



Ride through a tunnel of trees along the Grand River in Comstock Park.

Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park

This will be an amazing year for everyone who loves the White Pine Trail. After decades of fundraising and planning (and lobbying), the ultimate dream of a fully developed trail is finally coming true. In the fall of 2023, the 22-mile unfinished section from Howard City to Big Rapids was nearly completed, paved with rubberized asphalt, and should be finished this summer or fall. During construction, three culverts collapsed under the weight of machinery, which delayed paving, and (pending engineering and permitting) must be replaced or repaired. One culvert between M-46 and Yankee Road will be replaced with a bridge. In a 3.5-mile section between Angling and New Millpond Roads (south of Big Rapids), one culvert will be replaced and the other repaired. Expect closures and/or detours for these sections if you're riding the trail this summer. Look for updates on our Michigan Trails Facebook page. All the other sections are ready to go!

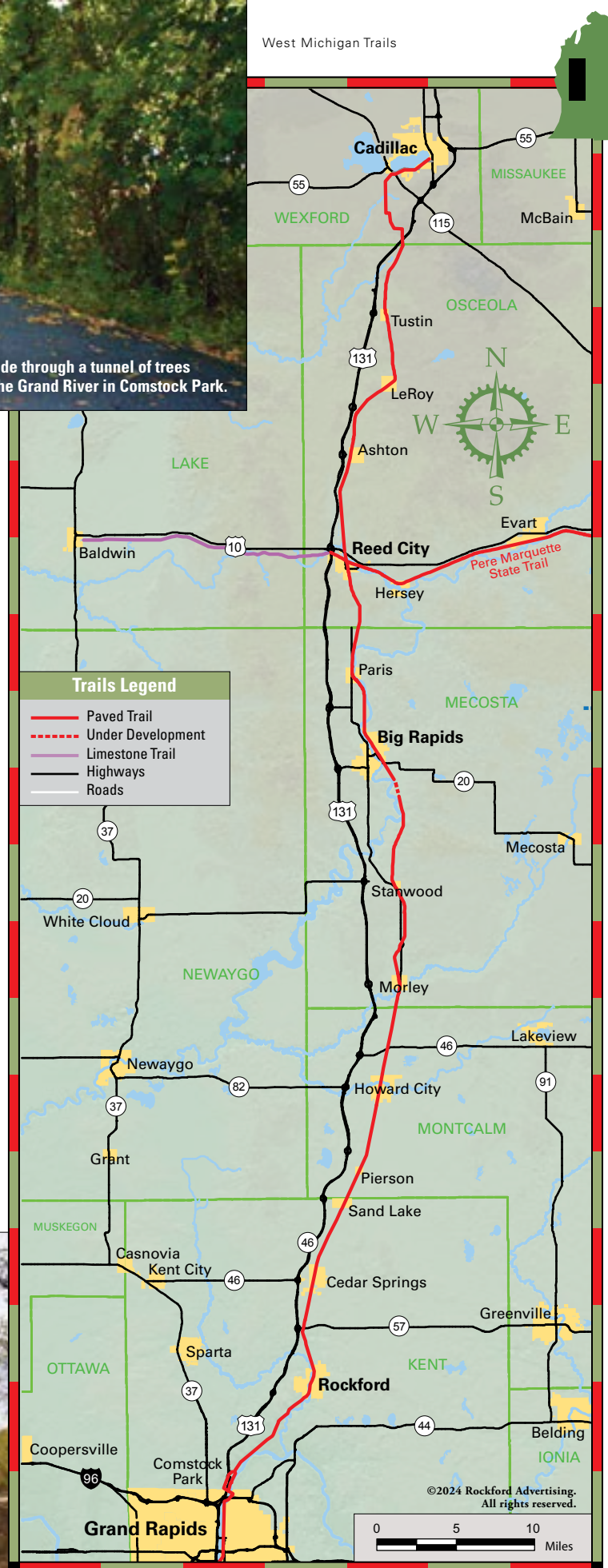
Established in 1995, the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park is the longest linear state park in Michigan. "The Great White Pine" stretches 93 miles from Comstock Park (near Grand Rapids) along the former Michigan Northern section of the Penn Central Railroad to Cadillac through 31 cities, villages and townships.

When you head north on the White Pine Trail, you'll discover a quiet, scenic corridor that takes you through several trailside parks, quaint villages, farms, meadows, wetlands, shady tunnels of trees, wide expanses of unspoiled nature and, as advertised, towering stands of mature white pine forest.

The entire length of trail runs parallel to US-131, providing easy access along its route. And because it was built on an abandoned railroad, the grade is fairly flat and well suited for people of all physical abilities. Each section of trail has its own natural features and unique personality. In the following pages we will introduce you to each section of this magnificent trail.



Most of the 22-mile section from Howard City to Big Rapids was paved with asphalt in 2023.



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