



Cross this bridge over Dutch Creek on the BayZil Rail Trail.

Photo by Melonie Light

## Bay County Riverwalk Trail System

Explore over 21 miles of paved trails in the beautiful Bay City area. The trail system consists of two sections: a northern rail trail that connects with Bay City State Recreation Area and Tobico Marsh Nature Preserve, and “the loop,” which encircles Bay City on an abandoned railway and a series of boardwalks along the Saginaw River.

Tobico Marsh, one of the largest remaining coastal wetlands on the Great Lakes, includes 3.5 miles of nature trails open to bicycles. To explore the 9.5-mile Bay City Loop, start at Veterans Memorial Park where you’ll see the remnants of Bay City’s shipbuilding era and the skeletons of two sunken ships.

## BayZil Rail Trail

The 6.2-mile BayZil (Bay City to Zilwaukee) Rail Trail opened in 2016. This is one of Michigan’s most beautiful trails, running parallel to the Saginaw River on an abandoned railbed through vast marshes teeming with waterfowl. Scenic and serene, you will love every inch of it. The Hotchkiss Road Trailhead offers the only public access. A new section of trail now continues north to Salzburg Road in Bay City. A southern connection to the Zilwaukee Pathway is under development.

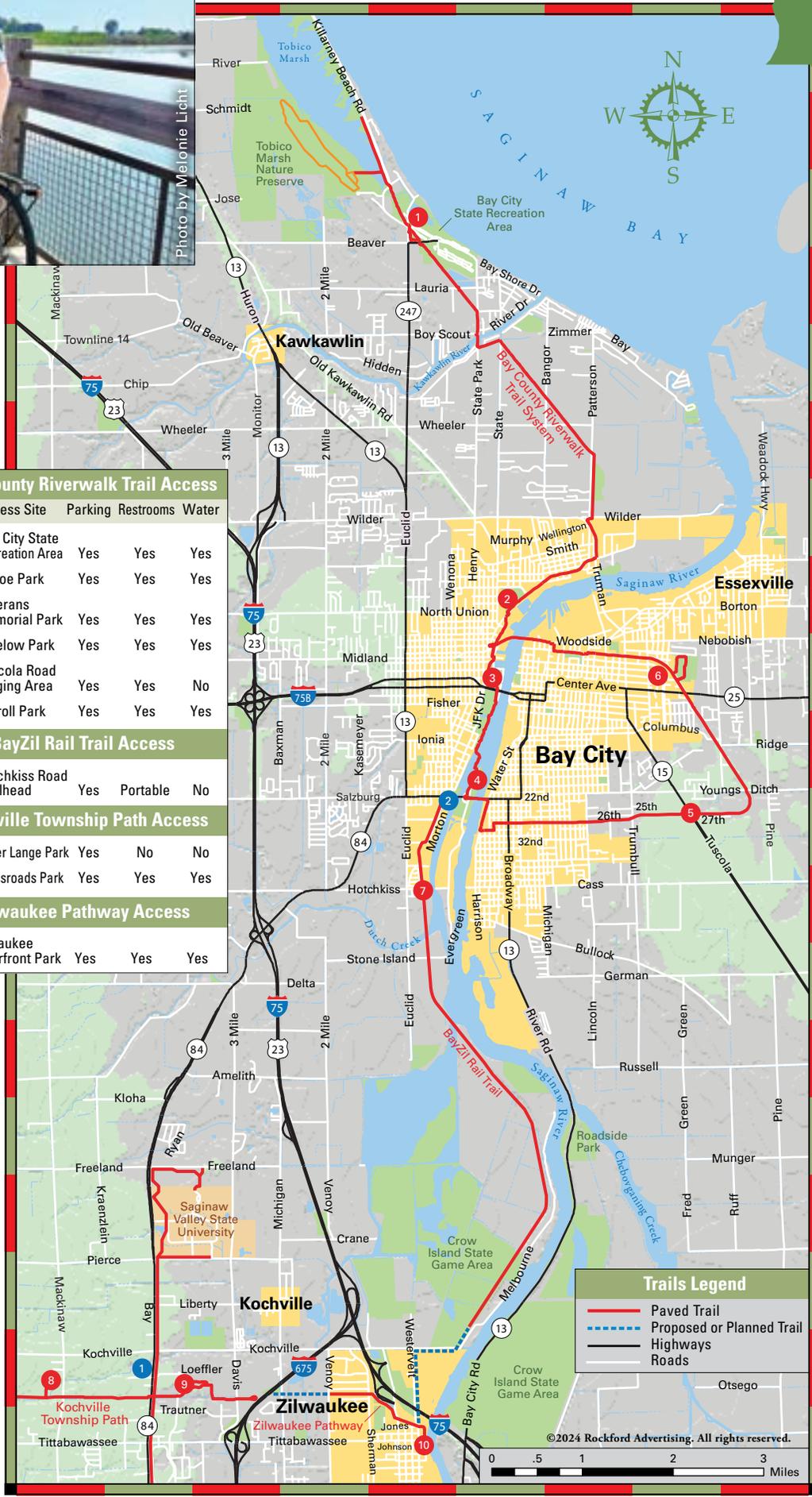
## Kochville Township Path

Ride or run on over 6 miles of paved nonmotorized trails connecting the campus of Saginaw Valley State University with Elmer Lange Park, a scenic loop at Krossroads Park, and west to Freeland.

## Zilwaukee Pathway

The 2-mile Zilwaukee Pathway is a paved nonmotorized trail that begins at Zilwaukee Riverfront Park and travels west by the Zilwaukee Bridge.

| Bay County Riverwalk Trail Access |         |           |       |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-----------|-------|
| Access Site                       | Parking | Restrooms | Water |
| 1 Bay City State Recreation Area  | Yes     | Yes       | Yes   |
| 2 DeFoe Park                      | Yes     | Yes       | Yes   |
| 3 Veterans Memorial Park          | Yes     | Yes       | Yes   |
| 4 Bigelow Park                    | Yes     | Yes       | Yes   |
| 5 Tuscola Road Staging Area       | Yes     | Yes       | No    |
| 6 Carroll Park                    | Yes     | Yes       | Yes   |
| BayZil Rail Trail Access          |         |           |       |
| 7 Hotchkiss Road Trailhead        | Yes     | Portable  | No    |
| Kochville Township Path Access    |         |           |       |
| 8 Elmer Lange Park                | Yes     | No        | No    |
| 9 Krossroads Park                 | Yes     | Yes       | Yes   |
| Zilwaukee Pathway Access          |         |           |       |
| 10 Zilwaukee Riverfront Park      | Yes     | Yes       | Yes   |



**Trails Legend**

- Paved Trail (Red line)
- Proposed or Planned Trail (Blue dashed line)
- Highways (Thick black line)
- Roads (Thin black line)

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