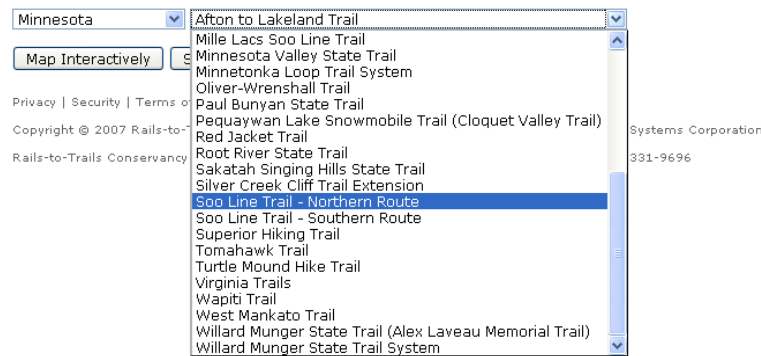


## Creating Trail Data Interactively

In order to maintain the integrity of Rails-to-Trails Conservancy’s spatial data, and to make the most efficient use of your time and ours, we ask that all interactive map data submissions follow these instructions:

- 1) From the TrailLink.com mapping page, click on the hyperlink to “use the interactive mapping tool”.
- 2) On the new page that appears, choose the state, and trail that you wish to map:



Minnesota

Map Interactively

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Afton to Lakeland Trail  
Mille Lacs Soo Line Trail  
Minnesota Valley State Trail  
Minnetonka Loop Trail System  
Oliver-Wrenshall Trail  
Paul Bunyan State Trail  
Pequaywan Lake Snowmobile Trail (Cloquet Valley Trail)  
Red Jacket Trail  
Root River State Trail  
Sakatah Singing Hills State Trail  
Silver Creek Cliff Trail Extension  
Soo Line Trail - Northern Route  
Soo Line Trail - Southern Route  
Superior Hiking Trail  
Tomahawk Trail  
Turtle Mound Hike Trail  
Virginia Trails  
Wapiti Trail  
West Mankato Trail  
Willard Munger State Trail (Alex Laveau Memorial Trail)  
Willard Munger State Trail System

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- 3) Next, click the “Map Interactively” button:



Minnesota

Soo Line Trail - Northern Route

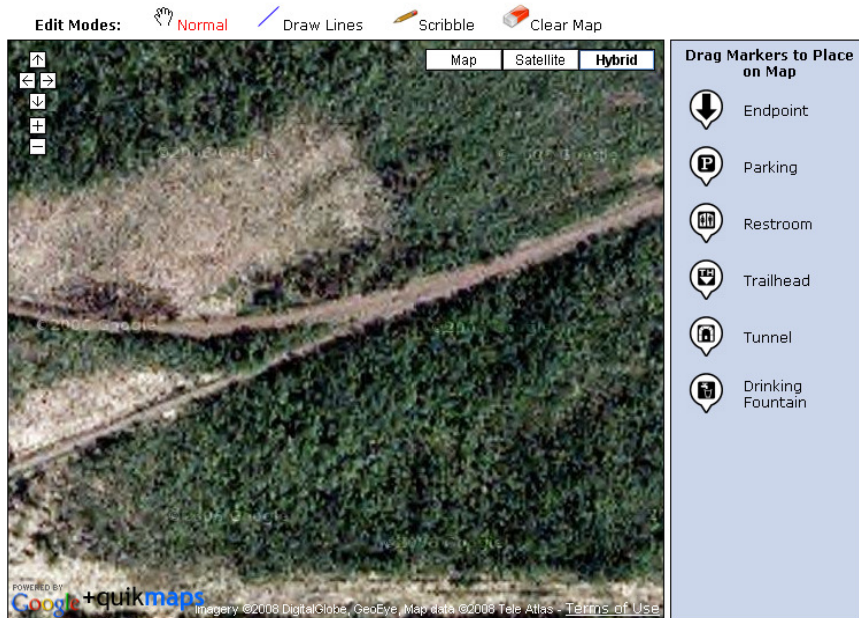
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Submit GPS Data

