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**James River
Trail**
South Dakota



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Note that the trail has a gap between Country Drive and E. Side Drive.



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States: South Dakota

Counties: Yankton

Length: 4.3miles

Trail end points: Side Drive to west of Wildwood Drive to County Drive to Burleigh Street

Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Dirt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Walking

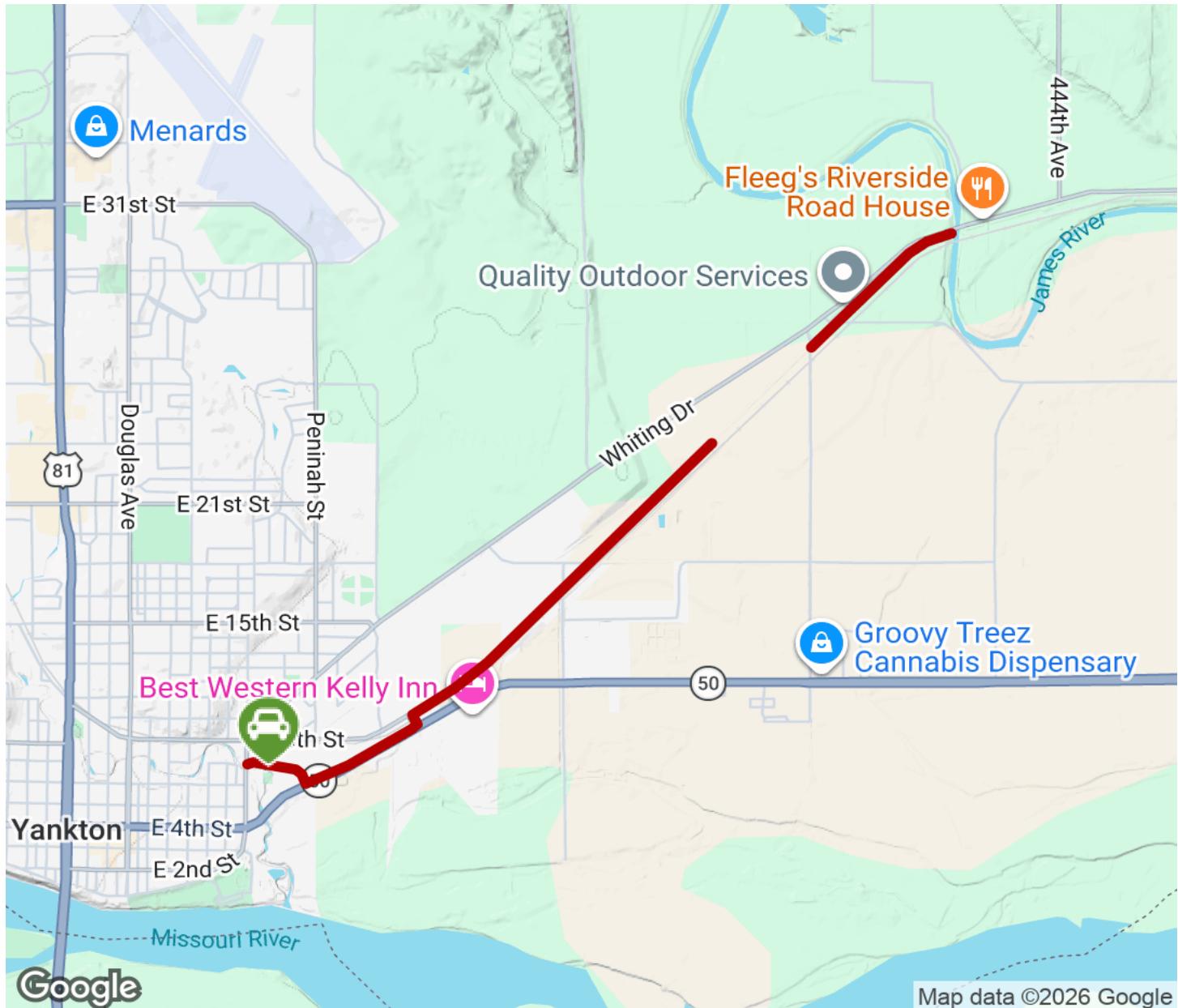
Parking & Trail Access

At the trail's south end, you can park at the Rotary Nature Area on 7th Street and Burleigh Street in Yankton.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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