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Clinton River Trail - Oakland County

Michigan

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on-road segment that circumnavigates a gap in the railroad corridor ownership in Pontiac.

The Clinton River Trail is a 16-mile recreational trail on an abandoned rail line through the heart of Oakland County, including the cities of Sylvan Lake, Pontiac, Auburn Hills, Rochester Hills and Rochester. The surrounding landscape includes downtowns, industry, residential areas and parks.

The trail roughly parallels, and frequently crosses, the Clinton River. It continues as the existing West Bloomfield Trail to the west and the Macomb Orchard Trail to the east. In Rochester, hop on the Paint Creek Trail via the Rochester Riverwalk to travel north to Lake Orion.

While primarily located on an abandoned railroad grade, the Clinton River Trail includes an approximately 4-mile

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States: Michigan

Counties: Oakland

Length: 16miles

Trail end points: West Bloomfield Trail at Woodrow Wilson Blvd. (Sylvan Lake) to Macomb Orchard Trail at Dequindre Rd. (Rochester)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Fishing,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

Parking for the Clinton River Trail is available in Sylvan Lake at Beaudette Park (Dawson's Mill Pond) off Orchard Lake Road.

In Pontiac, park at the trailhead where the trail crosses S. Opdyke Road. There is also a small parking lot on S. Livernois Road in Rochester Hills and under the S. Rochester Road/ State Route 150 bridge in Rochester.

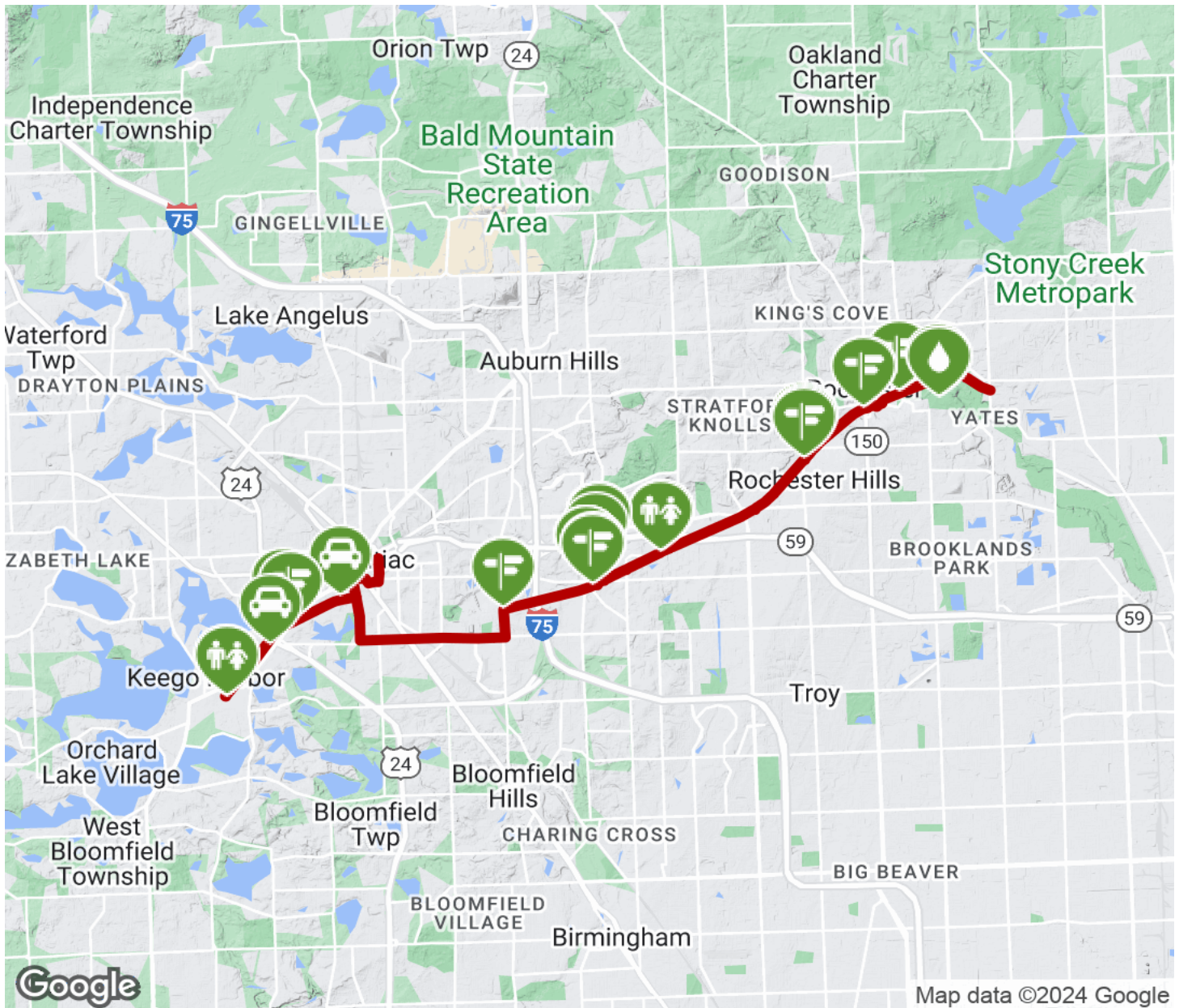The Leach Road trailhead features parking, a water fountain and restrooms.

A final trailhead can be found on Leach Drive at Bloomer Park.

Other small parking areas are scattered all along the trail. See the TrailLink map for details.

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Trailhead   **Restroom**   **Parking**   **Water Fountain**   **Tunnel**