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Guides



**Fred Thwaites
Grand River
Trail**
Michigan



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Just a few blocks north of and parallel to the trail is the [Fred Meijer Grand River Valley Trail](#), which connects Ionia to Lowell.



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States: Michigan

Counties: Ionia

Length: 3.2miles

Trail end points: Ionia County Fairgrounds to
Quarry Road

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

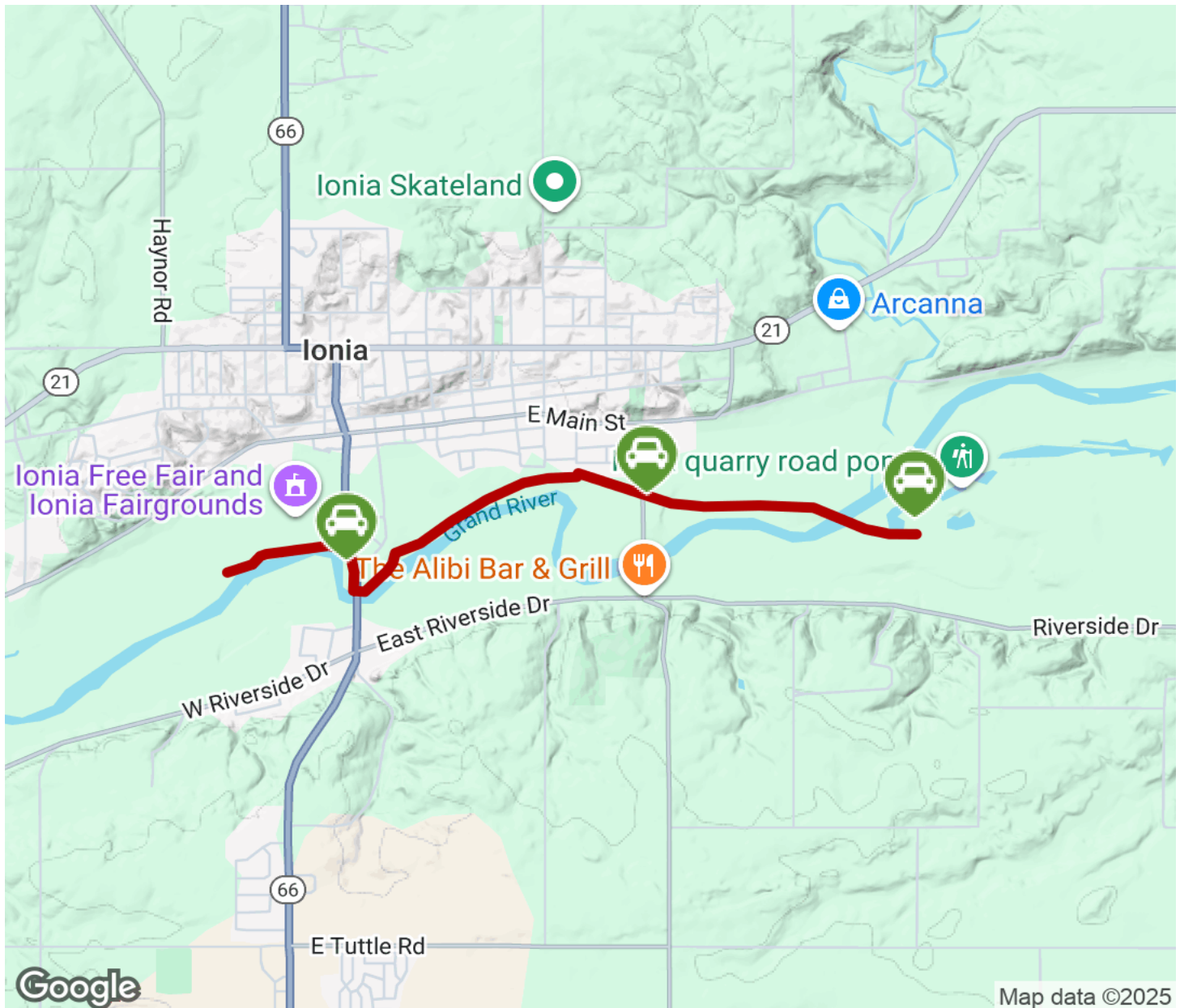
Parking & Trail Access

Parking can be found on the trail's western end at the Ionia County Fairgrounds. On the trail's eastern end, trail parking is also available off Quarry Road and Cleveland Street.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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