

## RAIL-TRAIL TIME LINE

- 1993 First 3 miles open in the City of Midland
- 1994 5.5 miles paved from Midland to Sanford
- 1995 Sanford to Coleman paved
- 1996 Clare Rails-to-Trails Committee requests support for MDNRE to purchase the railroad right-of-way
- 1997 Future Rail-Trail plan presented to City Commission is strongly supported
- 1998 Midland County transfers ownership to Isabella County
- 1999 Trail design and grant preparations begin
- 2000 Grant application for acquisition of recreation property submitted
- 2001 Coleman to US-127 paved
- 2002 Route study begins; decision made to withdraw construction grant in favor of developing a route utilizing the railroad right-of-way.
- 2003 Rail-Trail route approved; grant application for property acquisition resubmitted
- 2004 Grant application not approved; grant application for property acquisition resubmitted
- 2005 Grant application disqualified, reapplication process begins
- 2006 MDNRE Acquisition Grant approved; Start Survey/Design; construction begins on tunnel
- 2007 Work continues on tunnel
- 2008 Ribbon-cutting for Isabella County Rail-Trail tunnel; Phase I Study conducted; MNRTF development project approved
- 2009 MDOT hosts pre-construction conference; construction of the trail into downtown Clare commences; retaining walls and boardwalk substructure completed; paving completed; official Grand Opening Ceremony for the completion of Rail-Trail extension into downtown Clare

## Special Thanks To:

- City of Clare
- City of Clare Parks & Recreation
- Clare Area Rail-Trail Committee
- Clare County Community Foundation
- Clare County Parks & Recreation
- Doherty Family
- Dow
- Friends of the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail
- Great Lakes Central Railroad
- Isabella County Parks & Recreation
- MDNRE
- MDNRE Trust Fund
- MDOT
- Midland Area Community Foundation
- Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation

***And all of the countless people that helped to make the Rail-Trail possible!***



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# CITY OF CLARE Parks, Campground & Trails Guide



## CITY OF CLARE

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## PERE MARQUETTE RAIL-TRAIL

[www.lmb.org/pmrt](http://www.lmb.org/pmrt)

# CITY OF CLARE PARKS

## BROOKWOOD ATHLETIC COMPLEX



1629 Woodlawn

- Location:** Ann Arbor Trail, west side of town  
**Size:** 29.4 acres total, 8.8 acres owned/operated by the city
- Imagination Gateway Playground
  - 6 Tennis courts
  - One football field, bleachers, concessions
  - One ¼ mile track
  - One baseball field with practice cages, dugouts, bleachers
  - One softball field with practice cages, dugouts, bleachers
  - One adult softball field with lights
  - One full size soccer field with two goals
  - Locker rooms for home and away teams
  - Public rest room facilities
  - Concession stand

## CLARE MEMORIAL PARK (CITY PARK)



201 W. Fifth Street

- Location:** Southwest corner of Beech and West 5th Street, across from city hall  
**Size:** .8 acre
- Gazebo - 27' diameter
  - Picnic tables, grill, benches, and water fountain

## SHAMROCK PARK



221 Wilcox Parkway / 231 Wilcox Parkway

- Location:** South shore of Lake Shamrock, just east of McEwan Street  
**Size:** 9.8 acres
- One lighted Little League baseball diamond with bleachers, concession stand
  - Large pavilion 120' x 60'
  - Medium pavilion 48' x 24'
  - Restroom facility
  - New playground equipment area with benches plus other playground equipment around the park
  - Picnic tables, grills, storage building
  - Fishing access to Shamrock Lake (62 acres)
  - Ice-skating rink (seasonal)

## STAMINA STADIUM SPORT PARK



820 Schoolcrest Avenue

- Location:** East end of Schoolcrest Drive  
**Size:** 13.2 acres
- 4 fenced baseball / softball diamonds
  - 1 fenced T-ball field
  - Concession, storage, rest room building, bleachers
  - Batting cages
  - Adjacent to McIreland Nature Trail

