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The trail spans the towns of Mercer, Manitowish Waters, Boulder Junction, Sayner and St. Germain and is made up of five distinct trail sections, listed (west-east) below:

[Mercer Hike and Bike Trail](#) (9 miles):

[Manitowish Waters Bike Trail](#) (18.6 miles):

[Crystal Lake Trail](#) (11 miles):

The Crystal Lake Trail runs between downtown Boulder

Junction (where it connects with the [Manitowish Waters Bike Trail](#)) and the the Crystal Lake Campground in northern Wisconsin, passing Trout Lake along the way. The fully-paved trail offers an ideal ride for touring bikes as well as groups riding with younger children. There are lots of places to stop along the way to view the many lakes and some of the largest white pines in the Northwoods. The trail has several scenic bridges and crosses over the the Manitowish River. At the trail's eastern endpoint, it connects with the [Plum Lake Trail](#).

Camping is available at the North Trout Lake Campground; campers can check with the Northern Highlands American Legion State Forest for availability.

This portion of the trail features fixtations (a bicycle repair and pump) at the Boulder Junction Sports and Rec Park, 5358 Park St and at the intersection of Hgwy M & N in between Boulder Junction and Sayner.

[Plum Lake Trail](#) (5 miles):

[St. Germain Hike & Bike Trail](#) (12 miles):



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States: Wisconsin

Counties: Vilas

Length: 11miles

Trail end points: 5453 Park St (Boulder Junction) to Old N. Road (Sayner)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

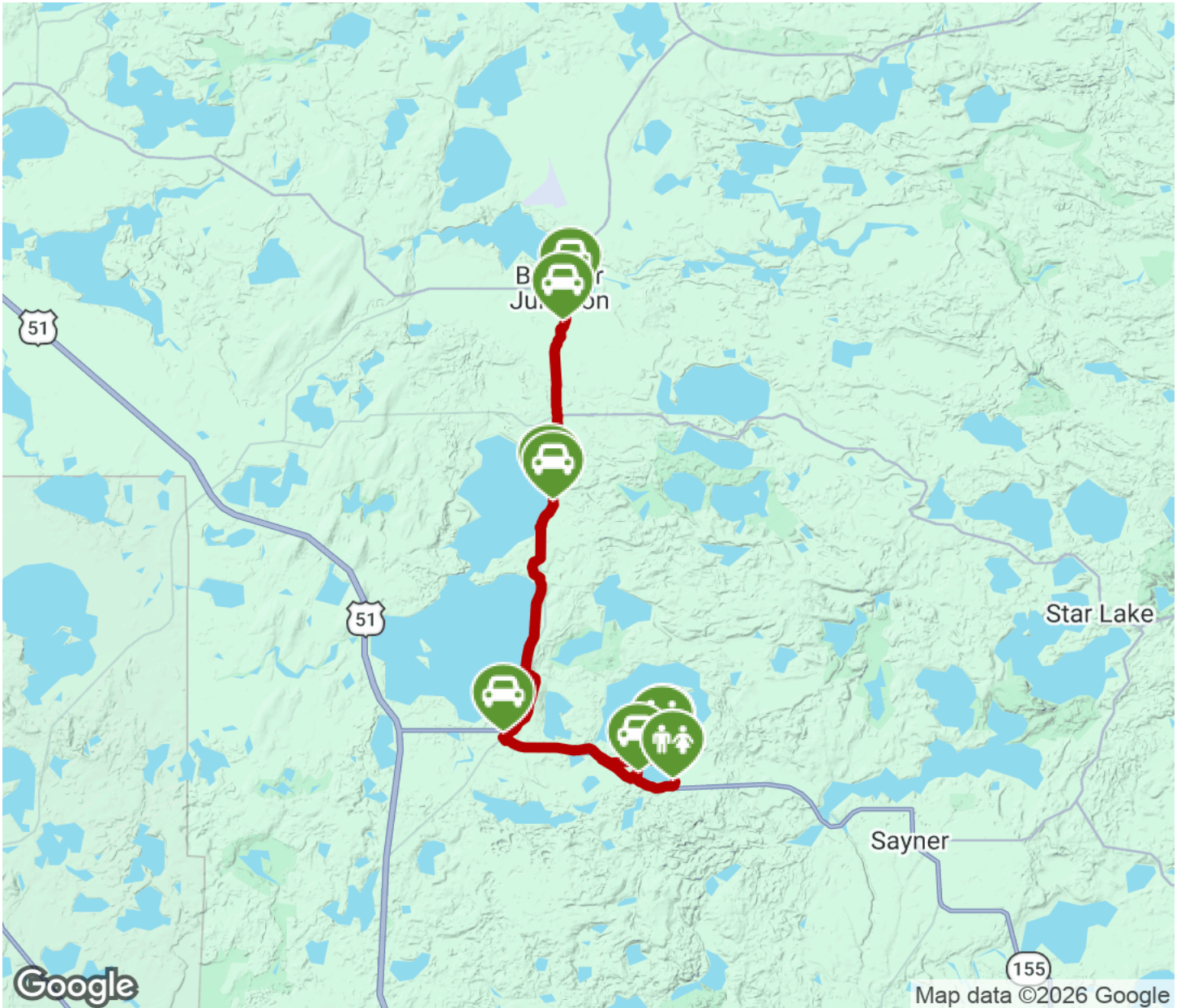
There is parking for the trail in Boulder Junction at 5352 Park St, at Trout Lake Boat Launch along Hgwy M, and at the M&N Trailhead, 10643 County Rd N.

See [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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