

Kent County Railroad Tables

Adapted from *Along the Tracks* by Graydon M. Meints

Grand Rapids & Indiana RR

Muskegon Branch

Name	Mileage between stops	Section Number	Range Number	Township Number	Township
Muskegon Junction	0.0	13	07N	12W	Walker
Bristol	4.4	10	07N	12W	Walker
Kinney	7.4	08	07N	12W	Walker

Grand Rapids to Mackinaw City

Name	Mileage between stops	Section Number	Range Number	Township Number	Township
Grand Rapids	234.0	25	07N	12W	Walker
Winter St.	234.7	25	07N	12W	Walker
Bridge St.	235.1	25	07N	12W	Walker
Muskegon Junction	236.6	13	07N	12W	Walker
Fuller	236.9	13	07N	12W	Walker
Comstock Park	239.4	36	08N	12W	Alpine
Belmont	243.7	16	08N	11W	Plainfield
S. Rockford	246.3	02	08N	11W	Plainfield
Rockford	247.9	36	09N	11W	Algoma
Edgerton	250.8	13	09N	11W	Algoma
Burch's Mill	253.0	01	09N	11W	Algoma
Cedar Springs	255.2	25	10N	11W	Solon
Lockwood	257.8	18	10N	10W	Nelson
Sand Lake	260.3	05	10N	10W	Nelson

Fort Wayne to Grand Rapids

Name	Mileage between stops	Section Number	Range Number	Township Number	Township
Ross	221.0	26	05N	12W	Byron
Stewart's	222.7	23	05N	12W	Byron
Carlisle	224.3	12	05N	12W	Byron
Fisher	227.5	36	06N	12W	Wyoming
Solvay	229.0	25	06N	12W	Wyoming
Plaster Creek Jct.	231.2	13	06N	12W	Wyoming
S. Grand Rapids	231.6	01	06N	12W	Wyoming
Hughart	232.1	01	06N	12W	Wyoming
Second Ave.	233.2	36	07N	12W	Walker
Bartlett St.	233.6	25	07N	12W	Walker
Williams St.	233.7	25	07N	12W	Walker
Grand Rapids	234.0	25	07N	12W	Walker

Madison Square Branch

Name	Mileage between stops	Section Number	Range Number	Township Number	Township
Plaster Creek Jct.	0.0	13	06N	12W	Wyoming
Godfrey Ave.	2.2	36	07N	12W	Walker
Bartlett St.	3.1	25	07N	12W	Walker

Grand Trunk & Western RR

Ashley to Muskegon

Name	Mileage between stops	Section Number	Range Number	Township Number	Township
Lincoln Lake	45.7	02	09N	09W	Oakfield
Harvard	49.1	06	09N	10W	Oakfield
Evans	50.9	02	09N	10W	Courtland
Sheffield	52.6	04	09N	10W	Courtland
Cedar Springs	56.4	31	10N	10W	Solon
Reeds	61.4	05	09N	11W	Algoma
Camp Lake	63.3	12	09N	12W	Sparta
Saxon	65.3	14	09N	12W	Sparta
Sparta	65.5	14	09N	12W	Sparta
Gooding	69.7	18	09N	12W	Sparta

Grand Haven to Detroit

Name	Mileage between stops	Section Number	Range Number	Township Number	Township
Malta	139.0	11	06N	09W	Lowell
Lowell	139.4	11	06N	09W	Lowell
Ada	148.0	34	07N	10W	Ada
Dewey	152.6	26	07N	11W	Grand Rapids
Lafayette	157.0	19	07N	12W	Walker
Grand Rapids	157.5	19	07N	12W	Walker
Plainfield	157.6	18	07N	12W	Walker
Terminal Junction	158.2	24	07N	12W	Walker
Fuller	158.9	13	07N	12W	Walker
Indian Creek	163.1	06	07N	12W	Walker

Lake Shore & Michigan Southern RR

White Pigeon to Grand Rapids

Name	Mileage between stops	Section Number	Range Number	Township Number	Township
Bryon Center	82.6	21	05N	12W	Byron
North Byron	85.2	04	05N	12W	Byron
Wentworth	88.7	16	06N	12W	Wyoming
Kelly's	89.8	09	06N	12W	Wyoming
Lamar	91.1	03	06N	12W	Wyoming
Eagle Mills	92.5	34	07N	12W	Walker
Grand Rapids	94.5	25	07N	12W	Walker

Michigan Central RR

Jackson to Grand Rapids

Name	Mileage between stops	Section Number	Range Number	Township Number	Township
Caledonia	79.8	29	05N	10W	Caledonia
Dutton	84.0	11	05N	11W	Gaines
Bowen	87.9	28	06N	11W	Paris
Fair Grounds	90.0	18	06N	11W	Paris
S. Grand Rapids	92.2	01	06N	12W	Grand Rapids
Hughart	92.6	01	06N	12W	Grand Rapids
Franklin St.	93.5	36	07N	12W	Walker
Second Ave.	93.7	36	07N	12W	Walker
Bartlett St.	94.1	25	07N	12W	Walker
Grand Rapids	94.4	25	07N	12W	Walker