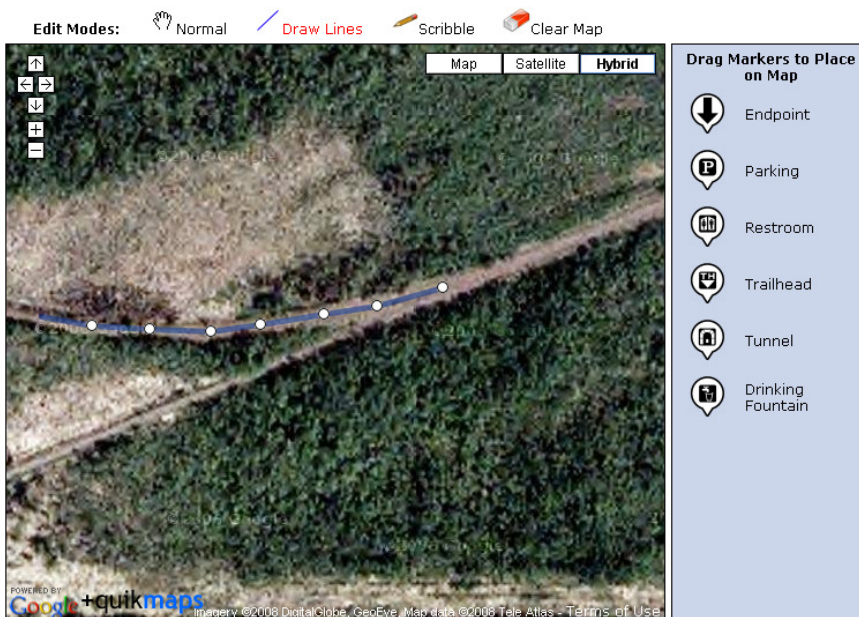
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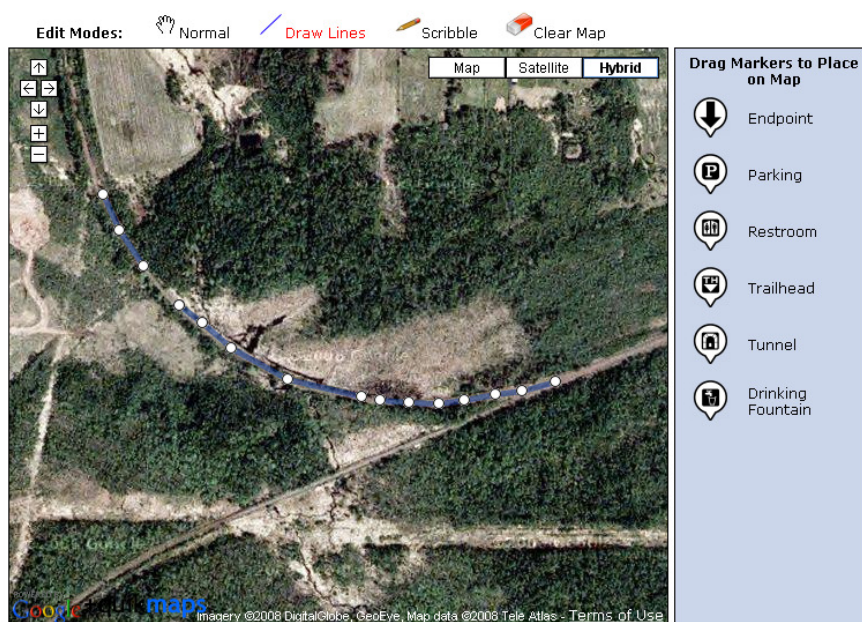
- 4) This will open up the Interactive Mapping Page
- 5) Before you begin mapping, switch to the “Hybrid” or “Satellite” view in the Google Maps interface and zoom in as close as possible to the starting point of the trail:



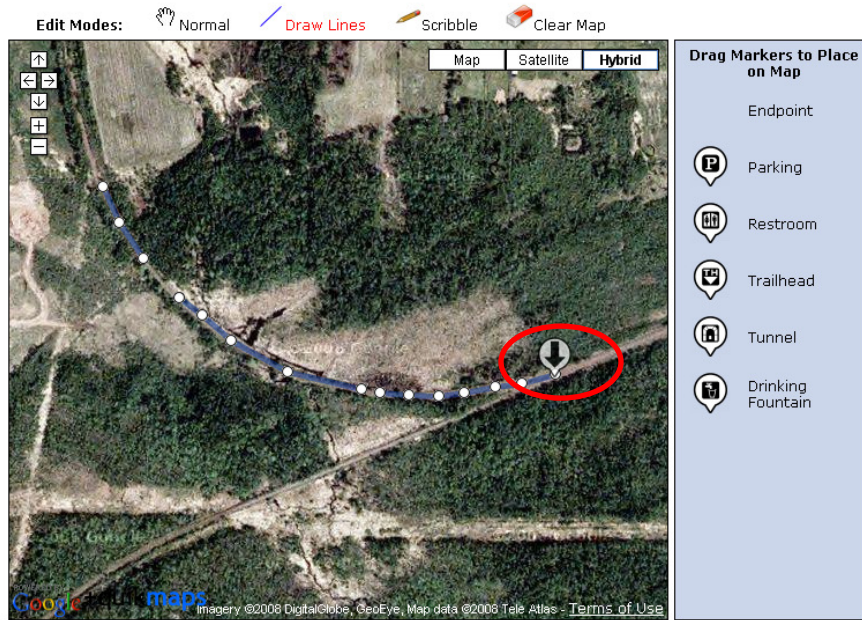
- 6) Now choose the “Draw Lines” Edit Mode from just above the map and begin sketching the trail by clicking on the map to place vertexes. Try to be as detailed a possible. If you place a vertex by accident, just right-click on it to remove it. As you reach the edge of your viewable area, the map will automatically move as you place your vertexes:



