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The trail traverses an area of one of the densest concentrations of lakes in the world. Converted railroad trestles help you glide across long spans of lakes covered in lily pads. During the warmer months, hikers and bikers hit the trail and take in the astounding lake vistas. Snowmobiles are permitted in winter, and many connecting trails provide endless hours of exploration.

Traveling north from Tomahawk on the Hiawatha Trail you will be surrounded by glistening lakes and travel over

expansive trestle bridges. At trail's end you can continue for another 18 miles on the [Bearskin State Trail](#), where both trails meet at County Highway K just east of where it intersects with US 51. Cyclists and cross-country skiers over 16 years old will need a [state trail pass](#) to use the Bearskin.

The allure of these North Woods trails lies in their isolated, scenic charm. If you want to explore both trails, plan accordingly. Parking and restroom facilities are located at Sara Lake Park in Tomahawk. And you won't have problems finding a motel or a good meal in the tourist town of Tomahawk. But if you continue on the Bearskin Trail, there is only one remote restroom facility along the way and no other amenities or easy access to food and water until you reach Minocqua.



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**States:** Wisconsin

**Counties:** Lincoln

Length: 14 miles

**Trail end points:** Tomahawk to Sara Park

**Trail surfaces:** Crushed Stone

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Fishing, Snowmobiling,  
Walking, Cross Country Skiing

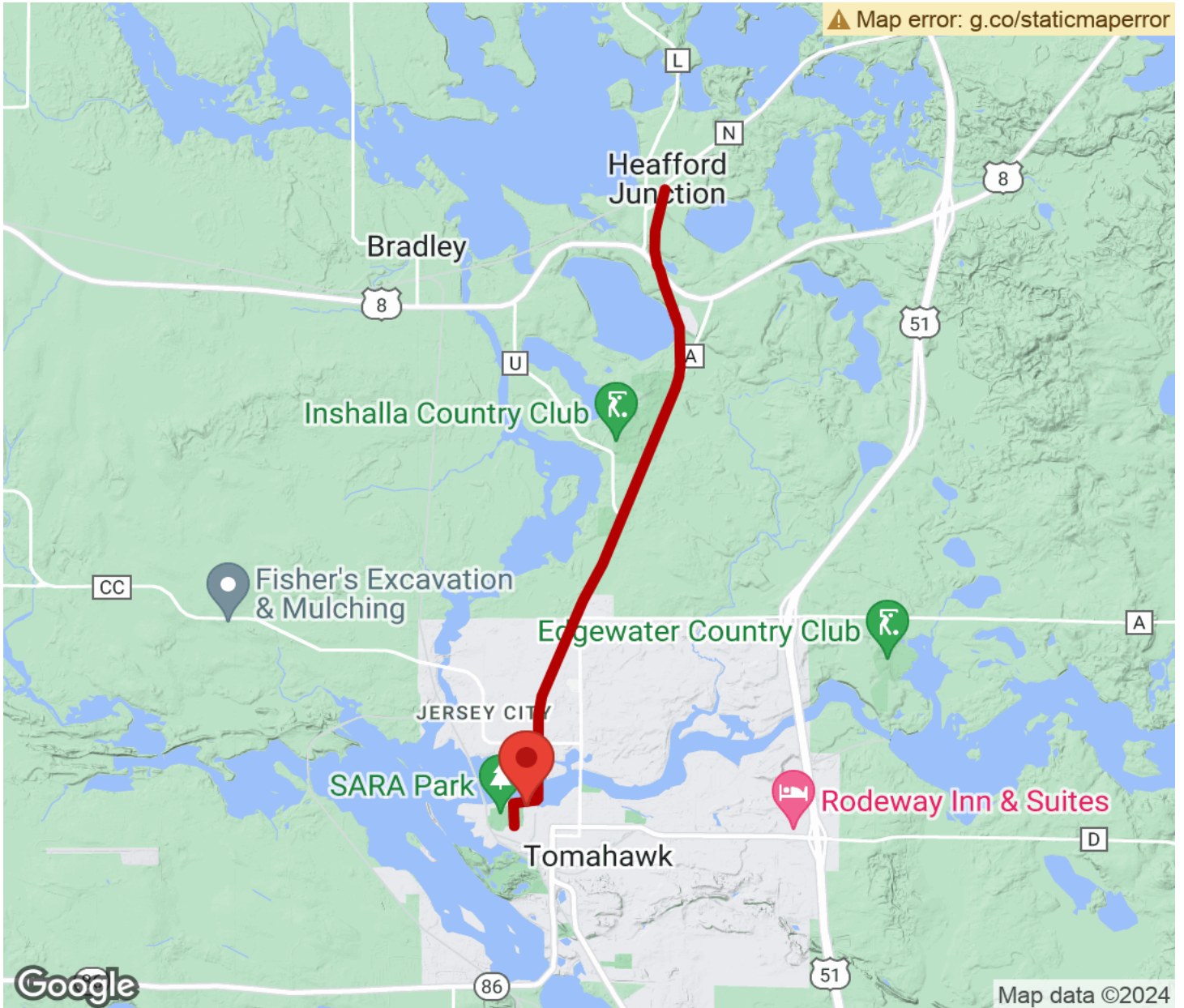
## Parking & Trail Access

To access the Hiawatha Trail from US 51, take Exit 229 for State Route 86 west/County Road D toward Tomahawk. SR 86 becomes East Somo Avenue. After passing through town, continue on Somo Avenue until you reach Sara Park, which will be on your left after crossing the intersection of North Railway Street and West Somo Avenue. Continue to veer right after passing the park facilities to reach the large parking lot. The Hiawatha Trail will be on your left.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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