Pere Marquette RR

Detroit to Grand Rapids

Name	Mileage between stops	Section Number	Range Number	Township Number	Township
Elmdale	130.4	01	05N	09W	Bowne
Alto	133.9	04	05N	09W	Bowne
Brannin	135.2	32	06N	09W	Lowell
McCords	137.3	35	06N	10W	Cascade
Whitneyville		26	06N	10W	Cascade
Cascade	141.0		06N	10W	Cascade
Fox	142.5	19	06N	10W	Cascade
East Paris	144.0	14	06N	11W	Paris
Seymour	148.1	08	07N	11W	Grand Rapids
Oakdale	149.2	05	07N	11W	Grand Rapids
Pleasant St.	151.5	36	07N	12W	Walker
Wealthy St.	151.6	25	07N	12W	Walker
Grand Rapids		25	07N	12W	Walker
Sunnyside	152	36	07N	12W	Walker

Edmore to Freeport

Name	Mileage between stops	Section Number	Range Number	Township Number	Township
Moseley	96.6	35	08N	09W	Grattan
Lowell	104.1	02	06N	09W	Lowell
Malta	104.9	11	06N	09W	Lowell
Pratt Lake	107.0	25	06N	09W	Lowell
Hillcrest	109.2	36	06N	09W	Lowell
Elmdale	110.5	01	05N	09W	Bowne
Elkerton	111.6	12	05N	09W	Bowne
Logan	113.3	24	05N	09W	Bowne

Grand Ledge to Howard City

Name	Mileage between stops	Section Number	Range Number	Township Number	Township
Dickson	N/A	N/A	10N	09W	Spencer

Grand Rapids to Bay View

Name	Mileage between stops	Section Number	Range Number	Township Number	Township
Sunnyside	0.0	36	07N	12W	Walker
Front St.	0.3	25	07N	12W	Walker
Winter St.	0.8	25	07N	12W	Walker
W. Grand Rapids	1.2	25	07N	12W	Walker
Fourth St.	1.5	24	07N	12W	Walker
Fuller	3.0	13	07N	12W	Walker
Park	4.9	01	07N	12W	Walker
Soldiers Home	5.1	06	08N	12W	Alpine
Comstock Park	5.5	36	08N	12W	Alpine
O'Brien	6.9	25	08N	12W	Alpine
Alpine	8.6	24	08N	12W	Alpine
Englishville	11.6	01	08N	12W	Alpine
Sparta	14.9	14	09N	12W	Sparta
Saginaw Crossing	15.2	14	09N	12W	Sparta
Kent City	20.0	33	10N	12W	Tyrone

Grand Rapids to Chicago

Name	Mileage between stops	Section Number	Range Number	Township Number	Township
Grand Rapids	0.0	25	07N	12W	Walker
Williams St.	0.3	25	07N	12W	Walker
Wealthy St.	0.4	25	07N	12W	Walker
Sunnyside	0.7	36	07N	12W	Walker
Godfrey	0.8	36	07N	12W	Walker
Plaster Creek	1.8	02	06N	12W	Wyoming
Wyoming	2.5	02	06N	12W	Wyoming
Lamar	3.5	03	06N	12W	Wyoming
Ivanrest	4.9	09	06N	12W	Wyoming
Grandville	6.0	18	06N	12W	Wyoming

Grand Rapids to Reeds Lake

Name	Mileage between stops	Section Number	Range Number	Township Number	Township
Oakdale	0.0	05	07N	11W	Grand Rapids
Reeds Lake	2.5	34	07N	11W	Grand Rapids

Compiled by Kevin Nauta from:

Along the Tracks: A Dictionary of Named Places on Michigan Railroads, by Graydon M. Meints. Clarke Historical Library, Central Michigan University. 1987.

Michigan Place Names, by Walter Romig. Wayne State University Press. 1986.

Nauta alerts readers: Per his introduction, Meints says that the vast majority of the named places he lists were depots, flag stops, or freight stations. The rest were places that were locations of railroad operations—sidings, yards, junctions, railroad crossings, and signal towers. He does not in his listings differentiate which was which.

The Fox name is still used by the railroad today to refer to a set geographic. Fox isn't the only one—Seymour, Lamar, Sunnyside, and Plaster Creek are still used as landmarks as well. To complicate things further, Saginaw Crossing (Grand Trunk) and Saxon (Pere Marquette) are the same place, according to Meints. So are Second Avenue (Grand Rapids & Indiana and Michigan Central) and Pleasant Street (Pere Marquette). Just as railroads and post offices occasionally called the same place by different names, apparently competing railroads didn't always agree what to call things either.