



Lakeshore Trail

The Lakeshore Trail is Ottawa County's showpiece. The 20-mile paved bicycle path connects the communities of Grand Haven and Holland and allows you to travel from Grand Haven State Park to Holland State Park (two of Michigan's most popular beaches) on one continuous route. The trail is a separate non-motorized path that runs parallel to Lakeshore Drive and offers many recreational opportunities along the way. Aside from the famous state parks at either end, the trail travels through three Ottawa County beach parks and natural areas: Rosy Mound Natural Area, Kirk Park and Tunnel Park.

Along the route, the trail travels along a wall of rolling dunes surrounded by a protective canopy of trees in dense

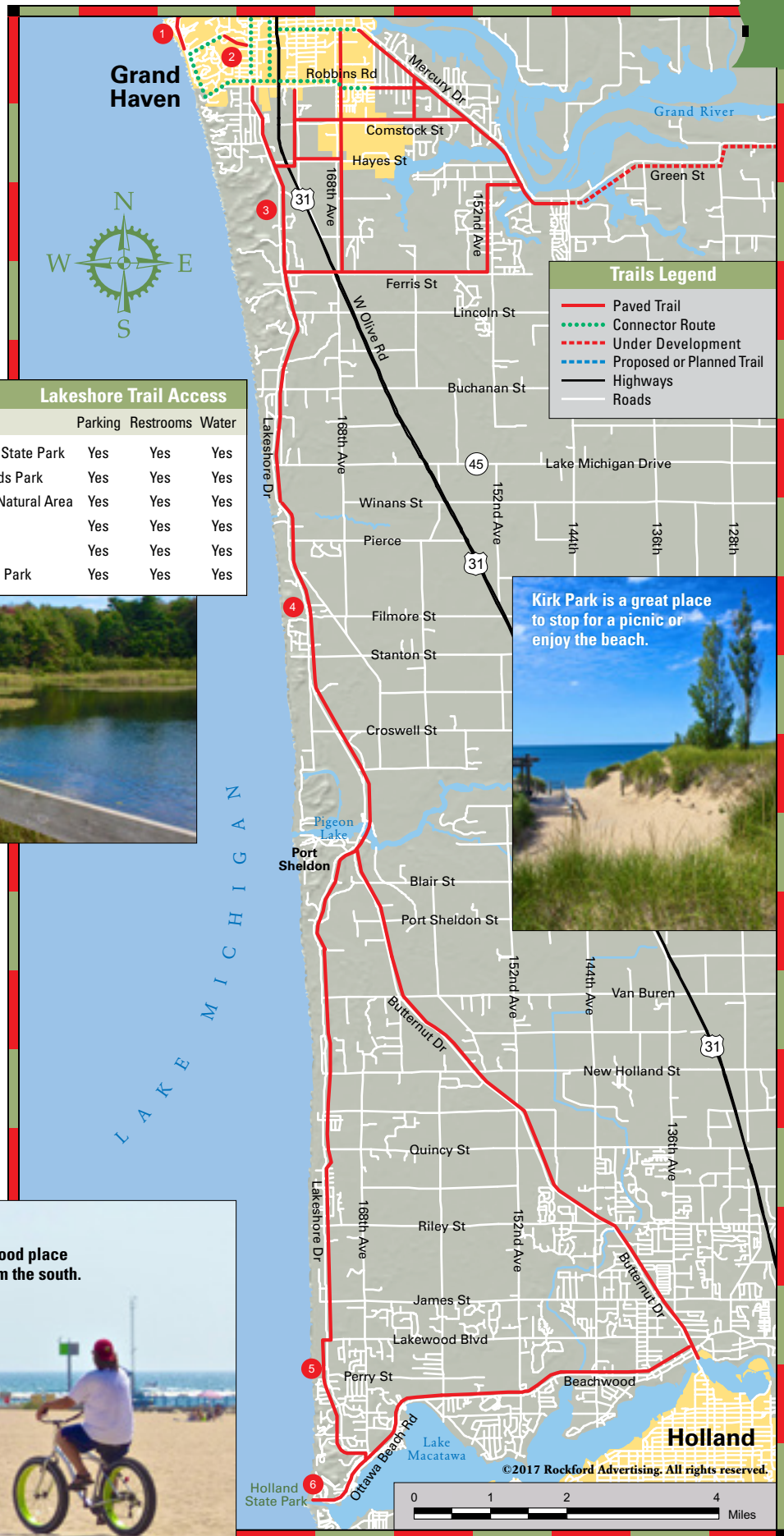
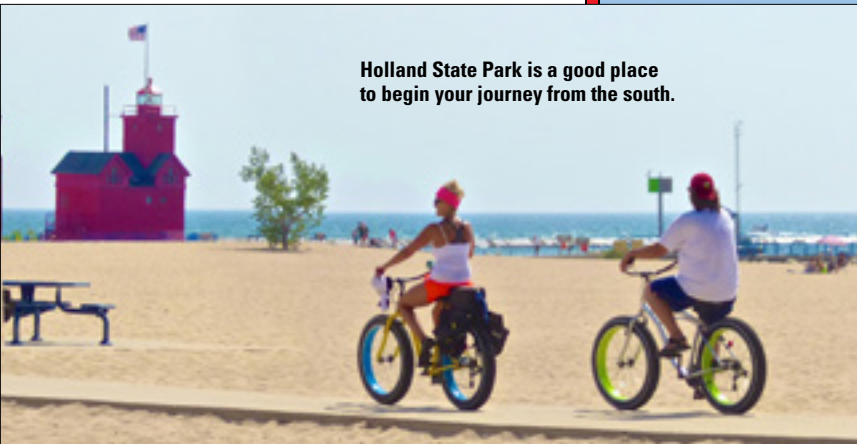
The trail crosses a boardwalk along the Pigeon Creek marsh in Port Sheldon.



foliage. Tunnel Park and Holland State Park are good access points if you would like to begin your trek from the south. At the north end of the trail, Rosy Mounds Natural Area is the best place to get on the trail. Kirk Park is a great midway point with a beautiful beach, nature trails, parking, restrooms, and picnic and playground areas.

A boardwalk along Pigeon Creek, south of Kirk Park, offers great views of a pristine wetland and natural area. Just south of the Pigeon Creek, an alternate eastern spur of the trail follows Butternut Drive to downtown Holland.

Holland State Park is a good place to begin your journey from the south.



Kirk Park is a great place to stop for a picnic or enjoy the beach.

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