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**Trails Legend**

- Paved Trail
- - - Connector Route
- Highways
- Roads

**Pere Marquette State Trail Access**

Access Site	Parking	Restrooms	Water
1 Evert Depot	Yes	Yes	Yes
2 Lake Station Depot	Yes	Portable	No
3 Farwell Staging Area	Yes	No	No
4 Farwell City Park	Yes	Yes	Yes
5 Moose Lodge Staging Area	Yes	No	No
6 Clare Depot	Yes	Yes	Yes

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### Pere Marquette State Trail Evert to Clare

The 28-mile section of the Pere Marquette State Trail from Evert to Moose Lodge Staging Area is paved with a smooth asphalt surface. The trail takes you on a scenic tour of changing topography and long expanses of natural beauty, traveling through two distinctly different landscapes.

The restored rail depot in Evert offers an excellent staging area with close proximity to stores, restaurants and Riverside Park. From the Muskegon River bridge, the trail passes through two tunnels as it gradually climbs a ridge and reaches its highest elevation as it crosses M-66. It then begins a gradual descent into a complex of lakes that surround the aptly named village of Lake Station.

This past summer, the rail depot in Lake Station was restored and a beautiful new staging area was built to host visitors. There's a general store and diner across the street. Just east of Lake Station you'll see a towering concrete "coal dock," a silent reminder of the steam locomotives that once powered down this historic rail line.



The 6-mile section from Lake Station to Farwell travels through some of the best scenery on the entire trail. You'll find several stores and restaurants as you ride through downtown Farwell. The trail ends (or begins) at a public parking area in front of the Moose Lodge on M-115 just west of Clare.

If you would like to continue east on the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail (see page 167), you will need to ride three miles along the shoulder on M-115 to where the eastern trail begins south of downtown Clare off McEwan Street.

Here's some exceptionally good news! The current void between the east and west sections of the Pere Marquette Trails (a.k.a. the Clare Gap), could be connected within the next couple of years. The City of Clare has secured a right-of-way around the railroad property and developed a plan to build a paved connecting path. They have secured local funding and applied for state grants to complete the project. Let's keep our fingers crossed.