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Portable

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Yes

Yes

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Yes

7 Riverside Park (east & west) Yes

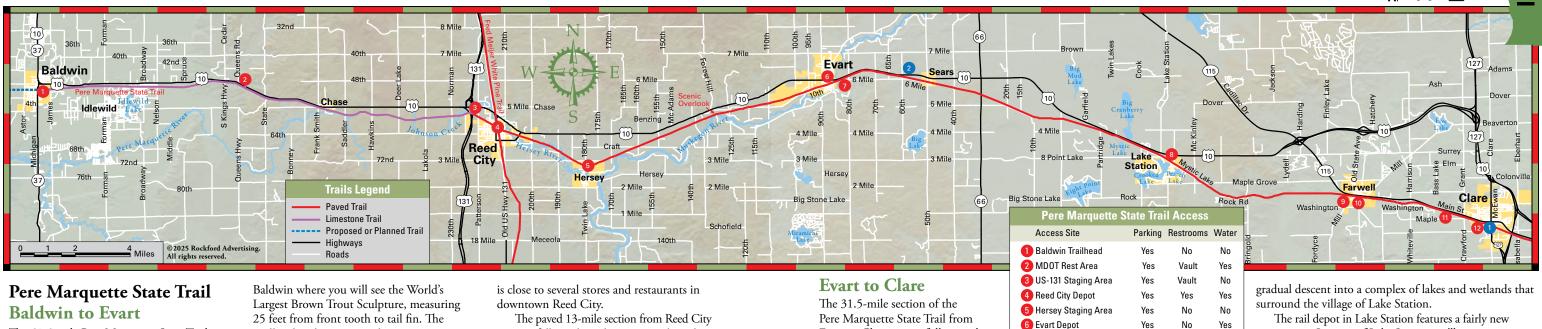
Moose Lodge Staging Area Yes

8 Lake Station Depot

10 Farwell City Park

(12) Clare Depot

9 Farwell Staging Area



The 58.5-mile Pere Marquette State Trail slices through Michigan's midsection on a former CSX Railroad line from Baldwin to Clare. Along this route, you will encounter a diversity of landscapes as the trail takes you past woodlands, wetlands and farmland, with picturesque views of the Baldwin, Hersey and Muskegon rivers.

The 33-mile section from Baldwin to Evart begins at the trailhead in downtown

1 See location on map.

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25 feet from front tooth to tail fin. The trailhead is close to several stores, restaurants, lodging, an ice cream shop and a museum.

The 20-mile section from Baldwin to Reed City is surfaced with finely screened and compacted limestone. A staging area at the US-131/US-10 interchange offers convenient access to the trail. The Reed City Depot, at the intersection of the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail, is a great place to begin or conclude your ride, or stop for a picnic, and

to Evart follows along the Hersey and Muskegon rivers, passing by farms, pine groves and clusters of seasonal wild flowers. Halfway between Hersey and Evart, you'll discover a scenic overlook offering stunning views of the Muskegon River. A beautifully restored rail depot welcomes you to downtown Evart with convenient access to several stores and restaurants, and camping and picnicking at Riverside Park (on both the east and west sides of the river).

Pere Marquette State Trail from Evart to Clare is now fully paved with a smooth asphalt surface. The trail takes you on a scenic tour with long expanses of natural beauty, traveling through two distinctly different landscapes.

1 See location on map

The restored rail depot in Evart offers an excellent starting point. From the Muskegon River bridge, the trail passes through two tunnels as it gradually climbs a ridge and reaches its highest elevation as it crosses M-66. It then begins a

The rail depot in Lake Station features a fairly new staging area. Just east of Lake Station you'll see a towering concrete "coal dock," a silent reminder of the steam locomotives that once powered down this historic rail line.

This was a milestone year for the Pere Marquette State Trail, as the infamous "Clare Gap" exists no more. A new 2.5 miles of paved trail was built in 2024 between Moose Lodge and the Clare Depot, including a new bridge over the

Tobacco River. To continue east on the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail to Midland (see page 150), you will need to ride 2 blocks east of the Clare Depot on 4th Street to the public library where the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail begins.

