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Guides



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The Portage Hike and Bike Trail stretches for 11 miles between Kent and Ravenna, about 40 miles southeast of Cleveland. The entire trail route is paved. Between and beyond the two busy downtowns, quiet woods and meadows can be enjoyed. In some areas, the trail parallels an active, but infrequently used, railroad. The trail includes a network of connected trail segments, with one disconnected spur in Franklin Township, and another routing through the Kent State University campus, so be sure to consult a map and plan your route before hitting the road.

About the Route

Leaving from Middlebury Rd. on the west border of Kent, this route heads south along the Cuyahoga River and the

old P&O Canal, goes through John Brown Tannery Park and passes through Franklin Mills Riveredge Park, south of Main Street. However, the Riveredge segment is not usable for bikes as it features exposed roots, many stairs, and narrow boardwalks. By keeping left after crossing Stow St., cyclists can route through parking lots and the sidewalk along River St. to reach the "bike stairs" on the north side of Main St. The bike route then continues along the Brady's Leap Riverwalk project. After passing under the Fairchild Ave. bridge, a bike bridge takes you across the Cuyahoga where the trail continues along the east bank of the river towards Ravenna. Farther east, the trail reaches a highlight of the journey: Towner's Woods Park in Franklin Township. The bike trail runs along the southern border of the 175-acre park, which has beautiful natural settings of forest, wetlands, and meadows. Here, hiking trail users can also find an ancient Native American burial mound on the shores of picturesque Lake Phippen. The trail then passes through the north side of the city of Ravenna, finally reaching the trail's eastern end at Peck Rd.

Connections

At the trail's short northern disconnected segment, trail users can continue along the [Bike and Hike Trail](#).



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States: Ohio

Counties: Portage

Length: 16.3miles

Trail end points: 1313 Middlebury Rd. (Kent) to Peck Rd. (Ravenna)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Concrete

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Portage Hike and Bike Trail runs between 1313 Middlebury Rd. (Kent) and Peck Rd. (Ravenna), with parking at both ends.

Parking is also available at:

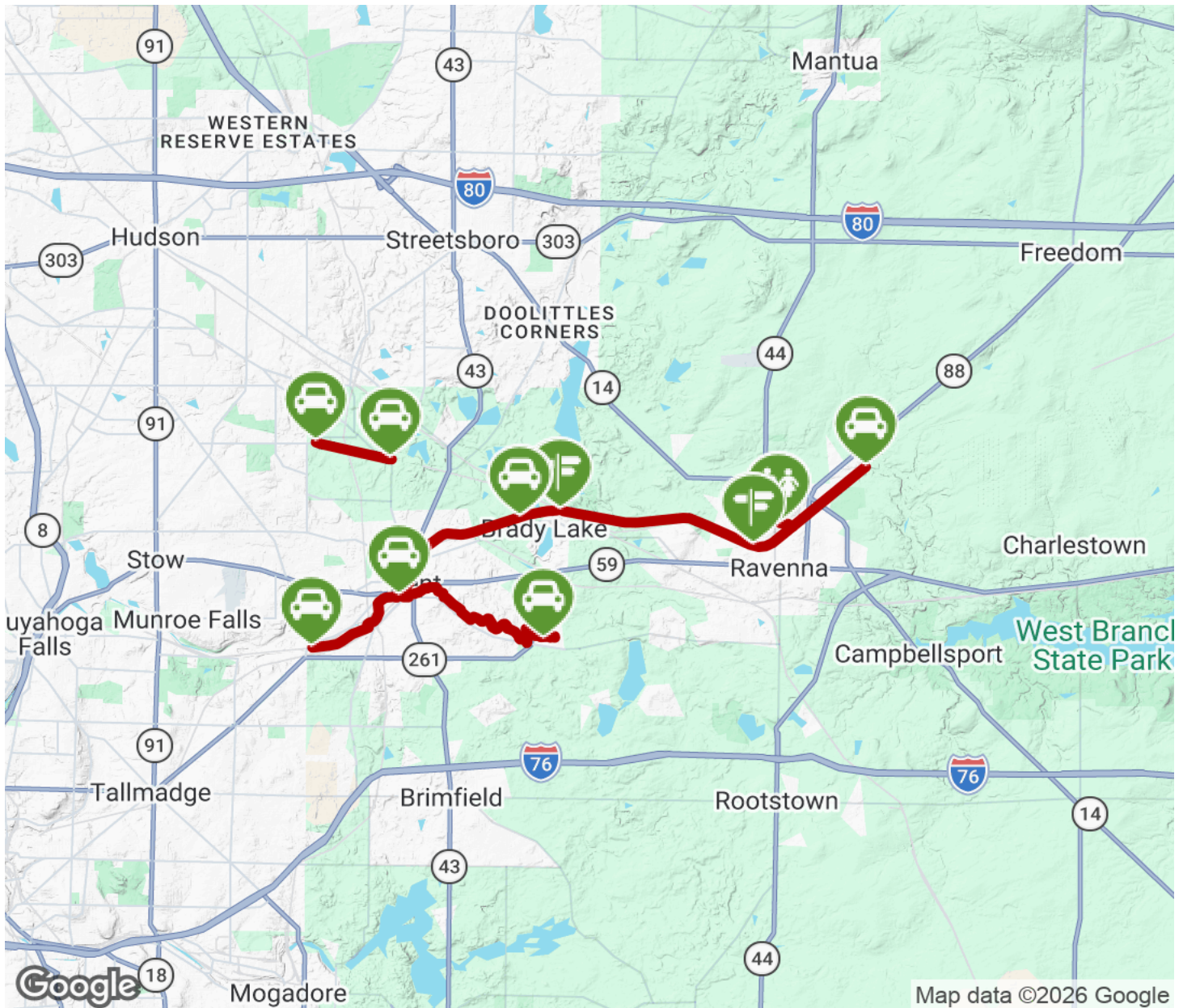
- John Brown Tannery Park, 300 Stow St (Kent)
- 2264 Ravenna Rd (Kent)
- Dix Stadium West, 2161-2153 Summit St (Kent)

See [TrailLink Map](#) for more detailed information.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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