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Guides



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connect to the [Rouge River Gateway Greenway](#), which stretches 20 miles through several western suburbs of Detroit. It is necessary to take that trail a short distance to circumvent a small gap in the I-275 Metro Trail.

Just north of Michigan Avenue in Canton, you can also connect to the 4-mile [Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail](#). Farther south, a link to the [Wayne County Metroparks Trail](#) allows trail users to visit the Lower Huron, Willow and Oakwoods Metroparks. Trail planners have also completed a [connection](#) to the [M-5 Metro Trail](#) to the north.

The I-275 Metro Trail began back in the 1970s as the Michigan Department of Transportation's response to the then-fuel crisis. The original trail linked Wayne, Oakland and Monroe counties along a 40-mile paved route that ran parallel to Interstate 275.

The trail was ahead of its time, but construction standards were not up to the standards of today's pedestrian and bike trails, and the path fell into disrepair. However, thanks to the efforts of MI DOT, along with volunteers, planners and recreation enthusiasts, the I-275 Metro Trail is now alive and well. The new and improved paved path runs between Novi in the north and New Boston in the south.

Along Hines Drive in Plymouth Township, you can



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**States:** Michigan

**Counties:** Oakland, Wayne

Length: 31.7 miles

**Trail end points:** Meadowbrook Rd. (Novi) to  
Willow Rd. (New Boston)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking, Cross  
Country Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

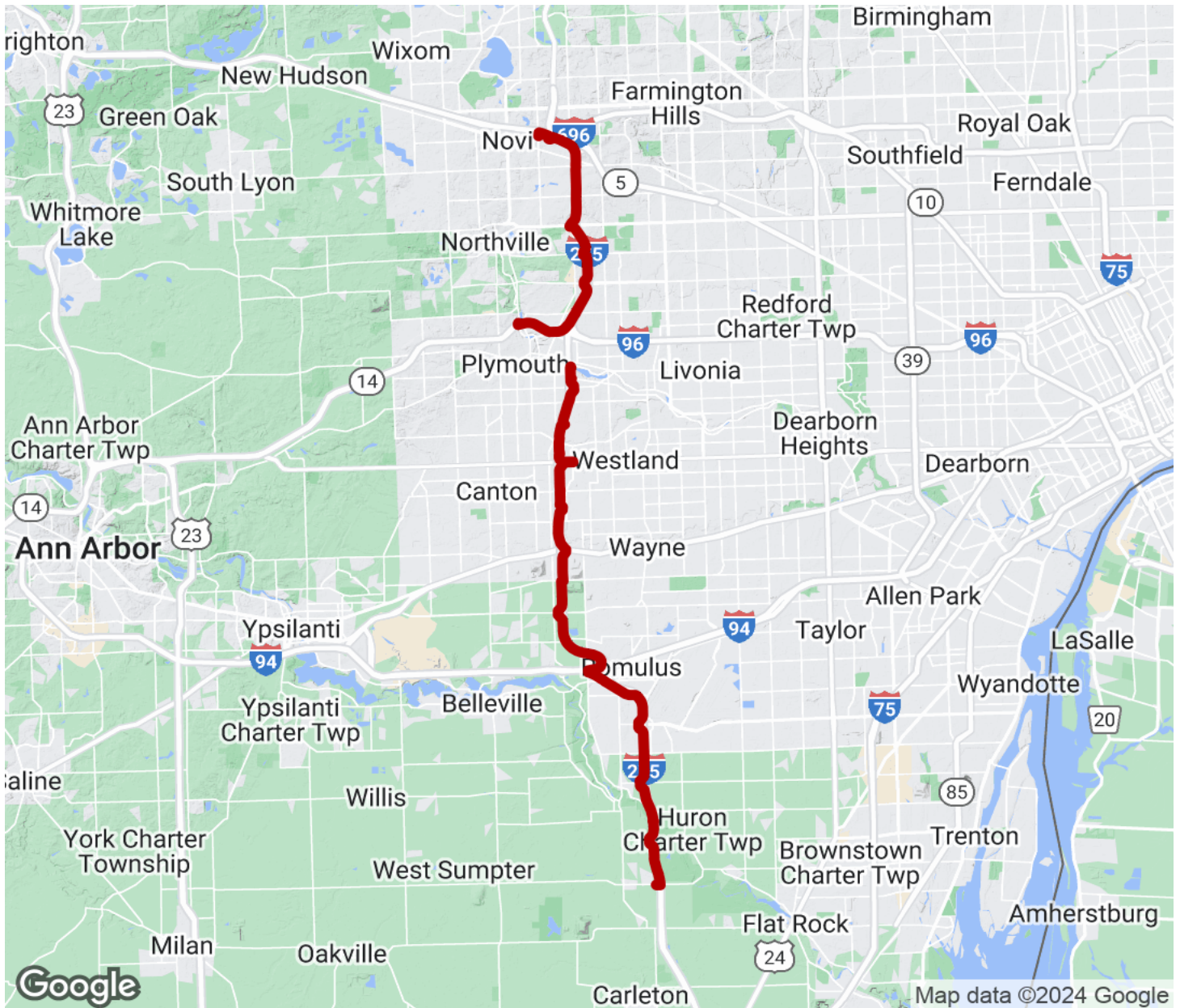
You can access the I-275 Metro Trail in numerous places along its route, including 8 Mile Road, Ann Arbor Road, Palmer Road and Michigan Avenue. However, there is no designated parking along this trail.

For more information, view the [TrailLink Map](#).



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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