

TART Trails

Venture north to Traverse City on your next vacation or weekend getaway, make sure to bring your bikes and running shoes, and set aside a day or two to explore the TART Trails and other great trails in the Grand Traverse region. This 10.5-mile paved urban corridor from Greilickville to Williamsburg offers scenic views of East and West Grand Traverse Bays. In Greilickville, you can also continue north 17 miles on the Leelanau Trail (see page 38).

The main spine of the **TART Trail** follows the contours of the bay and connects with numerous hotels, restaurants and attractions along the way, including Traverse City State Park with its quarter mile of sugar beach. On this well-maintained trail, you'll share your adventure with rollerbladers, cyclists, runners, and couples walking their dogs. The trail also passes by West End Beach and Clinch Park Beach, great places to stop and enjoy a picnic or refreshing dip in the bay.

South of downtown, the TART Trail connects with the 4-mile Boardman Lake Loop Trail, which was completed in 2022. At the intersection of Woodmere and Boyd Avenues, you will need to ride west through the Filling Station Microbrewery parking area, then turn left at Franklin Street and cross over the railroad tracks to access the trail.

The east end of the TART trail starts near the intersection of Bates Road and M-72 in Williamsburg. You will need to travel south on Lautner Road and west on Bunker Hill Road to connect with the main trail near Acme.

From Bunker Hill Road, you can travel a half mile south on Bartlett Road to the VASA Pathway Trailhead. The VASA Pathway is a State Forest natural area known for its nicely developed trail loops (3K, 5K, 10K, 25K) for running, hiking, mountain biking, and during the winter, fat biking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

