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## Fred Meijer Pioneer Trail Michigan



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The trail is an important connector between two longdistance rail-trails: the <u>Musketawa Trail</u>, stretching 25 miles from Marne to Muskegon, and the <u>White Pine Trail</u> <u>State Park</u>, running 93 miles from Grand Rapids to Cadillac. The trail's western end meets up with the Musketawa Trail and the eastern end ends 700 ft from the western end of the White Pine Trail State Park.

Currently, the paved trail spans two counties (Ottawa and Kent) as it travels from the southern terminus of the Musketawa Trail in Marne and heads southeast toward Walker, a suburb of Grand Rapids. Quaint, tree-lined Fred



Meijer Park (across from Meijer headquarters), features a bronze statue of the trail's namesake, benches and a bike rack.

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States: Michigan Counties: Kent,Ottawa Length: 9miles Trail end points: Musketawa Trail at 8th Ave. and Garfield St. (Marne) to N Park St. NE (Walker) Trail surfaces: Asphalt Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

### **Parking & Trail Access**

Parking is available at the trail's western end at the Marne trailhead for the Musketawa Trail. Take westbound Interstate 96 to Exit 25. Take 8th Avenue (turn right at the bottom of the ramp and then left at the T intersection) and follow it north for approximately 1.5 miles. The trailhead will be on your left just past Garfield Road.

An additional trailhead parking lot is also available on the west side of Fruit Ridge Avenue, about a half-mile north of the trail tunnel under Fruit Ridge and at the eastern trailhead along N Park St. NE.

See <u>TrailLink Map</u> for more detailed directions.



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