



# Lakeshore Trail

The Lakeshore Trail is Ottawa County's showpiece. The 20-mile paved pedestrian path 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 follows a ridge of rolling dunes surrounded by a protective canopy of shady trees. 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 Mound Natural Area offers the easiest access and an awesome nature trail that leads you through a heavily forested dune complex to the Lake Michigan shoreline. Kirk Park is a great midway point with a beautiful beach, nature trails, parking, restrooms, and picnic and playground areas.

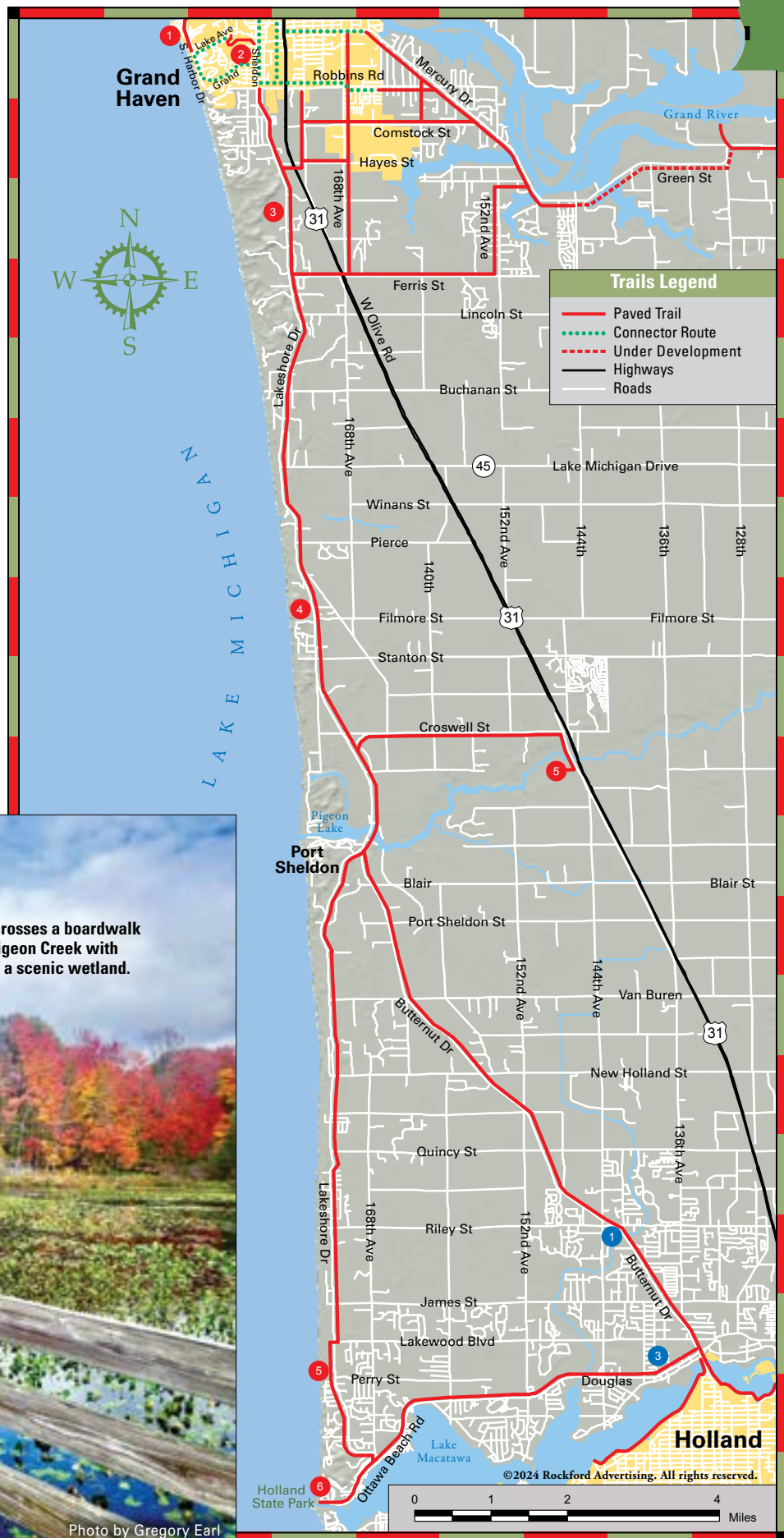
At Port Sheldon, a boardwalk crossing Pigeon Creek offers great views of a pristine wetland and natural area. Just south of Pigeon Creek, an alternate eastern spur of the trail follows Butternut Drive to downtown Holland.

Lakeshore Trail Access			
Access Site	Parking	Restrooms	Water
1 Grand Haven State Park	Yes	Yes	Yes
2 Duncan Woods Park	Yes	Yes	Yes
3 Rosy Mound Natural Area	Yes	Yes	Yes
4 Kirk Park	Yes	Yes	Yes
5 Hemlock Crossing Park	Yes	Yes	Yes
6 Tunnel Park	Yes	Yes	Yes
7 Holland State Park	Yes	Yes	Yes

The trail crosses a boardwalk over Pigeon Creek with views of a scenic wetland.



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