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Guides



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Orchard Trail**  
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## Overview

The automotive industry has the most impact on Macomb County's economy, but it's the freshly picked apples and squeezed cider that leave lasting impressions on visitors to the Macomb Orchard Trail. Named for southeastern Michigan's heritage of bountiful apple and peach production, the 23.5-mile paved trail runs from Rochester's suburbs in metro Detroit to farms and forestland surrounding Richmond.

## About the Route

Beginning on the outskirts of Rochester, the trail leaves off from the junction of the Clinton River Trail and the Macomb Orchard Trail on Dequindre Road, where a barn

roof-shaped gateway arch is emblazoned with the trail's name. The trail heads northeast through suburban sprawl for about 7 miles on a paved trail and multiuse paths/wide sidewalks until it reaches Orchard Country.

The trail's first orchard stand—Verellen Orchards—is 0.1 mile north of the trail crossing with Van Dyke Road. Another mile up the trail at 30 Mile Road crossing, the trail passes the sixth-generation Westview Orchards by taking a 0.3-mile side trip west. Pick-yourself apples, peaches, cherries, and strawberries are available in season, and a cider mill operates in the fall.

At mile 10, the trail passes the trailhead in Romeo, settled in 1822, and a stop on the Underground Railroad. A half mile east is the town's Main Street historic district, where trail users can find antiques shops, and cafés in buildings that represent a mix of nine architectural styles.

Leaving town, the trail passes a Ford Motor engine factory. Then, for the next 6 miles to Armada, the trail is surrounded by farmland. The brush and tree cover around the trail gets thicker too, as the utility lines above your head since Rochester leaves the trail for another corridor. Food is available in Armada about a half mile north of the trail via Church Street. One of the houses that the trail passes is an old railroad depot erected in 1924 and relocated to Church Street after passenger and mail service ended.

If there seems to be a lot of activity for such a small town, one might have arrived in August during the Armada Fair, an annual event since 1872, or the Lions Club Cider Dayze, also in August.

Back on the trail, the route resumes a route through woodlots and farmland for 6.7 miles to the gazebo at the trailhead in Richmond. This town, included in the Detroit metro area, also celebrates its agricultural roots at the Good Old Days Festival.



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**States:** Michigan

**Counties:** Macomb

Length: 23.5miles

**Trail end points:** 1954 Westridge Dr (Utica) to  
Division Rd. at Main St. (Richmond)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Concrete

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking, Cross

Country Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

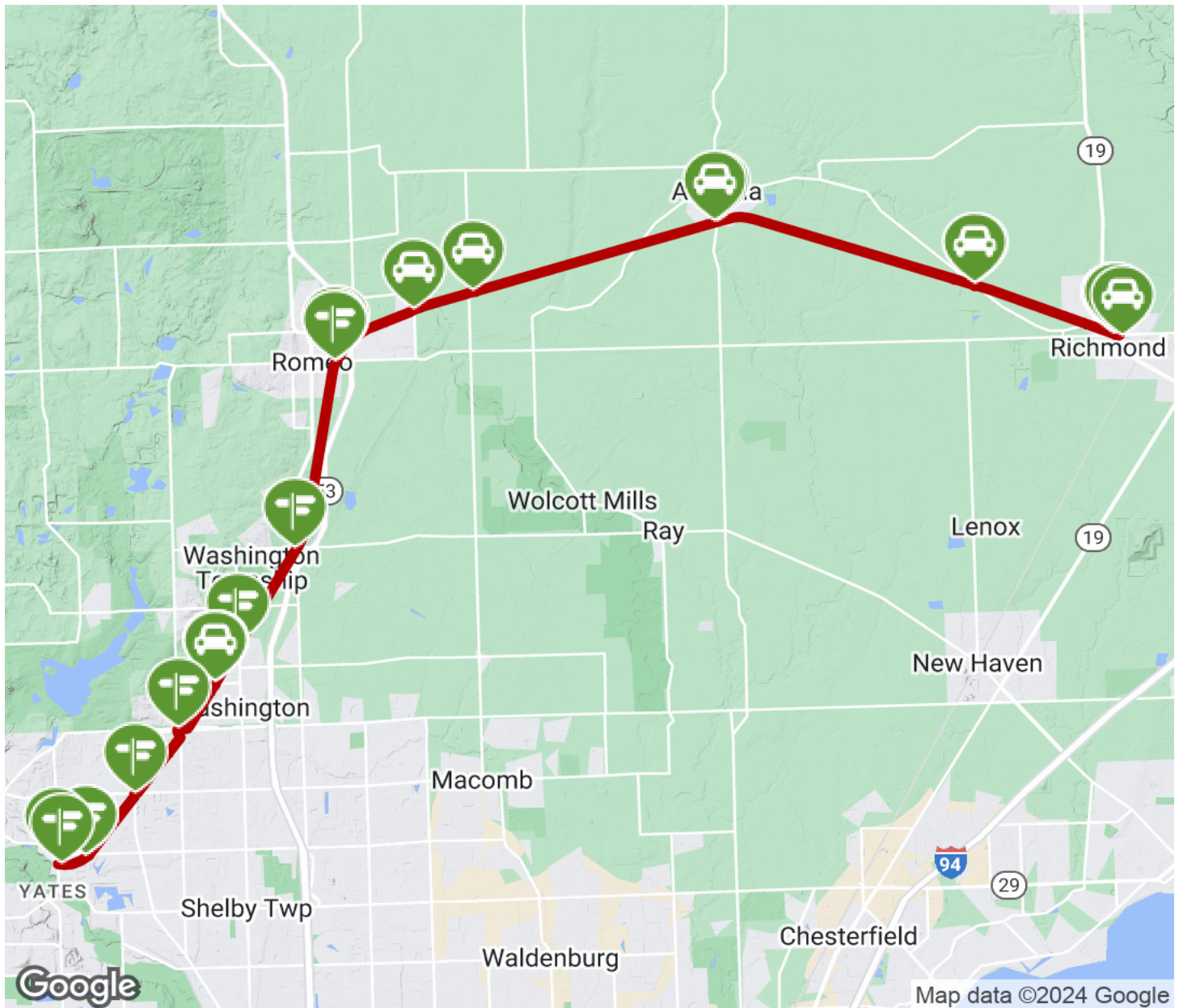
The Macomb Orchard Trail runs between 1954 Westridge Dr (Utica) and Division Rd. at Main St. (Richmond), with parking at both ends.

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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