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10th Street to North Westnedge Avenue (Kalamazoo): 4.8 miles

The 4.8-mile western segment of the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail leaves off from the eastern terminus of the Kal-Haven Trail, which runs 34.5 miles west to South

Haven near the shores of Lake Michigan. Heading east on the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail, the trail passes through scenic wooded areas and gently rolling hills, and then through a tunnel underneath US 131 and into the western suburbs of Kalamazoo. The trail offers a lot of shade on this portion.

The route parallels but is separated from Ravine Road for 3 miles, after which it runs as a bike lane along the road for a half-mile stretch through a residential area. The trail then returns off road and heads into downtown Kalamazoo, where the buildings and the trail itself are a bit more rundown, and ends at Westnedge Avenue and Kalamazoo Road.

Here, trail users can use the downtown segment trail and enjoy some of Kalamazoo's many great eateries and microbreweries, or connect to the northern or eastern segments of the trail.

East D Avenue (Kalamazoo) to West Battle Creek Street (Galesburg): 16 miles

The 16-mile northern segment of the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail follows the Kalamazoo River for a large portion of its length and provides many scenic views of the river itself. A good starting point is at the Cooper Township trailhead in northern Kalamazoo near the East D Avenue Bridge (which runs across the Kalamazoo River). The trail's endpoint is on the east side of the bridge, while the official trailhead and parking are just west of the bridge.

Heading south from East D Avenue, the first mile of the trail is hilly and winding as it leads toward Westnedge Avenue and then connects with the Kalamazoo Nature Center, which offers outdoor environmental education and exhibits for children and adults, as well as more than 14 miles of hiking trails.

The Kalamazoo River Valley Trail follows Westnedge Avenue for about 1.5 miles and then heads back toward the river and



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States: Michigan

Counties: Kalamazoo

Length: 20.9miles

Trail end points: Kal-Haven Trail State Park,
4143 10th St. N (Kalamazoo) to 1009 S 35th St.
(Galesburg)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross
Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Kalamazoo River Valley Trail runs between Kal-Haven Trail State Park, 4143 10th St. N (Kalamazoo), and 1009 S 35th St. (Galesburg), with parking available on either end.

Parking is also available at:

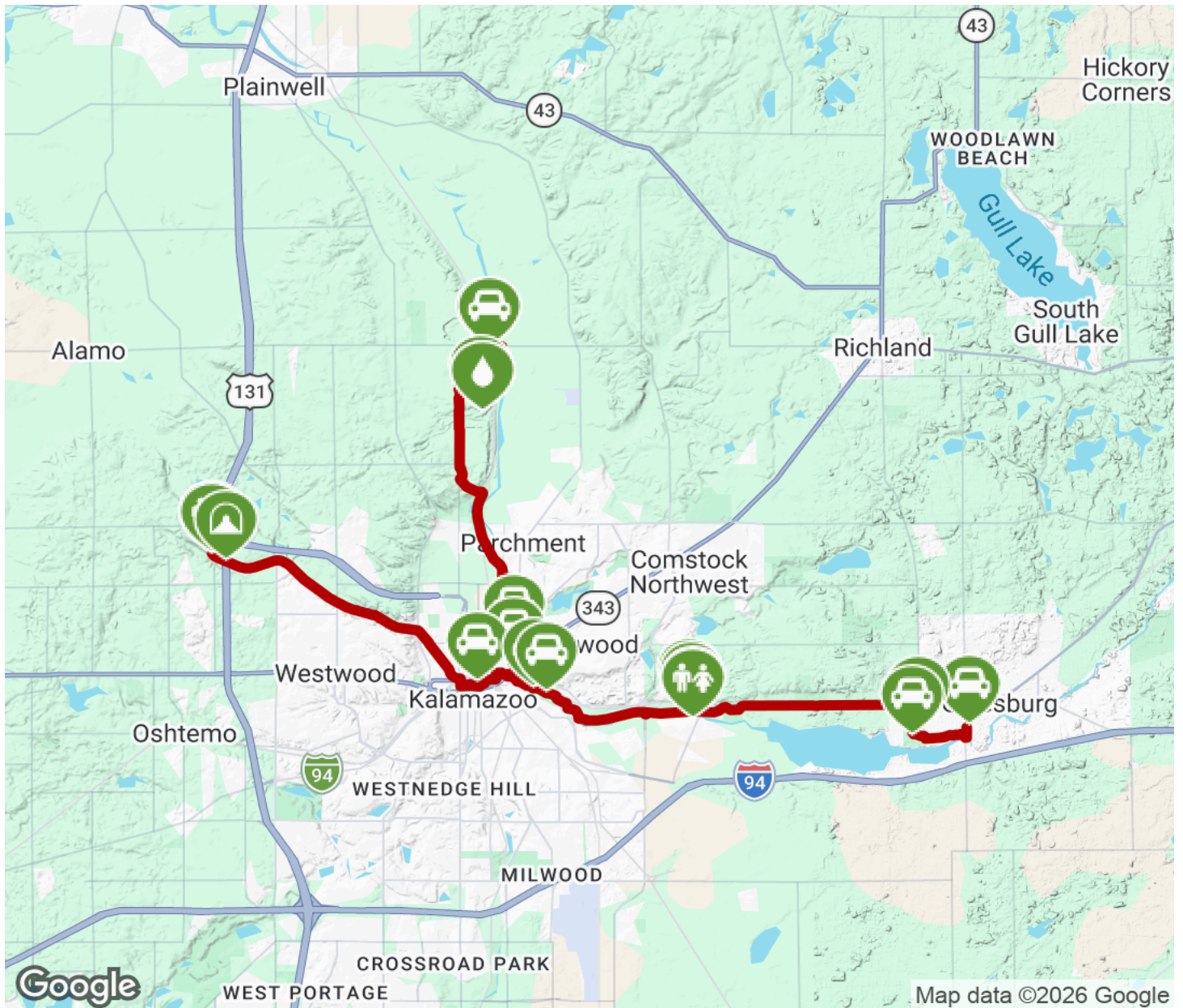
- 140 Eleanor St. (Kalamazoo)
- 251 Mills St. (Kalamazoo)

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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