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The first phase of the trail opened in the spring of 2015, stretching about a quarter-mile from Scranton Road to just south of Rivergate Park.

The second phase of the trail, which added just over a quarter-mile to the route, opened in 2017 just in time for another centennial anniversary: that of Cleveland Metroparks, the trail's steward organization. Running underneath the Detroit-Superior Bridge, it connects Detroit Avenue with River Road near the Willow

Street Bridge. This section of the trail includes a massive pedestrian bridge over multiple active railroad tracks and features a contemporary, eye-catching design.

The third phase of the trail, a 500-foot pedestrian bridge over the Old River, opened in June 2021. Establishing increased lakefront access for both residents and visitors, the Wendy Park Bridge connects the trail with the Whiskey Island Trail and Wendy Park located on the banks of Lake Erie.

In addition to Lake Erie, the trail provides access to another of the city's famed waterways: the Cuyahoga River. Together, the lake and river positioned Cleveland historically as a shipping powerhouse. The trail itself is being built along the former Cleveland and Mahoning Railroad, which dates back to the 1850s.

On its other (southern) end, the trail provides a much-desired connection to the popular [Ohio and Erie Canalway Towpath Trail](#), which unfolds southward from Cleveland more than 90 miles through a scenic National Heritage Corridor.

As part of Cleveland's trail network, it also connects to a number of other trails. Briefly follow the [Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway](#) to bridge the temporary gap between the two segments of the Cleveland Foundation Centennial Lake Link Trail. The trail's southern segment also meets the [Red Line Greenway \(Metroparks Trail\)](#) at the triple intersection of Riverbed St, Carter Rd, and Columbus Rd. Other trails in the area are the [Lake-to-Lakes Trail](#) and the [Opportunity Corridor Trail](#).



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**States:** Ohio

**Counties:** Cuyahoga

Length: 1miles

**Trail end points:** River Rd/Whiskey Island Dr  
to Detroit Ave. to Columbus Rd. to Ohio & Erie  
Towpath Trail

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

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

**Trail activities:** Bike, Wheelchair  
Accessible, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

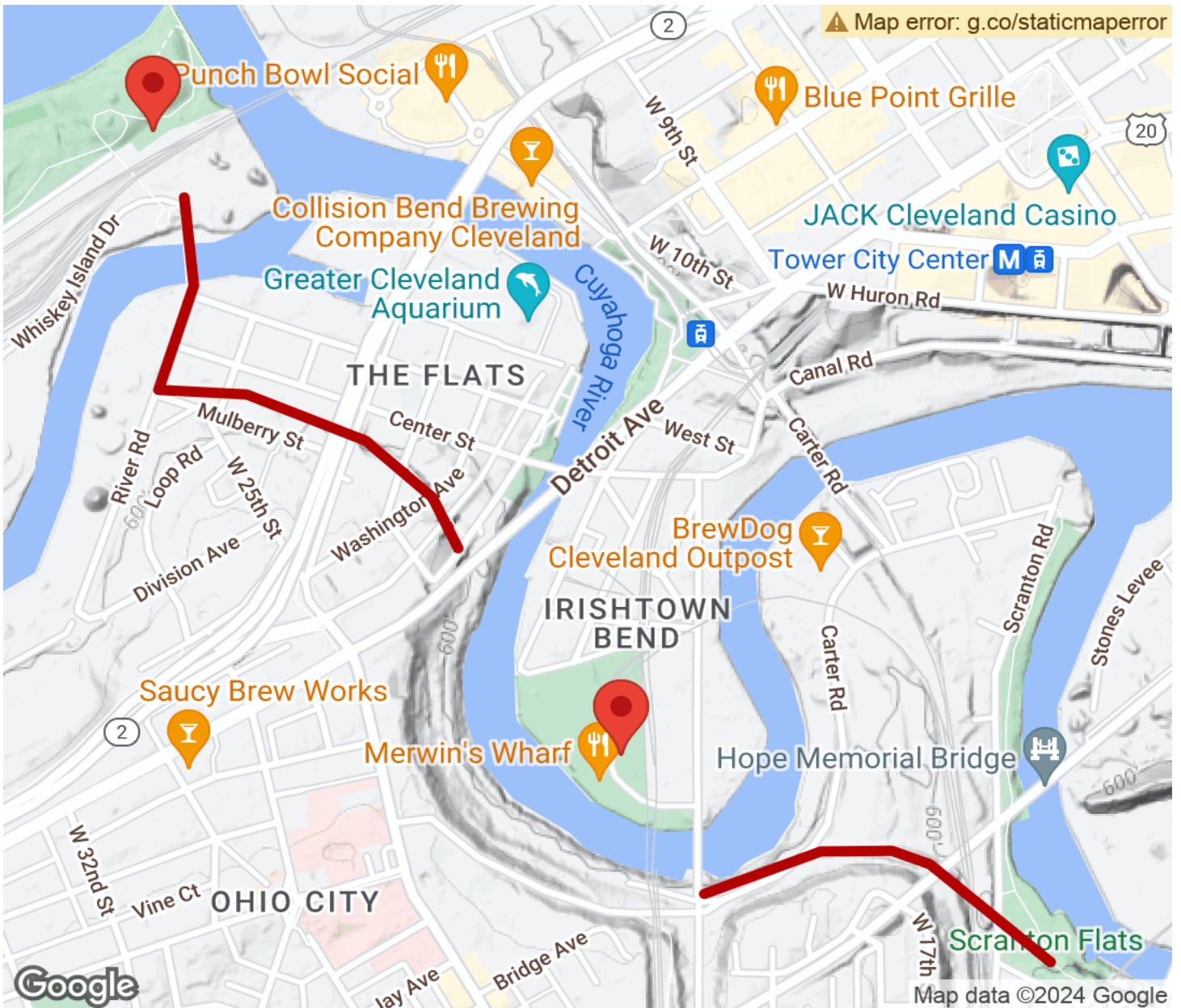
Cleveland's public transit system provides access to the trail via bus, subway, and trolley. See the nearest stations on the [TrailLink map](#) and find more information on the [RTA website](#).

Parking is available at Merwin's Wharf (1785 Merwin Ave) in Cleveland's Industrial Flats neighborhood and at Wendy Park (2800 Whiskey Island Dr). View the [TrailLink map](#) for detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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