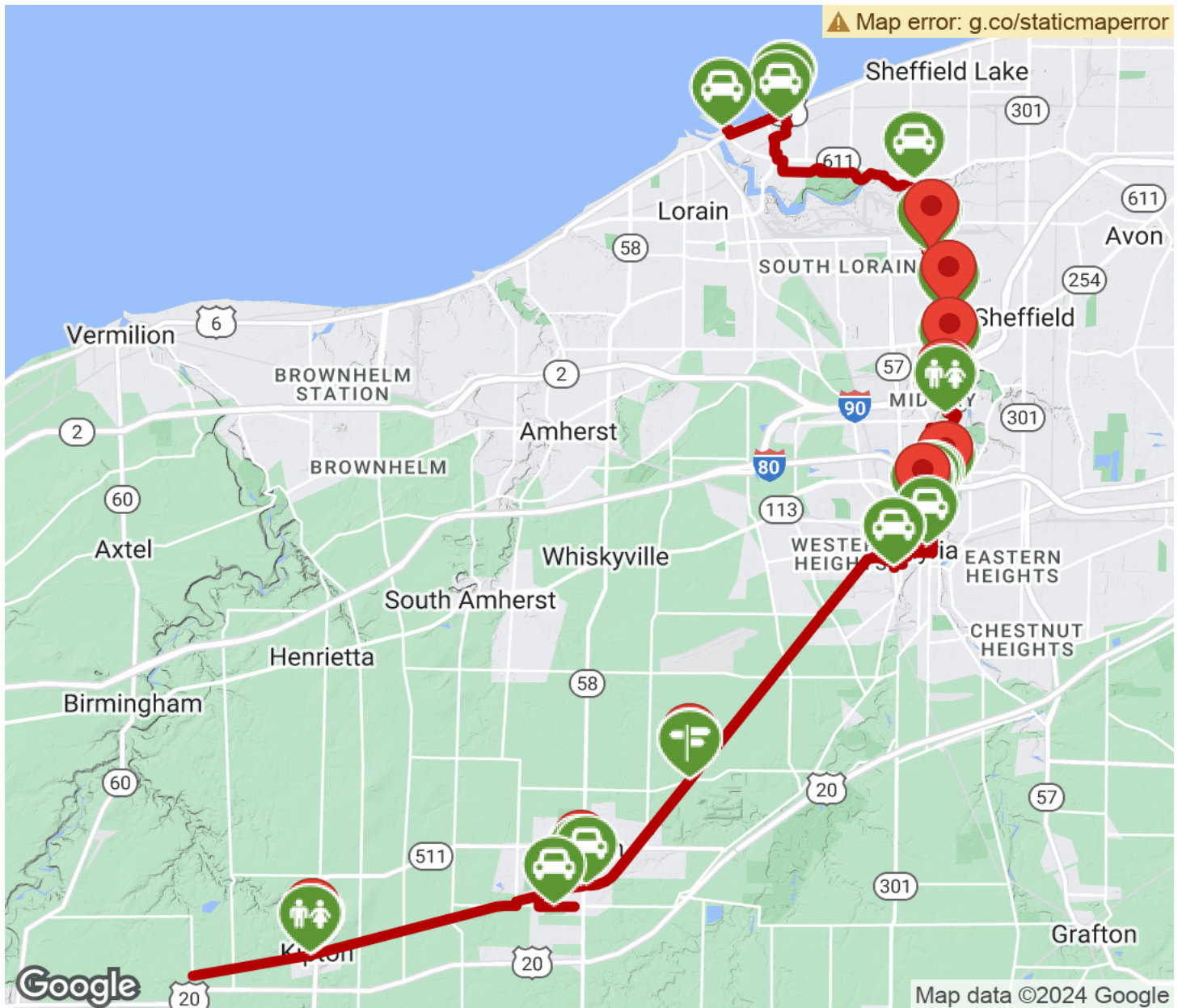
- Lakeside Landing (401 Lakeside Ave, Lorain)
- Day's Dam in Black River Reservation (2720 E 31st St, Lorain), where there are restrooms and drinking fountains.
- Bur Oak in Black River Reservation (6150 Ford Rd, Elyria), where there are restrooms and drinking fountains.
- High Meadows in Black River Reservation (1750 Ford Rd, Elyria), where there are restrooms and drinking fountains.
- Cascade Park (387 Furnace St, Elyria), where there are restrooms and drinking fountains.
- Gateway Trailhead (6302 Gateway Blvd, Elyria)
- Butternut Ridge Trailhead (44342 Butternut Ridge Rd, Oberlin), where there are restrooms and drinking fountains.

Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all options.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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