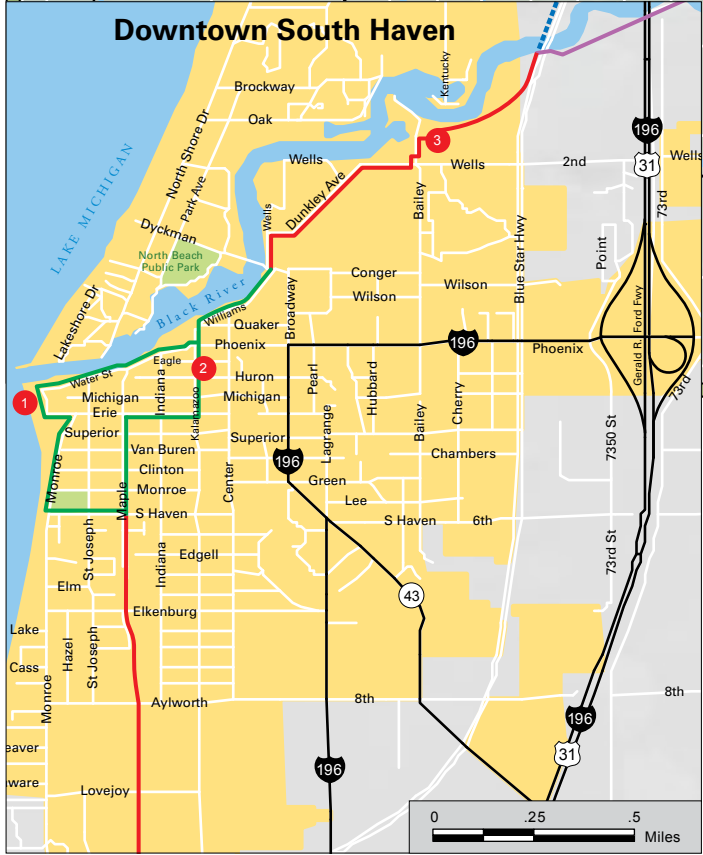


New bridge over the Black River east of South Haven.



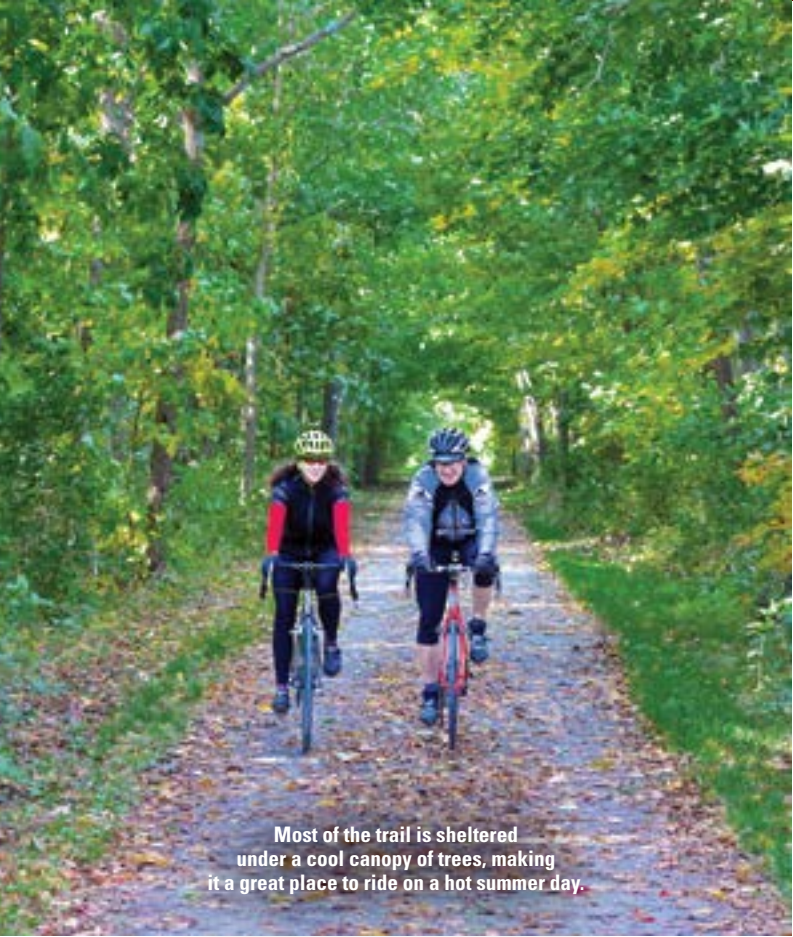
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### Kal-Haven Trail State Park

The 34.5-mile Kal-Haven Trail runs from South Haven to Kalamazoo on the former Kalamazoo & South Haven Railroad. The trail now extends into the heart of downtown South Haven, where you can enjoy downtown shopping and dining and connect with the Van Buren Trail State Park and South Beach Park.

The 14-mile western section of trail from Bloomingdale to South Haven was closed in 2023 for resurfacing and bridge replacements, and now open and ready to ride.

The Kal-Haven Trail opened in 1991 and was one of Michigan's first rails-to-trails conversions. Towns like Gobles, Bloomingdale and Grand Junction, which popped up when the railroads prospered in the 1870s, now provide food and amenities for trail users.

Cyclists, runners and hikers alike will enjoy a peaceful journey past blueberry fields and cool tunnels of trees. The trail is mostly flat with some slight grades at each end. The finely screened and compacted white limestone surface is smooth and well suited for most bicycles. We love riding this trail in the fall when the maples are ablaze in vibrant colors, or in the spring, when a sea of trilliums line the trail near the 10th Street Trailhead.

Designated a "Michigan Heritage Trail" in August 2019, the Michigan History Center installed a series of interpretive kiosks highlighting historic places, people and events along the former railway, including the ghost town of Menthra, a historic mint growing area, and the Bloomingdale Oil Boom in the 1930s.

The Kal-Haven Trail offers two top-notch trailheads; the 10th Street Trailhead near Kalamazoo, with its famous red cabooses, and the Bailey Street Trailhead in South Haven, perched on a bluff overlooking the Black River waterway.

1 See location on map.