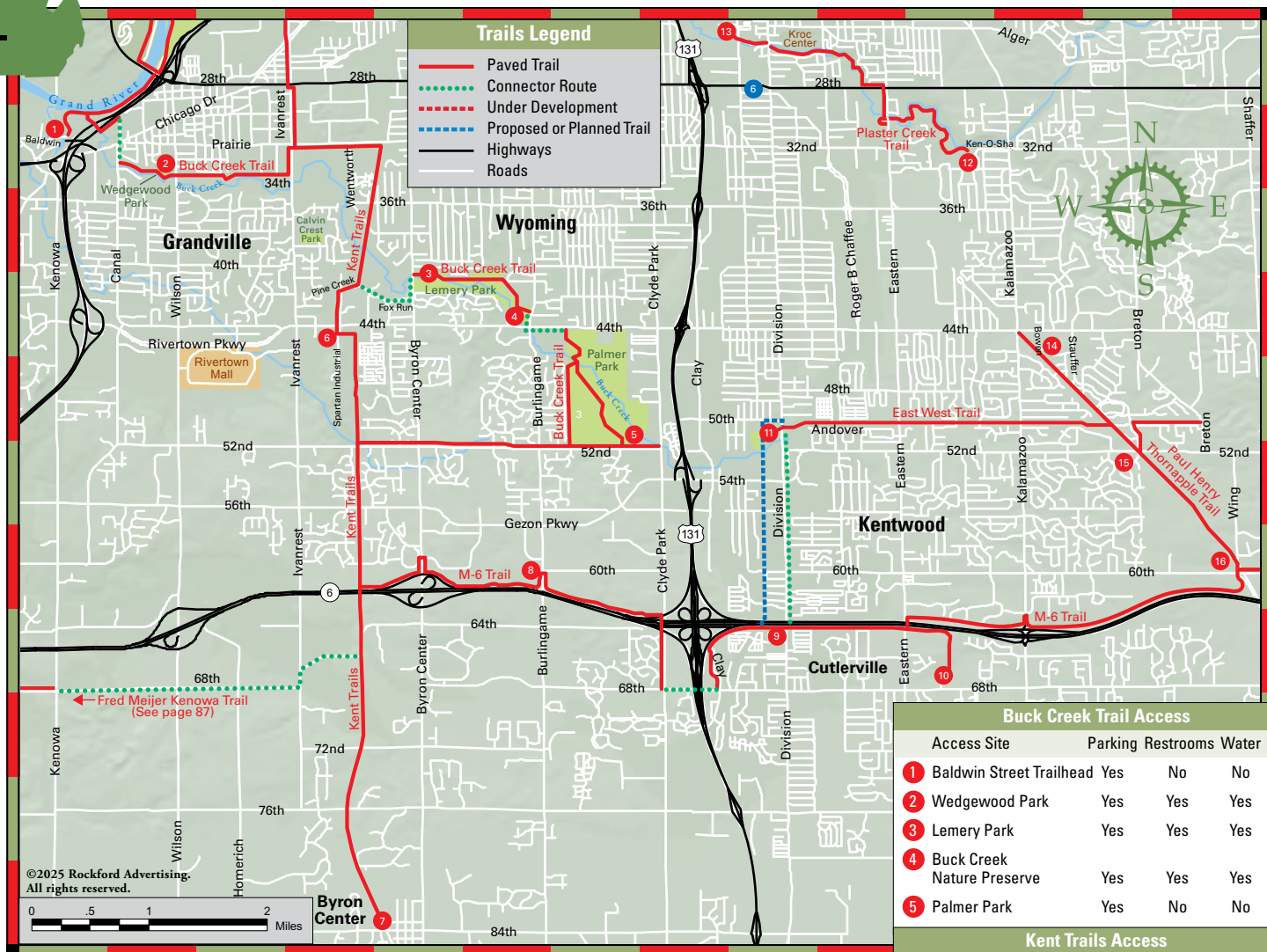




Kent Trails

Kent County's first paved rail trail, the 15-mile Kent Trails opened in 1992 linking John Ball Park in Grand Rapids to downtown Byron Center. This interconnected series of trails takes you across several bridges, through two tunnels (under I-196 and M-6) and along some very scenic stretches as you pass through several parks in urban, suburban and rural Kent County. The journey from the Millennium trailhead to Byron Center is a popular day trip. See page 87 for the northern section of Kent Trails.

Buck Creek Trail

A beautiful trail that follows the course of Buck Creek through the cities of Grandville and Wyoming, Buck Creek Trail consists of three segments that pass through three parks and a natural area. Riding all three segments of Buck Creek Trail on a single trip requires some good navigation skills, but the reward is well worth the extra effort.

Fred Meijer M-6 Trail

The Fred Meijer M-6 Trail was built along the M-6 highway. The trail connects Kent Trails with the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail. The newest section of trail, from Division Avenue to 68th Street, was completed in 2019. Construction is planned for an extension of the trail that will go north along Buck Creek to replace the old Interurban Trail.

Plaster Creek Trail

Plaster Creek Trail follows along the course of Plaster Creek as it meanders through southern Grand Rapids. The trail begins on Ken-O-Sha Park Drive (off Kalamazoo Avenue) and travels along a series of paved paths, boardwalks and bridges to Plaster Creek Family Park.



Photo by Jim Kuzdal

On the Kent Trails near Byron Center.

Buck Creek Trail Access

Access Site	Parking	Restrooms	Water
1 Baldwin Street Trailhead	Yes	No	No
2 Wedgewood Park	Yes	Yes	Yes
3 Lemery Park	Yes	Yes	Yes
4 Buck Creek Nature Preserve	Yes	Yes	Yes
5 Palmer Park	Yes	No	No

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6 Spartan Industrial Dr.	Yes	No	No
7 Byron Center Trailhead	Yes	No	No

Fred Meijer M-6 Trail Access

8 Burlingame Staging Area	Yes	No	No
9 Division Avenue Parking	Yes	No	No
10 Creekside Park	Yes	Yes	Yes

East West Trail Access

11 Kelloggsville Park	Yes	No	No
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Plaster Creek Trail Access

12 Ken-O-Sha Park	Yes	No	No
13 Plaster Creek Family Park	Yes	No	No

Paul Henry Thornapple Trail Access

14 Bowen Park	Yes	Yes	Yes
15 Stauffer St Staging Area	Yes	Yes	Yes
16 Wing Street Trailhead	Yes	No	No