



Bay County Riverwalk Trail System

Explore over 21 miles of paved trails in the beautiful Bay City area. The trail system consists of two sections: a northern rail trail that connects with Bay City State Recreation Area and Topico Marsh Nature Preserve, and “the loop,” which encircles Bay City on an abandoned railway and series of boardwalks along the Saginaw River.

Topico Marsh, one of the largest remaining coastal wetlands on the Great Lakes, includes 3.5 miles of nature trails open to bicycles. To explore the 9.5-mile Bay City Loop, start at Veterans Memorial Park where you’ll see the remnants of Bay City’s shipbuilding era and the skeletons of two sunken ships.

BayZil Rail Trail

On October 15, 2016, a ribbon-cutting ceremony officially opened the 6.2-mile BayZil (Bay City to Zilwaukee) Rail Trail. This is one of Michigan’s newest and most beautiful trails, running parallel to the Saginaw River on an abandoned railbed and crossing two bridges through vast marshes teeming with waterfowl. Scenic and serene, you will love every inch of it. The Hotchkiss Road Trailhead offers the only public access to the trail, which dead ends just north of Kochville Road. A southern trailhead is in the planning phase.

Kochville Township Path

Ride or run on over 6 miles of paved non-motorized trails connecting the campus of Saginaw Valley State University with Elmer Lange Park and a scenic loop at Krossroads Park.

Zilwaukee Pathway

The 2-mile Zilwaukee Pathway is a paved non-motorized trail that begins at Zilwaukee Riverfront Park and travels west by the Zilwaukee Bridge.

Bay County Riverwalk Trail Access

Access Site	Parking	Restrooms	Water
1 Bay City State Recreation Area	Yes	Yes	Yes
2 DeFoe Park	Yes	Yes	Yes
3 Veterans Memorial Park	Yes	Yes	Yes
4 Bigelow Park	Yes	Yes	Yes
5 Tuscola Road Staging Area	Yes	Yes	No
6 Carroll Park	Yes	Yes	Yes

BayZil Rail Trail Access

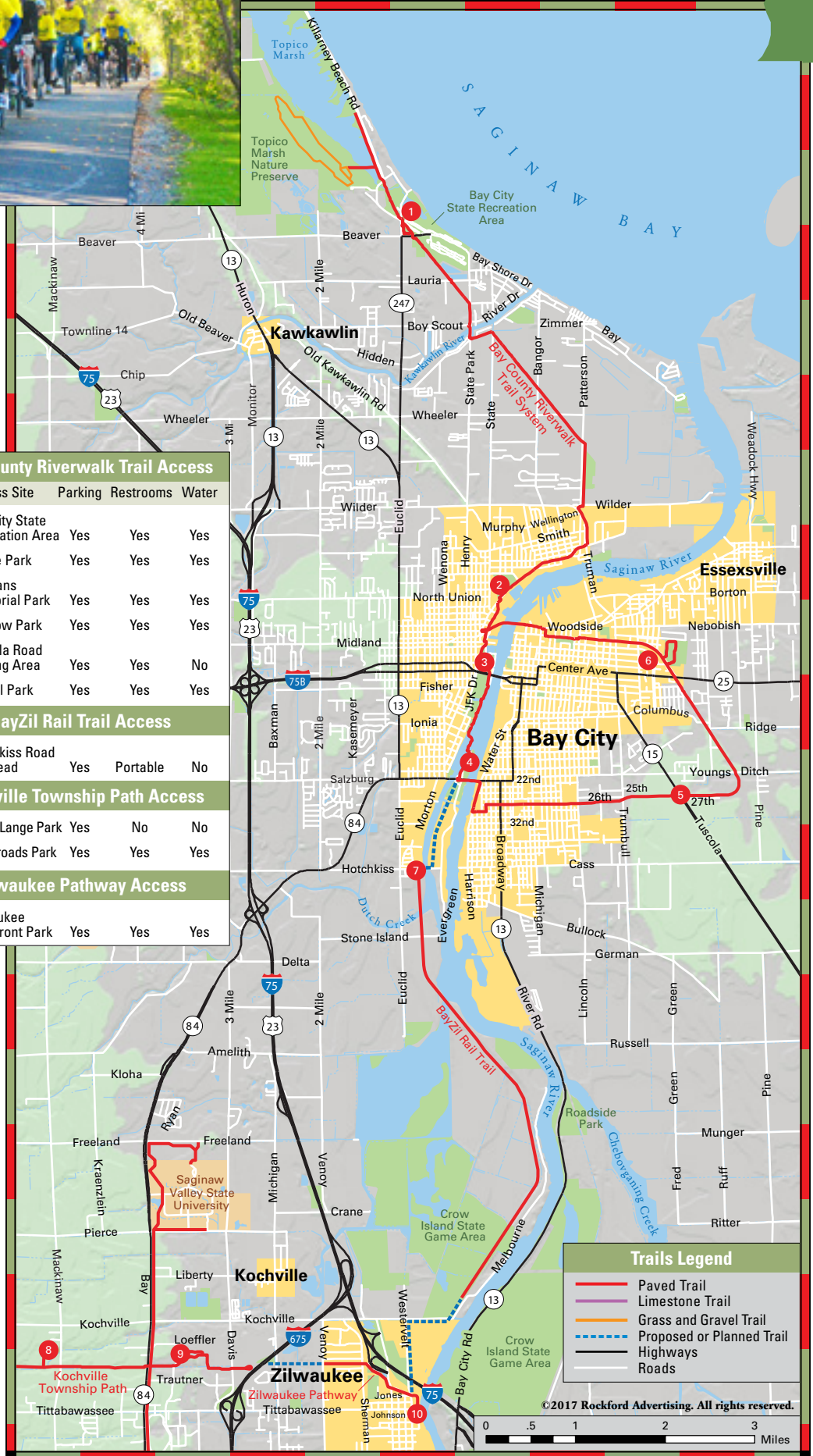
7 Hotchkiss Road Trailhead	Yes	Portable	No
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Kochville Township Path Access

8 Elmer Lange Park	Yes	No	No
9 Krossroads Park	Yes	Yes	Yes

Zilwaukee Pathway Access

10 Zilwaukee Riverfront Park	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Trails Legend

- Paved Trail
- Limestone Trail
- Grass and Gravel Trail
- Proposed or Planned Trail
- Highways
- Roads

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