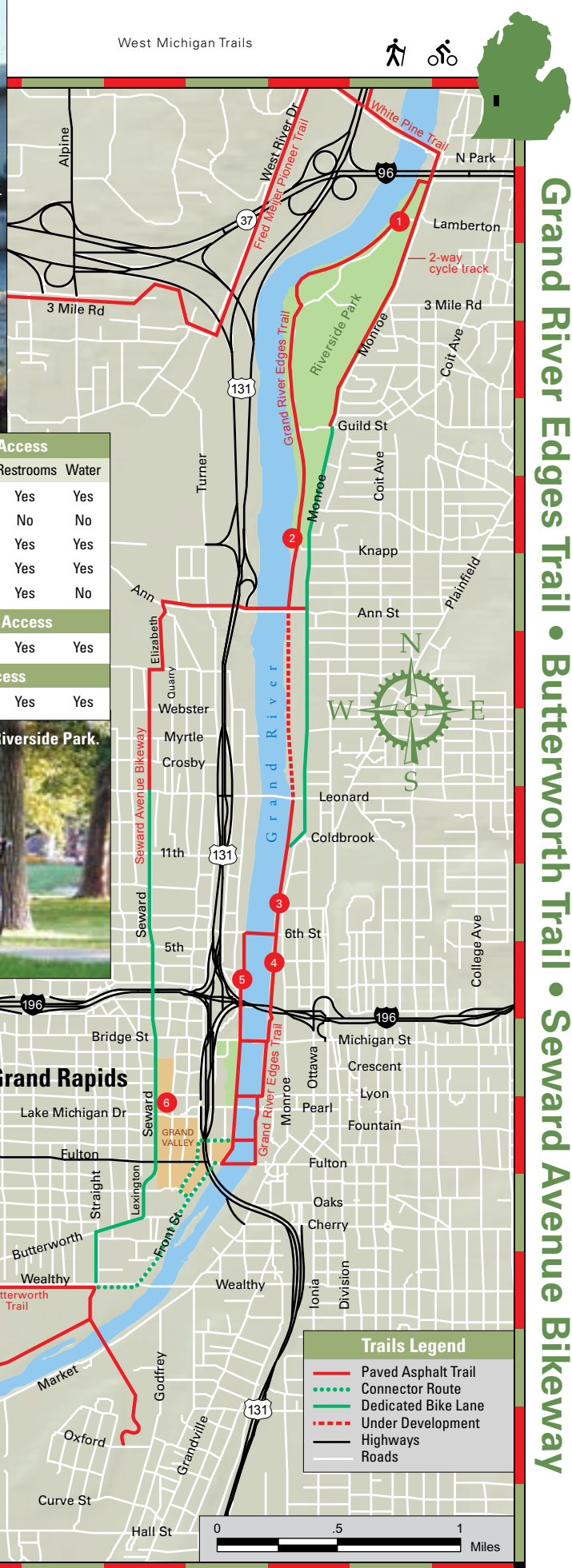




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Grand River Edges Trail

The Grand River Edges Trail follows along the banks of the Grand River, including 2.2 miles of paved path in Riverside Park that connects to the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park in Comstock Park.

The downtown loop of the Grand River Edges Trail from Fulton Street to the 6th Street Bridge is a popular stroll for visitors and local residents. The “loop” traverses the original rapids for which the city was named and passes by some of the area’s most notable attractions. Construction of the trail between Ann and Leonard Streets is still in the engineering and planning phase. For now, you will need to ride along a designated bike lane on Monroe Street to connect with the north and south sections of the trail.

Butterworth Trail

Completed in 2010, the Butterworth Trail derives its name from the old Butterworth landfill that is being restored as a natural area on the banks of the Grand River. The best public access is at the Millennium Trailhead. You’ll find another trail entrance on Butterworth Avenue across from John Ball Park between the freeway overpass and the Coca-Cola bottling facility. Follow the paved path along the Grand River or Wealthy Street and cross over a restored railroad bridge where you can enjoy spectacular views of the river and Grand Rapids skyline.

Seward Avenue Bikeway

Completed in 2015, the 3.5-mile Seward Avenue Bikeway was developed to create a safe nonmotorized north-south route for cyclists and runners connecting Riverside Park and the River Edges Trail on Ann Street to the Butterworth Trail and Kent Trails network on Wealthy Street. The Bikeway is a combination of dedicated bike lanes (sharrows) on Seward Avenue, paved bike paths on the northern section of the trail and widened sidewalks along Ann Street. Follow the directional signage when riding between Fulton and Wealthy street.