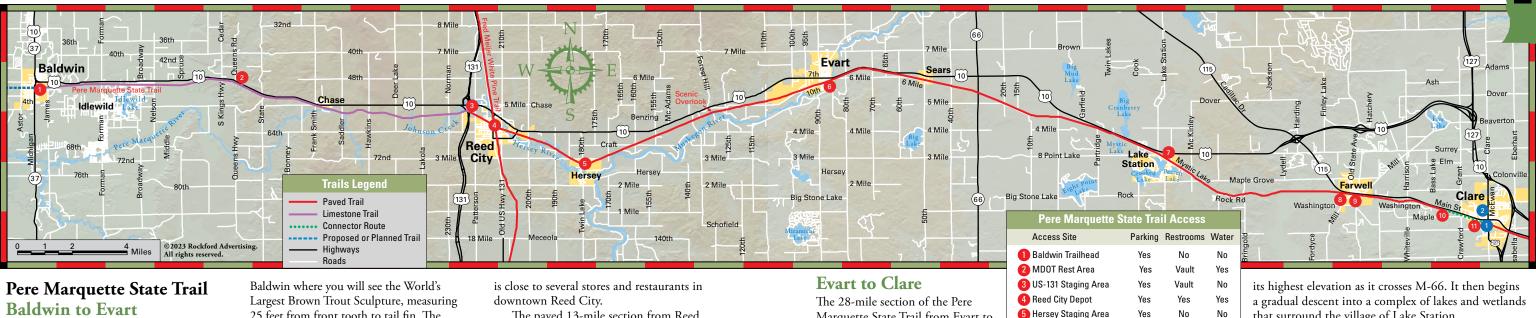
Yes

Yes

No

Yes

Portable



The 56-mile Pere Marquette State Trail slices through Michigan's midsection on a former CSX Railroad line from Baldwin to Clare. Along this route, you will encounter a diversity of landscapes as the trail takes you past woodlands, wetlands and farmland, with picturesque views of the Baldwin, Hersey and Muskegon rivers.

The 33-mile section from Baldwin to Evart begins at the trailhead in downtown

See location on map.

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25 feet from front tooth to tail fin. The trailhead is close to several stores, restaurants, lodging, an ice cream shop and a museum.

The 20-mile section from Baldwin to Reed City is surfaced with finely screened and compacted limestone. A staging area at the US-131/US-10 interchange offers convenient access to the trail. The Reed City Depot, at the intersection of the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail, is a great place to begin or conclude your ride, or stop for a picnic, and

The paved 13-mile section from Reed City to Evart follows along the Hersey and Muskegon rivers, passing by farms, pine groves and clusters of seasonal wild flowers. Halfway between Hersey and Evart, you'll discover a scenic overlook offering stunning views of the Muskegon River. A beautifully restored rail depot welcomes you to downtown Evart with convenient access to several stores and restaurants, and camping and picnicking at Riverside Park.

Marquette State Trail from Evart to Moose Lodge Staging Area is paved with a smooth asphalt surface. The trail takes you on a scenic tour with long expanses of natural beauty, traveling through two distinctly different landscapes.

The restored rail depot in Evart

offers an excellent staging area with close proximity to stores, restaurants and Riverside Park. From the Muskegon River bridge, the trail passes through two tunnels as it gradually climbs a ridge and reaches

6 Evart Depot

Lake Station Depot

Farwell City Park

(II) Clare Depot

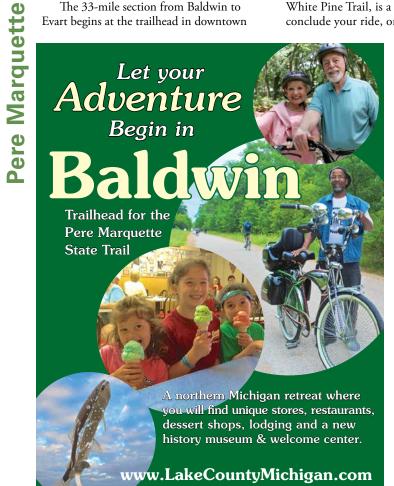
8 Farwell Staging Area

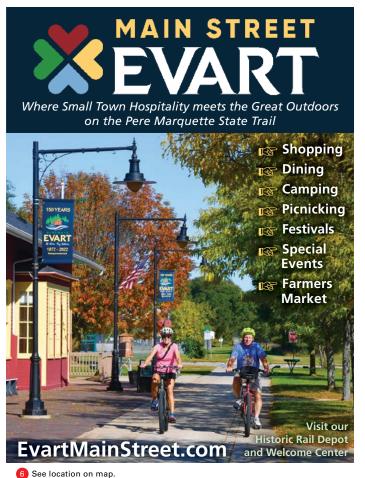
Moose Lodge Staging Area Yes

that surround the village of Lake Station.

The rail depot in Lake Station features a new staging area. Just east of Lake Station you'll see a towering concrete "coal dock," a silent reminder of the steam locomotives that once powered down this historic rail line. The trail ends (or begins) at a public parking area in front of the Moose Lodge on M-115 just west of Clare. To continue east on the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail to

Midland (see page 155), you will need to ride 2.3 miles along the shoulder on M-115 to where the eastern trail begins south of downtown Clare near the public library (look for the directional signs).











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