



Lime Lake is a great place to stop, relax and enjoy the beauty of this turquoise blue lake.

Photo by Scott Novak

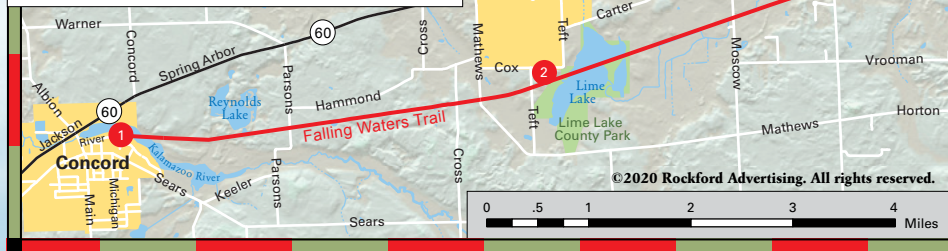


**Trails Legend**

- Paved Trail
- - - Connector Route
- - - Under Development
- Highways
- Roads

**Jackson Area Trails Access**

Access Site	Parking	Restrooms	Water
1 Concord Trailhead	Yes	Portable	No
2 Teft Road Staging Area	Yes	Vault	No
3 Weatherwax Trailhead	Yes	Portable	No
4 New Leaf Park	Yes	No	No
5 Howard Woods Park	Yes	Portable	No
6 Lions Park	Yes	Yes	Yes



Here's a ride you'll enjoy doing time and time again. We suggest starting in Concord and riding to the end of the ArtsWalk with a detour through Ella Sharp Park along the way. Stop for lunch in downtown Jackson. Then ride back with a scenic side trip through Cascade Falls Park.

**Falling Waters Trail**

The 10.6-mile Falling Waters Trail was built on an abandoned stretch of the former Michigan Central Railroad. The 12-foot-wide asphalt path is one of Michigan's most popular rail-trail destinations.

The trail travels through a geologic region of springs and lakes in Jackson County that form the headwaters of four major Michigan rivers. Native Americans called this area "The Land of Falling Waters." At the western trailhead in Concord, the trail crosses

a bridge over the Kalamazoo River where you can view a great expanse of marshy wetlands. One of the highlights of the trail is a causeway that runs through the middle of Lime Lake. This is a great place to stop, relax, view wildlife and enjoy the natural beauty of this turquoise blue lake. Along the way, the trail passes through a lush landscape of wetlands, shady woodlands and fields of corn and soybeans.

**Martin Luther King Equality Trail**

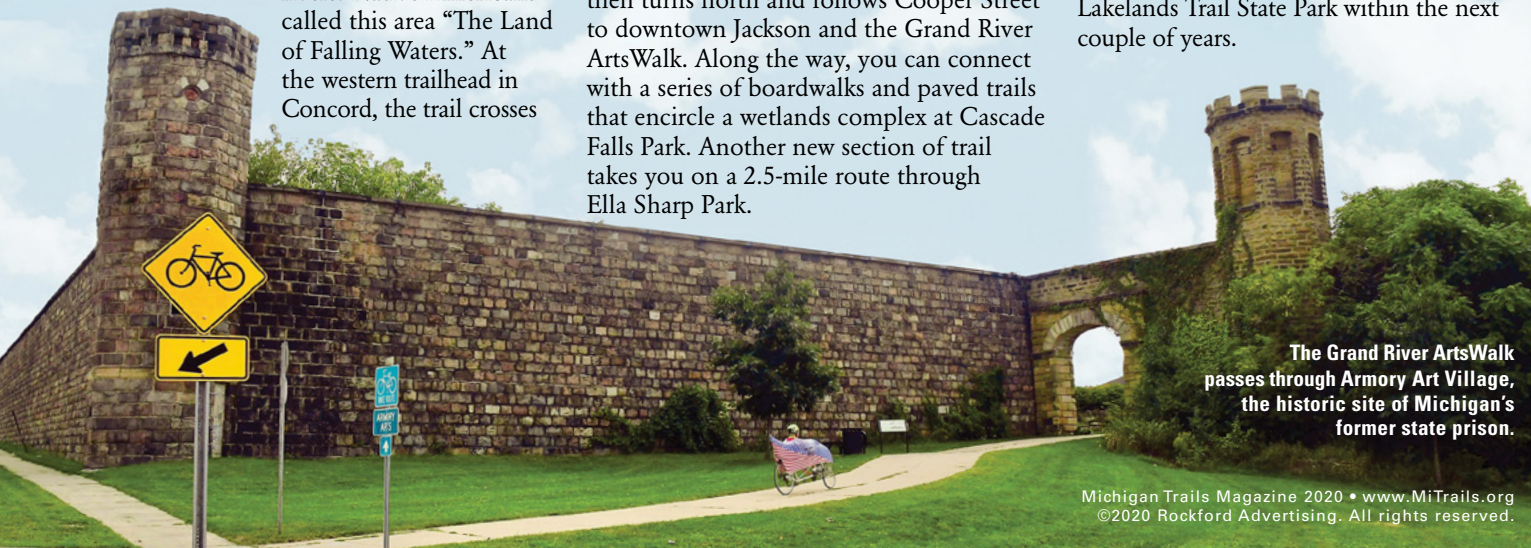
At Weatherwax Road, the trail changes its name to the Martin Luther King Equality Trail. This 3.4-mile section of trail travels through quiet suburban neighborhoods, then turns north and follows Cooper Street to downtown Jackson and the Grand River ArtsWalk. Along the way, you can connect with a series of boardwalks and paved trails that encircle a wetlands complex at Cascade Falls Park. Another new section of trail takes you on a 2.5-mile route through Ella Sharp Park.



The Martin Luther King Equality Trail was recently redeveloped with new pavement, lighting and grassy shoulders.

**Grand River ArtsWalk**

The Grand River Arts-Walk is a 1.5-mile paved trail that travels through Jackson's growing arts and entertainment district. The trail begins where Cooper Street meets the Grand River. From there, continue west on Michigan Avenue, then go north on Mechanic Street through the Armory Art Village. Follow the paved path north through the former state prison and along the banks of the Grand River. The Michigan DNR is currently working on a plan to extend the trail north to the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail State Park within the next couple of years.



The Grand River ArtsWalk passes through Armory Art Village, the historic site of Michigan's former state prison.