## McIRELAND NATURE TRAILS



- Location:** Adjacent to Stamina Stadium  
**Size:** .5 mile
- Bridges over Tobacco River drainage
  - Several benches for wildlife viewing opportunities

## MAPLE STREET PARK



- Location:** Corner of Maple and Third Street
- Features playground equipment
  - Simulated rock climbing wall

## PETTIT PARK CAMPGROUND

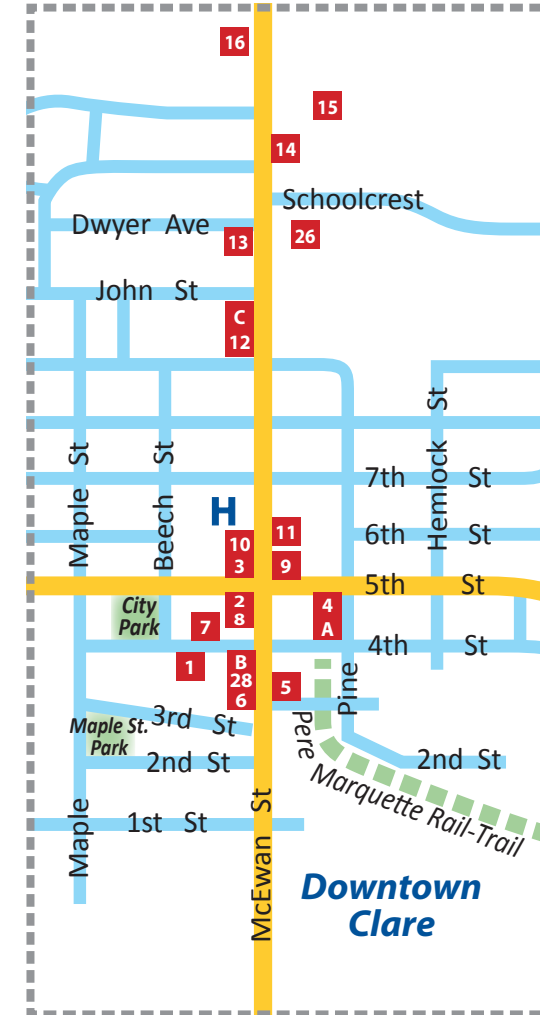


1551 N. McEwan Street

- Location:** On west side of McEwan at the Tobacco River  
**Size:** 5 acres
- 21 campground sites, 16 with electric and water hookups, some fire rings
  - City water available
  - Playground structure & equipment
  - Picnic area with grills, horseshoe pits
  - Sanitation station
  - Accessible rest room facility
  - Accessible fishing pier
  - Coin operated showers
  - Pavilion 56' x 30'

CITY PARKS LEGEND			
	Picnic Tables		Fishing
	Playground		Sports Complex
	Walking Trails		Rest Rooms
	Tent Camping		Sanitation Station
	RV Camping		

**Please note:** Overnight camping is prohibited in all Clare City parks except for Pettit Park. Curfew in all parks is 10 p.m. Alcohol is prohibited in all city parks. Contact Clare City Hall at (989) 386-7541.



### POINTS OF INTEREST

BAKERIES & COFFEE SHOPS	
1	JT Bakers ..... 424-5102
2	Cops & Doughnuts ..... 386-2241
3	Maxwell's Flowers & Gifts ..... 386-7742
CAFÉS, RESTAURANTS, & PUBS	
4	Herrick House & Mulberry Café ..... 386-6120
5	Subway (South end) ..... 802-0931
6	Ruckle's Pier ..... 386-9531
7	The Evening Post (formerly Bob's Lounge) . . . 386-7884
8	The Traffic Stop Diner ..... 386-2241
9	Doherty Hotel ..... 386-3441
10	Whitehouse Restaurant ..... 386-9551
11	Little Caesar's Pizza ..... 802-0399
12	Hungry Howie's Pizza & Subs ..... 386-2345
13	Dairy Phil Ice Cream Parlor ..... 386-2647
14	Gateway Lanes & The Lounge ..... 386-2201
15	Hoa Wang Restaurant ..... 386-4840
16	Bucilli's Pizza ..... 386-7231
17	KFC/Taco Bell ..... 386-9481
18	Mancino's Pizza & Grinders ..... 386-6000
19	Wendy's ..... 386-3311
20	Ponderosa Steakhouse ..... 386-7017
21	McDonald's ..... 386-7472
22	Arby's ..... 386-2161
23	Big Boy ..... 386-4525
24	Burger King ..... 386-3460
25	Subway (North end) ..... 386-3363
GROCERIES & DELIS	
26	Witbeck's Family Foods ..... 386-7591
27	Value Land ..... 386-4014
BICYCLES, BIKE PARTS AND REPAIR	
28	Ray's Bike Shop ..... 386-3200
OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST	
A	Public Computers & Rest Rooms ..... 386-7576
B	Clare Area Chamber ..... 386-2442
C	Downtown Laundromat ..... 386-3655
D	Pettit Park Campground ..... 386-7541
E	Clare Municipal Airport ..... 386-0445

