


GENESEE COUNTY PARKS
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Whether you're looking to walk, run, hike, bike, or paddle, Genesee County Parks has terrain worth finding and scenery worth exploring.



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Flint River Trail

The Flint River Trail is a network of approximately 30 miles of paved nonmotorized pedestrian paths beginning at the University of Michigan – Flint Campus and passing along the north and south edges of the Flint River with two spurs that connect with Mott Community College and Kettering University.

This growing network of trails was built in several phases, with the first phase completed in the early 1980s. The newest 2.6-mile section of trail was completed in 2021 from Vassar Road to the middle of Richfield County Park. You will notice the different ages of the trail surface as you travel from the city's urban area north along the river through several parks and natural areas along Mott Lake. Stepping Stone Falls, a concrete water sculpture and part of a dam that created Mott Lake, is one of the highlights of this riverside tour.

Genesee Valley Trail

Mostly built on an abandoned railway that once served the epicenter of Michigan's automotive industry, the 8-mile Genesee Valley Trail now runs from Elms Park in Swartz Creek to Chevy Commons and historic "Carriage Town" near downtown Flint.

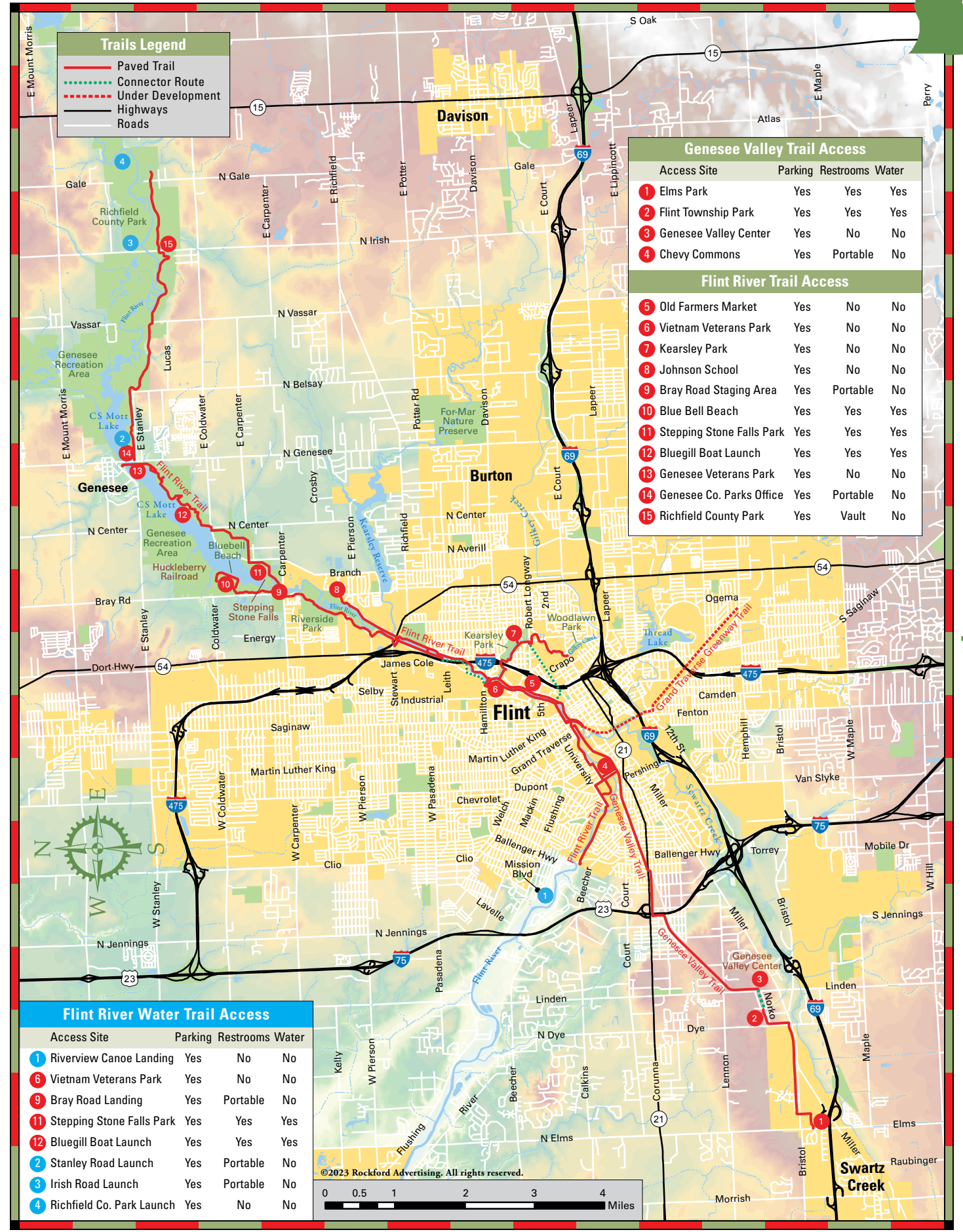
Carriage Town was the birthplace of General Motors and includes a museum and several historical kiosks. Chevy Commons is a new city park being developed on the site of the original Chevrolet assembly plant that was demolished several years ago. This nicely developed asphalt trail was thoughtfully designed with HAWK (High-intensity Activated crossWalk) signals to provide safe passage across busy city streets.

The newest 3.5-mile section of trail, from Elms Park to Flint Township Park, was completed in 2022. Please note: there is a small gap in the trail between Genesee Valley Center mall and Flint Township Park. To bridge this gap, you will need to ride a short distance along the shoulder of Norko Drive between Linden Road and Oneal Drive to where the paved path continues.

Flint River Water Trail

Flowing from the city of Lapeer to Montrose Township, 72 miles of the Flint River is a state-designated water trail, and currently awaiting designation as a National Water Trail by the National Park Service. The 20 miles of river shown on this map offer several good options for scenic paddle adventures.

A popular day trip, the section from Irish Road Launch to Stepping Stone Falls is a 7.8-mile journey following the flow of the river and along the south shore of Mott Lake. You will need to portage around the falls to continue your trip downstream. For detailed information on the entire Flint River Water Trail and current water advisories, visit: FlintRiver.org




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