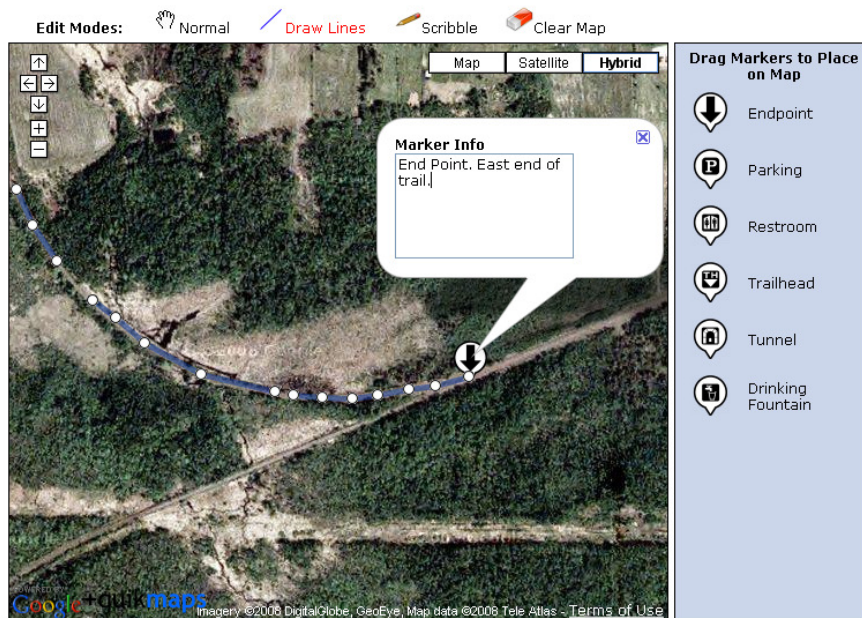
- 7) If the trail contains discontinuous segments, you may either double-click to stop drawing or, click on the “Normal” Edit Mode. This will allow you to pan the map to your next segment of trail.
- 8) After you finish sketching the full trail line (remember to include all segments that are currently open for use), you may zoom out to view your entire trail line and make sure it is correct:



- 9) You are now ready to place the various trail markers. To place a trail marker, zoom in as close as possible to the location where you want to place a marker. Next, drag the icon for marker type that you wish to place (i.e., parking, tunnel, etc.) to the location on the map that you want to place a marker:



10) Now click on the marker that you have placed on the map. A comment box appears. Type in exactly what the marker is, and any important information about it (is it on the north or south side of the trail, etc.):



- 11) Repeat this process (click-drag, add comment) for all of the appropriate markers along the trail. Try to place your markers as accurately as possible. It is okay to have markers that overlap. Make sure you add endpoints to at the end of discontinuous segments. Please only include public parking, and restroom facilities immediately adjacent to the trail, not private lots or facilities.
- 12) Once you have drawn the entire trail length, and added all of the necessary markers with comments. Scroll down to the comment box just below the map and add general comments and trail information that will be helpful while mapping the trail. Please include links to online documentation of the trail, if available. Reviews of the trail should be posted using the “Submit a Review of this Trail” link on the individual trail page:



**Drag Markers to Place on Map**

- Endpoint
- Parking
- Restroom
- Trailhead
- Tunnel
- Drinking Fountain

**Comments and other Trail Information:**  
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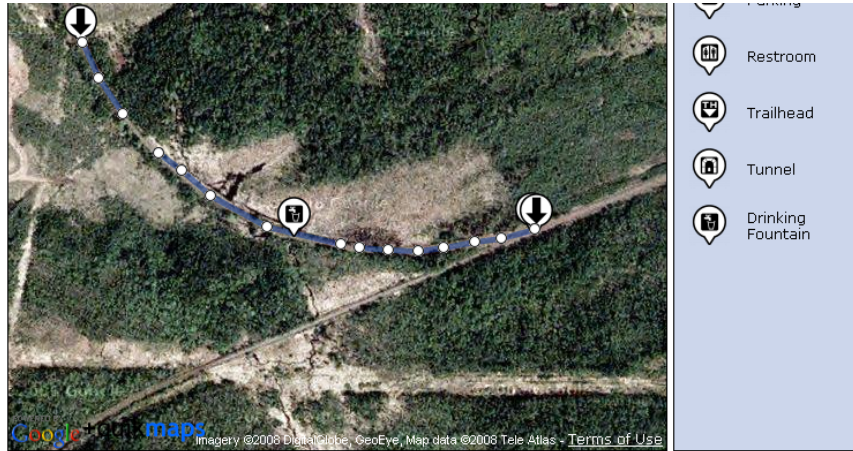
- 13) Once you have finished writing in your comments. Click the “Upload” button below the comments box and all of your trail data and comments will be submitted to RTC for review. We will contact you via e-mail if we have any questions about your data:



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