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Guides



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The Flint River Trail system encompasses 27 miles of multi-use, paved trails stretching across Genesee County. Meandering alongside the Flint River and C.S. Mott Lake, the trail passes through a variety of rural, suburban, and urban landscapes. Offering scenic views of Michigan's fields, forests, parks, local flora and fauna, rivers, lakes, and picturesque towns, the Flint River Trail connects numerous neighborhoods and communities.

From its southern-most endpoint in Flint Township (also known as the Charter Township of Flint), the trail heads northeast through the City of Flint, the Genesee Charter Township, and reaches its northeast endpoint in the Richfield Township. This network includes a number of noteworthy trails that branch off from the main route, as well as shorter spur trails and connector trails.

A popular place to join the trail is near downtown Flint at the University of Michigan-Flint campus. Heading northeast, the trail runs along both sides of the Flint River for about four miles through the city and towards Stepping Stones Falls. Short connector trails link the parallel trails via pedestrian bridges or protected pathways on bridges crossing the Flint River. At East Boulevard Drive, you can take the [Applewood Trail](#) to make a side trip through Kearsley Park and neighborhoods to the east of downtown. Along the way, you will pass through older neighborhoods, a few city parks and learn about Flint's heritage from wayside historical signs.

While the eastern segment comes to an end in the Flint neighborhood of Rollingwood, the trail following the western shore of the Flint River continues through woods and fields before dividing again. The northwest branch of the trail leads to Bluebell Beach on Mott Lake, a popular county park offering plentiful recreation space, and the historic Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad. Continuing along the northeast trail segment takes you past Stepping Stones Falls, a scenic man-made waterfall, and around the eastern side of the lake and up into the Genesee Township. Just before the trail crosses Mott Lake into the Genesee Township, a branch of the trail heads east along the lakeshore to Richfield County Park in the Richfield Township.

In 2010, the trail was extended from the University of Michigan northwest into historic Carriage Town, passing by Atwood Stadium, Chevy Commons County Park at the former "Chevy in the Hole" site, the Kettering University campus, and the charming neighborhood park and recreation area at Mott Park. The Flint River Trail ends west of the McLaren Regional Medical Center by the intersection of North Ballenger Highway and Chatfield Street in Flint Township.

By Chevy Commons County Park where Chevrolet Ave crosses the Flint River, the trail connects with [Genesee Valley Trail](#). Following a former rail corridor to the southwest from Chevy Commons, the Genesee Valley Trail connects homes



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**States:** Michigan

**Counties:** Genesee

Length: 27miles

**Trail end points:** Chatfield St & N Ballenger Hwy (Flint) to Richfield County Park (6322 N Irish Rd, Davison)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike, Fishing, Inline Skating, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

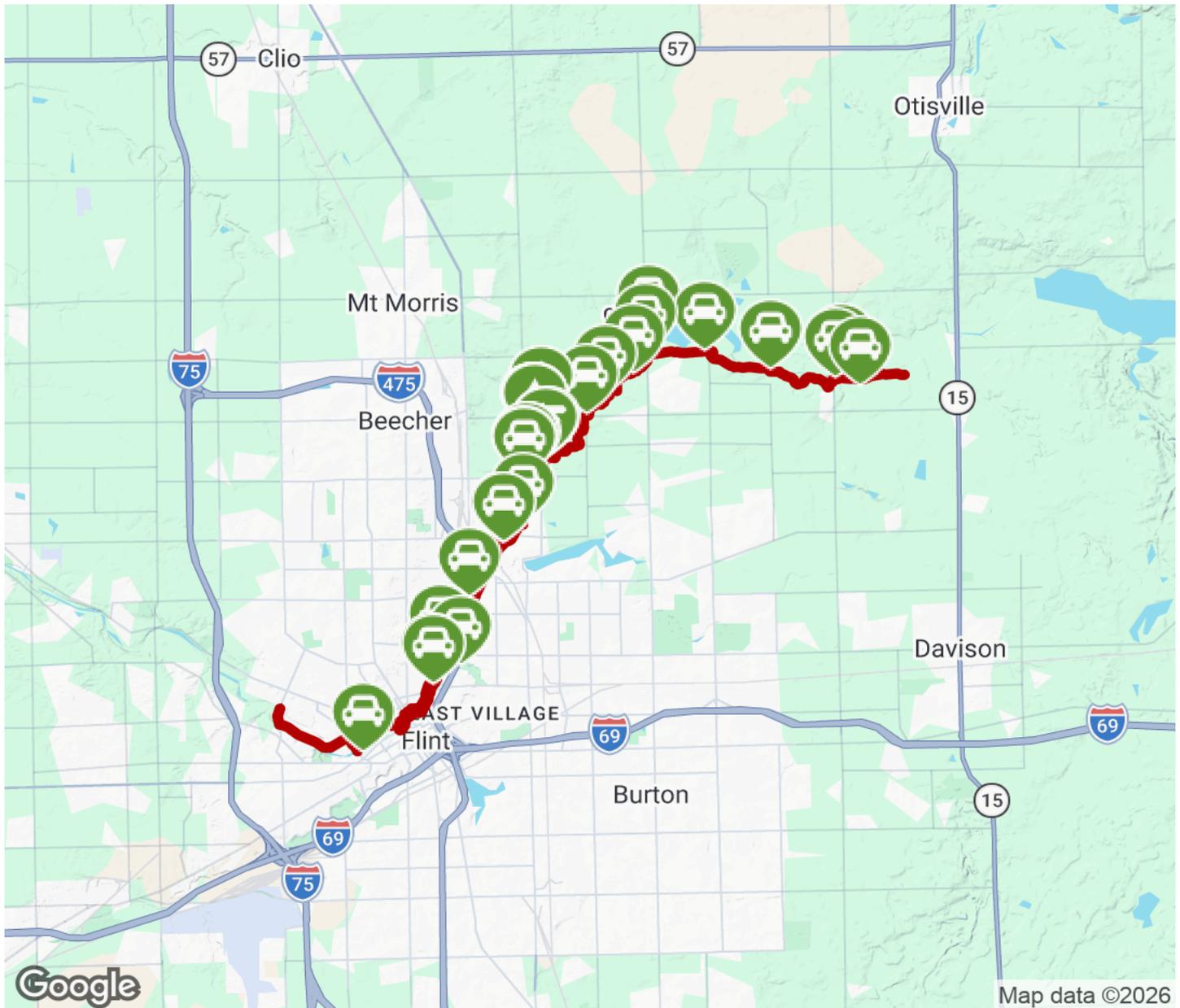
Trail access and parking lots are available at numerous points along the route. View the [TrailLink map](#) to plan your trip and to see all the parking options.

The Genesee County public transit system also provides access to the trail. More information can be found on the [MTA Flint website](#).



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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