

The Betsie Valley Trail was built on the rail bed of the former Ann Arbor Railroad and is 22 miles long. It extends from Frankfort through Elberta and Beulah to Thompsonville in Benzie County. From Frankfort to Beulah the Trail is non-motorized year-round. All of it is excellent for bicycles and pedestrian use.

From Frankfort to Mollineaux Rd. (6 miles) is asphalt, then continues for 3 miles as crushed limestone along Crystal Lake into Beulah. A multi-year project is underway to pave the entire length Beulah to Thompsonville (12 miles). Currently, one mile from the Beulah trailhead is newly paved and funds have been raised to pave one mile from the Thompsonville trailhead. This segment will be paved in late 2026 or early 2027. The 10-mile segment in-between remains compacted aggregate trail is best ridden with a larger tired bicycle. This section is open to snowmobiles from December through March.

Pets are permitted on most parts of the Trail as long as they are on a leash and under control. **Pets (except service animals) are NOT permitted on the portion of the Trail between Mollineaux Road and Benzie Blvd in Beulah.**

The Trail is owned by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and is managed by the Betsie Valley Trailways Management Council of Benzie County. The Friends of the Betsie Valley Trail is a Michigan 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation formed in 1993 “to advocate, promote and encourage the development and successful operation of the Betsie Valley Trail.”

The Friends provide much of the funding and volunteer recruitment to help maintain the Trail. JOIN US!

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

The Betsie Valley Trail is a Benzie County jewel that simply cannot thrive without contributions – both monetary and volunteer – from trail users like you.

Please help keep this community resource beautiful, safe, and accessible by donating or volunteering. Together, we’re building a world-class trail in Benzie County that connects healthy and active communities!

DONATE NOW!



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Or send your check to the address on the front or visit betsievalleytrail.org to donate via Paypal.

Volunteer as a Trail Crew or Staff Member!

Visit betsievalleytrail.org/help or email us at info@betsievalleytrail.org

TRAIL MAP



**BETSIE
VALLEY
TRAIL**

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BENZIE COUNTY SHERIFF: 231-882-4484

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TRAIL CONDITION REPORTS: bvtcare@gmail.com

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TRAIL KEY

- Paved
- Crushed Limestone
- Aggregate
- Proposed Elberta Beach Extension
- Mile Marker
- Parking
- Trailhead & Visitors Center
- Restrooms

BEULAH
Benzie Blvd.
Spring Valley Street
BENZONIA
River Rd.
Homestead Rd.
Case Rd.

FRANKFORT
Leelanau Ave.
Forest Ave.
Main St.
Lake St.
ELBERTA
River Rd.

TRAIL DISTANCES

Frankfort Beach to Elberta	2 miles
Elberta to Mollineaux Rd.	5 miles
Mollineaux Rd. to Beulah	3 miles
Beulah to Pioneer Rd.	7 miles
Pioneer Rd. to Thompsonville	5 miles
TOTAL	22 miles

The Friends of the Betsie Valley Trail are raising funds for a multi-year project to pave the trail from Beulah to Thompsonville.

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