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Guides



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Trailway**
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The Southern Links Trailway is a 10-mile rail-trail that connects the communities of Columbiaville, Otter Lake and Millington in



a mixed rural landscape, including fields, wetlands, forests and farmland. Local wildlife such as rabbits, chipmunks, woodchucks, frogs and turtles all call the area home, and fleeting encounters between the animals and trail users are not uncommon.

Restaurants in the small communities of Millington, Otter Lake and Columbiaville welcome trail users with friendly service and great food. An active friends group is responsible for keeping the Southern Links Trailway in pristine condition, so be sure to thank volunteers as you encounter them on this great trail.

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Trail users will have to trek uphill whether starting at the trailhead in Columbiaville or Millington—the midpoint just north of Otter Lake is the high elevation mark. Fortunately, because the trail's corridor was once home to a railroad, the climb is gradual. Weary trail users will appreciate the downhill slope for the remainder of the one-way trip.

Most of the trail's route is tree-lined, and the colors are spectacular in the fall months. Views from the trail feature



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States: Michigan

Counties: Genesee, Lapeer, Tuscola

Length: 10.2 miles

Trail end points: Millington Trailhead to
Columbiaville Trailhead

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Woodchips

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Horseback
Riding, Inline Skating, Walking, Wheelchair
Accessible, Cross Country Skiing

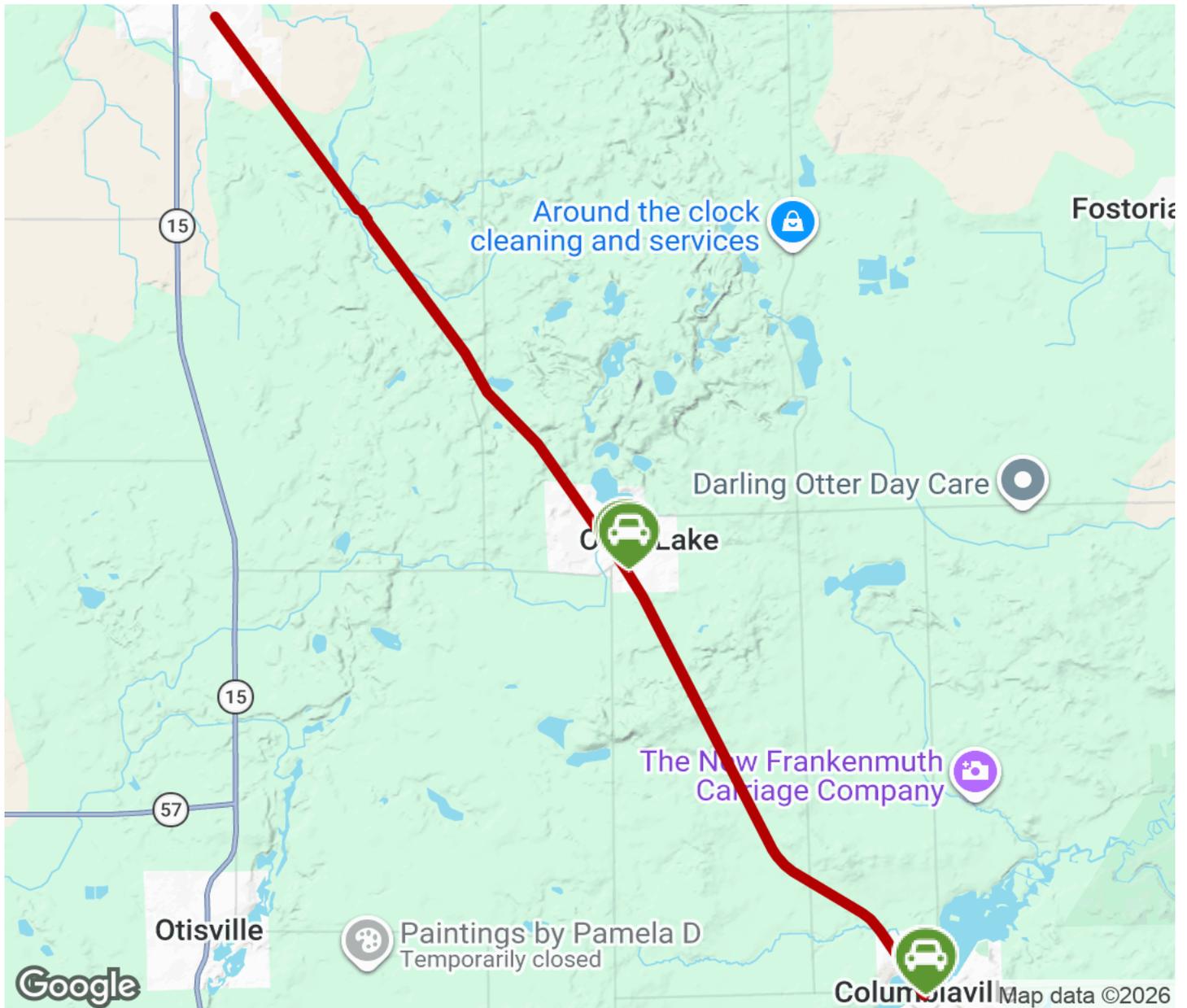
Parking & Trail Access

Parking for the Southern Links Trailway is available at trailheads in Columbiaville on Water Street; Otter Lake on Detroit Street; and Millington at the school complex on Gleason Street.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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