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Witness the picture-perfect scenery and small town charm of Portland as you explore the “City of Two Rivers” on the 15-mile Portland Riverwalk.

Just a short drive west of Lansing on I-96, the Portland Riverwalk is a network of paved trails consisting of a converted railway (the main spine of the trail) with three trail loops radiating from the main rail trail. Built on an abandoned railway that once connected Portland to Ionia and Lansing, the main rail trail begins just north of Portland High School and travels southeast over and along the Grand and Looking Glass rivers to Cutler Road. This well-maintained network of trails is a fun way to explore the many natural features, parks, bridges and the downtown shopping and dining district of this historic town.

To ride the entire Portland Riverwalk in one continuous trek, we recommend starting your journey at Portland High School. Park behind the high school next to the football stadium. The paved path begins on the east side of the stadium and leads to the main rail trail, which then

crosses east through a long tunnel of trees. Turn onto the first paved path on your left to take the loop through Bogue Flats Recreation Area along the edge of the Grand River. As the loop returns to the main trail, turn left and cross a steel truss railroad bridge over the Grand River. After you cross the bridge, you can continue on the main trail or turn right onto a short trail loop that takes you through Two Rivers Park at the convergence of the two rivers. A bridge over the Looking Glass River leads you to a board-

walk along the Grand River through downtown Portland. From Two Rivers Park, the loop rejoins the main rail trail, which continues southeast along the edge of the Looking Glass River and through a tunnel under I-96. When you reach Cutler Road, follow the paved trail along Cutler Road, and under and along I-96 to another historic steel truss bridge over the Grand River. The trail continues along the river through Powers Park and rejoins the main rail trail. Turn left and head west, passing by the historic Portland Co-op grainery, to return to your starting point.

You will find several good places to eat, shop or enjoy ice cream in downtown Portland. Lodging is available on the trail near the I-96 off ramp.



Pass by several historic buildings and bridges on the Portland Riverwalk. Farmer's Market every Saturday at the Red Mill, June-Oct, 8am-1pm.