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Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park

Established in 1995, the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park is the longest linear state park in Michigan. "The Great White Pine" stretches 93 miles from Comstock Park (near Grand Rapids) along the former Michigan Northern section of the Penn Central Railroad to Cadillac through 31 cities, villages and townships.

This will be an exciting year for everyone who loves the White Pine Trail. After decades of fundraising and planning, the ultimate dream of a fully developed trail is finally coming true. In the fall of 2022, the 8-mile section from Sand Lake to Howard City was completed. According to the crew, the second layer of asphalt contains a special rubber additive that will allow it to remain in good condition for a many years to come. During the summer of 2023 construction will begin on the remaining 22 miles of undeveloped trail from Howard City to Big Rapids. It should be completed by November and will also be surfaced with rubberized asphalt. We will keep an eye on construction and post updates on our Michigan Trails Facebook page.

When you head north on the White Pine Trail, you'll discover a quiet, scenic corridor that takes you through several trailside parks, quaint villages, farms, meadows, wetlands, shady tunnels of trees, wide expanses of unspoiled nature and, as advertised, towering stands of mature white pine forest.

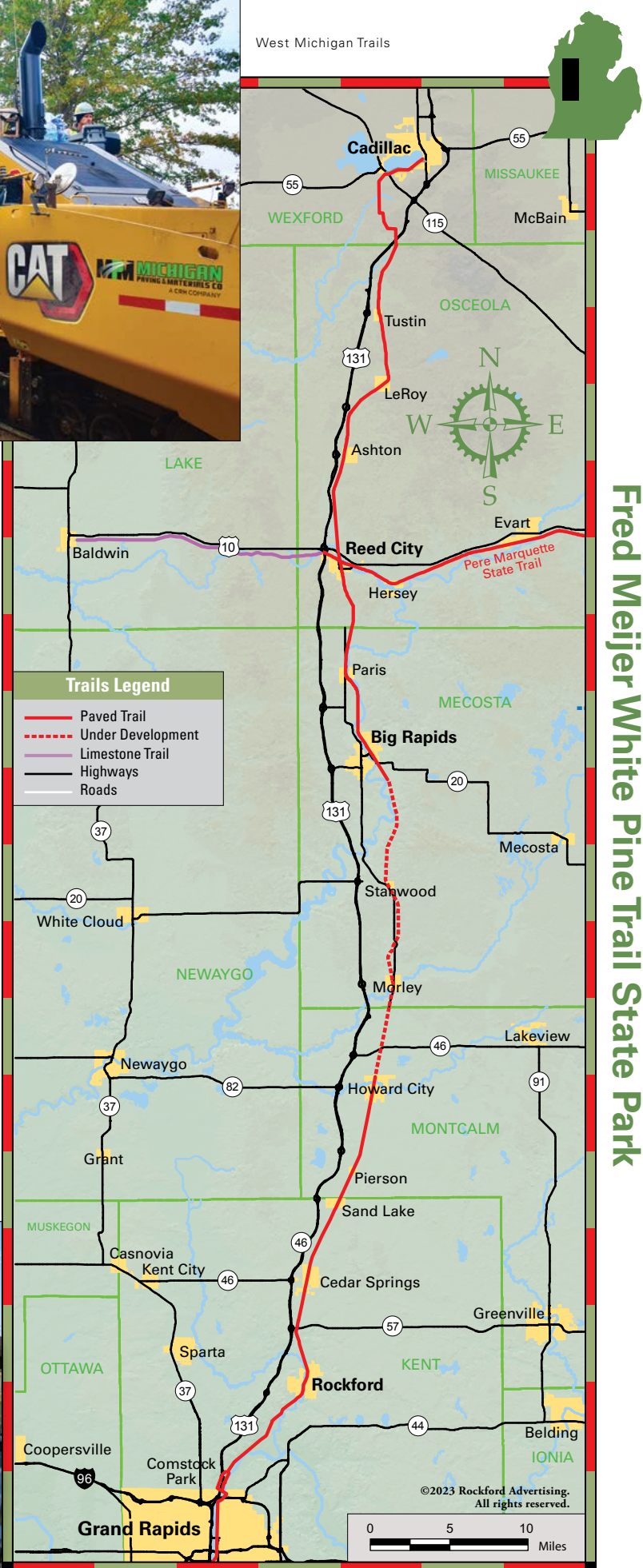
The entire length of trail runs parallel to US-131, providing easy access along its route. And because it was built on an abandoned railroad, the grade is fairly flat and well suited for people of all physical abilities. Each section of trail has its own natural features and unique personality. In the following pages we will introduce you to each section of this magnificent trail.

A new trailhead was completed in October 2022 at the northern end of the trail in downtown Cadillac.



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