EMERGENCY  
Police • Fire • Hospital  
911

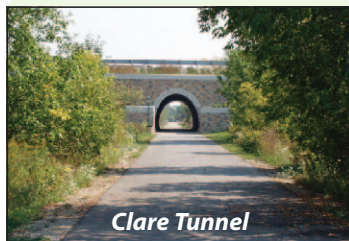
### Pere Marquette Rail-Trail

Since its opening in 1993, the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail of Mid-Michigan has been used extensively by people of all ages for walking, running, bicycling and in-line skating. It has also been used for transportation to work, shopping, and recreational events. Family use has been particularly evident, as well as use by both senior citizens and youth.


The Rail-Trail protects the historical integrity of the old Flint & Pere Marquette Railway, including its unique bridges. It provides access to rivers, parks and historical areas.

The Rail-Trail stretches from downtown Midland into downtown Clare. It continues west of Clare at the Moose Lodge, and is paved to Reed City. Beyond that, the trail continues, but is not currently paved.

For more information, visit: [www.lmb.org/pmrt](http://www.lmb.org/pmrt)



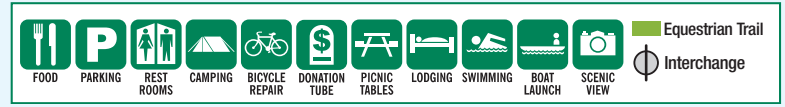
Clare Tunnel



#### Rail-Trail Etiquette

- Keep right except to pass
- Yield to slower traffic
- Always travel at safe speeds
- Don't block the trail
- Dogs must be on a leash
- Please help keep the trail clean
- Alert others when passing by using voice or bell

*We Value Your Input!*  
 Please call us with any questions or comments.  
**989-386-7541**  
 Thanks,  
 Clare Parks & Recreation



# PETTIT PARK CAMPGROUND



Picnic  
Tables



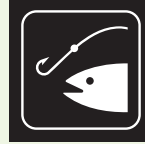
RV  
Camping



Tent  
Camping



Playground  
Equipment



Fishing  
Pier



Restroom



Dump  
Station



**Pettit Park**, located along the Tobacco River, offers both day and overnight use. The park includes a total of 21 campsites, with 16 electric sites and 5 non-electric sites. The park also has playground equipment, picnicking areas, an accessible fishing pier, horseshoe pits, restrooms, and showers. Individual campsites are available on a first come first serve basis, with reservations being taken for parties reserving a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 campsites.

*All City of Clare park areas are open May 1-November 30, so grab your friends and family and head outdoors!*



## Highlights

- 21 campground sites, 16 with electric and water hookups, some fire rings
- Playground structure and equipment
- Rentable Pavilion
- Horseshoe pits
- Picnic area with grills
- Sanitation station
- Accessible rest room facility
- Coin Operated Showers
- Accessible fishing pier

**Pettit Park Campground, located at 1551 N. McEwan St. in Clare, is owned and operated by the City of Clare**

Contact: Parks and Recreation Director

989-386-7541, ext. 213

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*Parks are open May 1 to November 30 annually.*

*Weather permitting, parks may be opened earlier. Please call ahead during the off season.*