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Guides



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About the Route

Beginning at the Haggerty Road Trailhead at its southwest end, the West Bloomfield Trail is steeped in nature, in spite of pockets of development. At its southwest end on

Haggerty Road, the trail connects seamlessly to the [Michigan Air Line Trail](#).

Meandering northeast, the trail provides sightings of deer, raccoons, and rabbits. Turtles, waterfowl, and assorted frogs populate the ponds and lakes, and the forests are filled with spruce, hickory, oak, and maple trees.

The greatest concentration of wildlife is at the 162-acre West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve at mile 2.6. A path winds through the urban wildlife sanctuary to connect overlooks, some with telescopes to aid in spotting the 100 bird species that have been documented here. Red foxes, coyotes, and minks make their homes here.

A narrow strip of land carries the trail between Orchard Lake and Pine Lake at about mile 5. Apples grew in abundance here in the 1800s, resulting in the first lake's name. An island in its midst is called Apple Island, where legend has it that Chief Pontiac held council with neighboring tribes to plan an attack on Fort Detroit in the mid-18th century. Fast forward to the early 20th century, and you can imagine this shoreline was a popular stop for tourists who took the train up from Detroit.

Leaving the lakes behind, the trail brushes the southern border of Keego Harbor before entering Lake Sylvan. The West Bloomfield Trail ends at Sylvan Manor Park, but your travels can continue on the [Clinton River Trail \(Oakland County\)](#) that rolls for 16 miles through Pontiac to the east side of Rochester, where it picks up the [Macomb Orchard Trail](#).

Benches, bike racks, scenic overlooks, and mileage markers (based on rail miles from Richmond) have been added to support users. Travelers curious about the surroundings will enjoy the MotorCities Wayside Exhibits posted along the trail.

Connections

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States: Michigan

Counties: Oakland

Length: 6.8miles

Trail end points: Haggerty Rd (West Bloomfield Twp) to Sylvan Manor Park/Clinton River Trail (West Bloomfield Twp)

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Mountain Biking, Walking,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

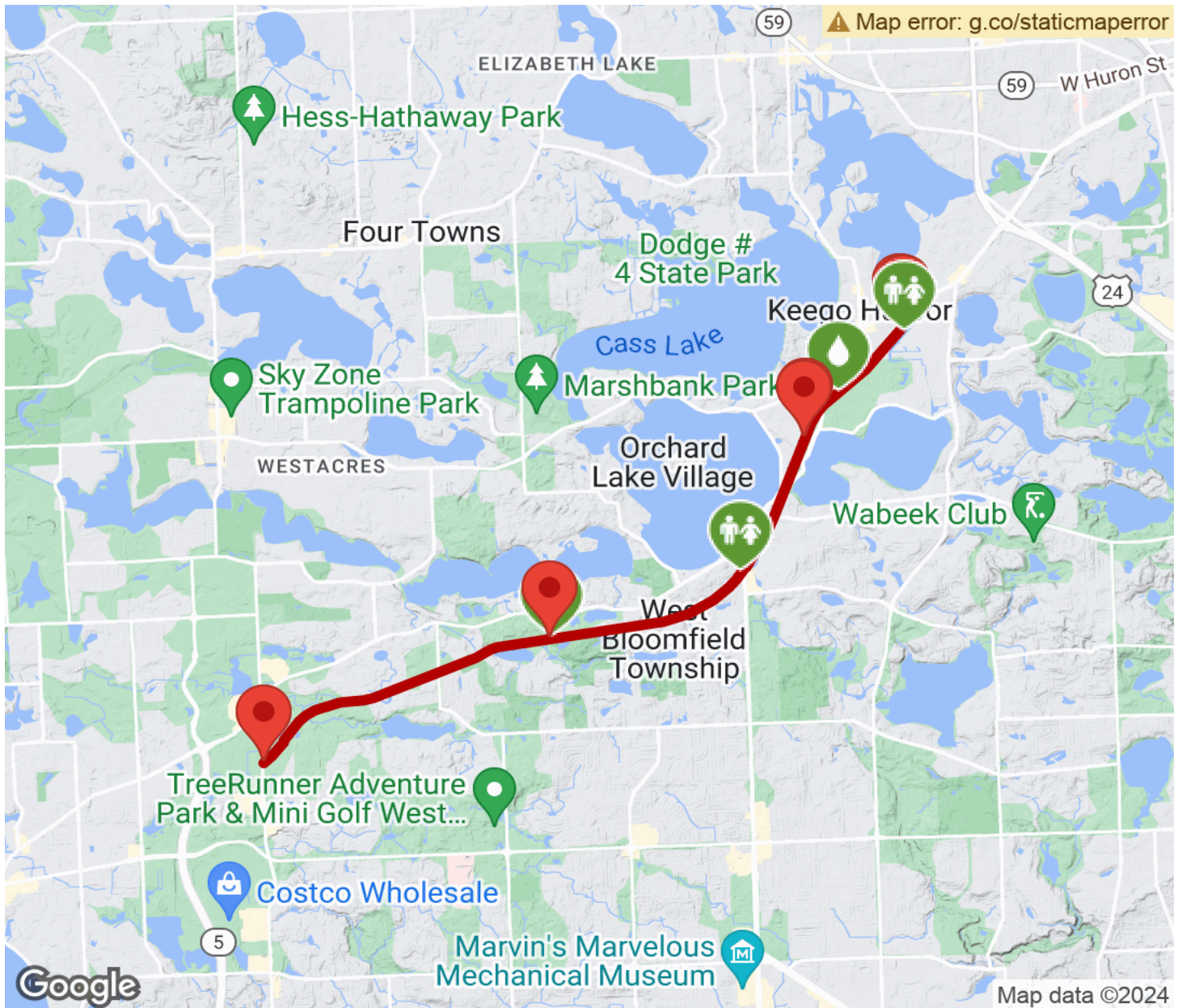
The West Bloomfield Trail runs between Haggerty Rd (West Bloomfield Twp), where it connects to the Michigan Air Line Trail, and the Sylvan Manor Park (2294 Woodrow Wilson Blvd, West Bloomfield), where it connects to the Clinton River Trail (West Bloomfield Twp).

Parking is available at both ends of the trail and along the route. Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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