

## Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park

## Reed City to Cadillac

The new Cadillac Commons Trailhead was built during the summer of 2022 and dedicated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 6, providing a great location to begin your journey from the northern end of the trail.

Completed in 2018, this 28.6-mile stretch of trail from Reed City to Cadillac travels through a variety of scenic landscapes, wildlife habitats and changes in elevation as the trail makes a gradual ascent from 1,032 to 1,332 feet above sea level. The 57.2-mile out-and-back ride between Reed City and Cadillac is a very popular day trip, and highly recommended.

From Reed City to LeRoy, your travels take you through shady stands of aspen, pine and mixed hardwoods and the tiny hamlet of Ashton. A tunnel just south of LeRoy marks the second highest elevation on the White Pine Trail. As you ride through the villages of LeRoy and Tustin, you'll find stores, restaurants, and museums near the trail.

From Tustin to Cadillac, the trail enters the Rose Lake watershed, crossing a wide expanse of open wetlands with plenty of opportunities to view birds, waterfowl and other wildlife. Further north, you'll travel through another wetland complex of ponds, bogs, and cedar and tamarack swamps. Several beaver lodges can be seen along the edges of the ponds and wetlands. After passing under US-131, the trail begins a steady climb to higher ground. The White Pine Trail ends (or begins) at the new trailhead in downtown Cadillac, where you'll find plenty of parking and easy access to stores, lodging and restaurants.





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