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The Indiana Michigan River Valley Trail connects the towns of Niles, MI, and Mishawaka, IN via 17 miles of paved multi-use trails. The trail passes different sites like Notre Dame University as well as more than 15 parks and the four downtown areas of Niles and Roseland, MI, and South Bend and Mishawaka, IN.

### Indiana Michigan River Valley Trail (Michigan Section) (5.3 miles):

The Michigan section of the Indiana-Michigan River Valley Trail currently runs for more than 5 miles through Niles, Michigan, on the eastern bank of the St. Joseph River. The trail occupies a former New York Central

Railroad corridor, abandoned by Conrail in 1980. In fact, the large Riverfront Park in downtown Niles—through which the trail runs—was once a large rail yard for the New York Central Railroad and its immediate predecessor, the Big Four Railroad. A historical marker in the park commemorates the extensive local railroad past.

Riverfront Park offers a playground, pier, boat ramps, picnic shelters, charcoal grills and even an amphitheater where concerts are held throughout the summer. In the north, the trail ends at Plym Park, which provides playing fields and tennis courts. As the trail heads south from downtown, it leaves the river's edge and ends at Niles' southern city limits at Fort Street.

The second segment of the Michigan section extends south from the Brandywine Creek Nature Park through Niles Township, within an abandoned Michigan Central Railroad corridor. At the Michigan-Indiana border at State Line Road, the IN-MI River Valley Trail continues as the LaSalle Trail.

### [Lasalle Trail](#) (3.5 miles):

The LaSalle Trail travels an arrow-straight 3.5 miles between Roseland Town Park in Roseland and the Indiana-Michigan state line. About halfway along the trail, a short section of roadside trail along Darden Road, sometimes called the Darden Road Trail. This short connector trail connects users to the Riverside Trail, which traverses the west side of the St. Joseph River.

In the North, it connects to the Michigan Section of the Indiana-Michigan River Valley Trail and in the south the IN-MI River Valley Trail continues alongside a short section of SR-933, sometimes called the SR-933 Trail. until meeting up with a southern section of the trail called the East Bank Trail (IN).

### [Riverside Trail \(IN\)](#) (3.4 miles):



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**States:** Michigan

**Counties:** Berrien

Length: 17.5miles

**Trail end points:** Plym Park, 401 Marmont St (Niles) to Logan St. (Mishawaka)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Concrete

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

### [Indiana Michigan River Valley Trail \(Michigan Section\):](#)

There are a number of parking options along this trail section including at the northern end in Plym Park (401 Marmont St), Orchard Park (124 S 3rd St), Brandywine Creek Nature Park (1701 S 3rd St), and at the southern end (IN-MI Stateline), 319 Stateline Rd.

[Lasalle Trail:](#) There is parking for this trail at Roseland town park, along W Cripe St, and at the IN-MI state line, 319 Stateline Rd.

[Riverside Trail \(IN\):](#) Parking is available for the Riverside Trail near Keller Park, 1925 Riverside Dr.

[East Bank Trail \(IN\):](#) There is no designated parking along this section of the trail.

[Northside Trail:](#) Trail users can find parking at Governor Joseph Vernon Park, Northside Blvd. at S Notre Dame Ave, and Veteran's Memorial Park, near 1441 Northside Blvd.

[West Bank Walkway:](#) There is no designated parking along this section of the trail.

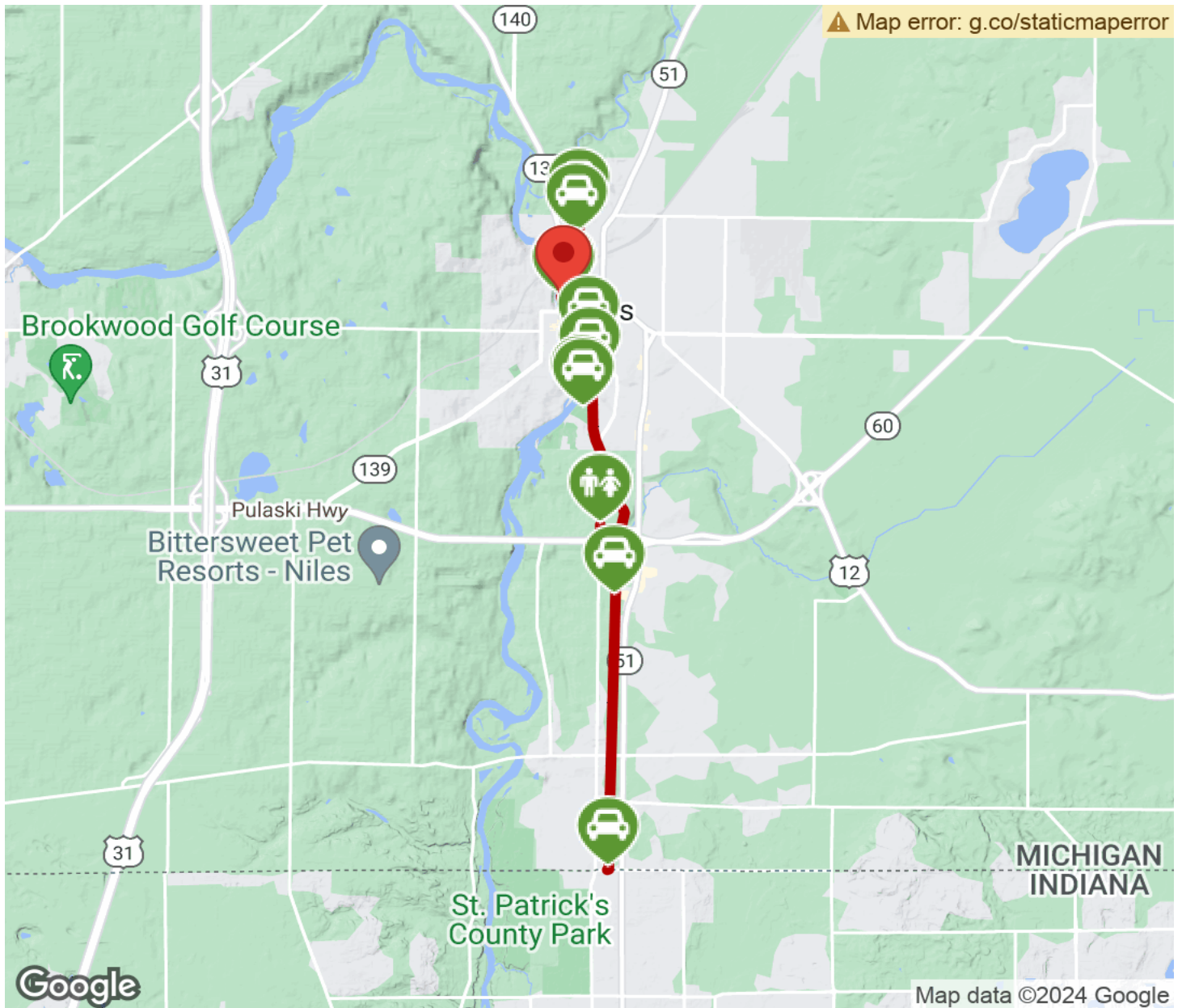
[Mishawaka Riverwalk:](#) Parking is available at 295 E Mishawaka Ave.

[Coal Line Trail:](#) Trail users can find parking at 1117 Wilber St.



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- Trailhead
- Restroom
- Parking
- Water Fountain
- Tunnel