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Guides



**Martin Luther
King Equality
Trail**
Michigan



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Park Road and with SW Avenue—a smooth, wide, concrete path splits off from the main route to head northwest. This pathway cuts through woods and fields, crosses Kibby Road and continues north until it reaches Cascade Falls Park. Cascade Falls Park has numerous activities, amenities, and attractions, including a hillside waterfall built in 1932.

Alternatively, take another smooth, wide, concrete path from New Leaf Park (located by the intersection of Park Road and 4th Street where the trail crosses 4th Street). The pathway heads south from the park, paralleling 4th Street until it reaches Ella Sharp Park (2800 4th St). Enjoy this additional 2.5-mile route as the trail heads into the park, winding through the meadows and trees.

The Martin Luther King Equality Trail, formerly called the Jackson Intercity Trail, follows the old rail bed of what was once the Michigan Central Railroad for 4.5 miles north through the southwest neighborhoods of Jackson to its downtown.

The trail provides a pleasant, non-motorized way for area residents to commute to shops and work, as well as for recreation. Across the river from the trail's northern end, continue your adventure on the [Grand River Arts Walk](#). For those wanting to venture farther afield, the southern end of trail connects to the [Falling Waters Trail](#) at Weatherwax Drive, which carries on southwest 10.5 miles to the town of Concord.

Midway along the trail—between where it intersects with



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States: Michigan

Counties: Jackson

Length: 4.3miles

Trail end points: S Cooper St, south of the Grand River to Weatherwax Rd, west of Falling Waters Trail

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Inline

Skating,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

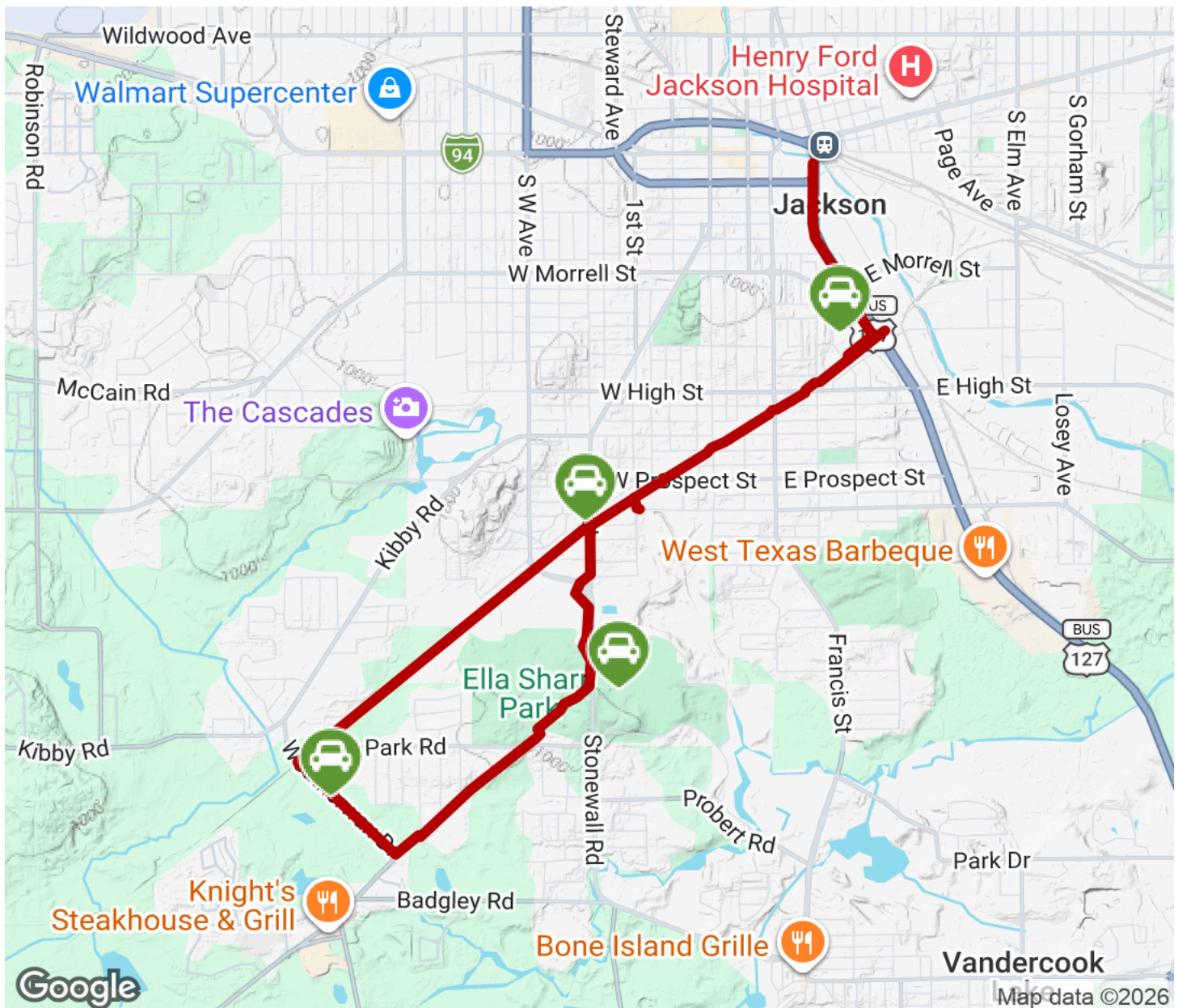
Jackson's public transit system (JATA) provides access to the trail. Visit the [JATA website](#) to plan your trip.

For those driving, parking is available at the trail's southern endpoint on Weatherwax Drive. Paid parking can be found in lots near the trail. Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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