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Guides



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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

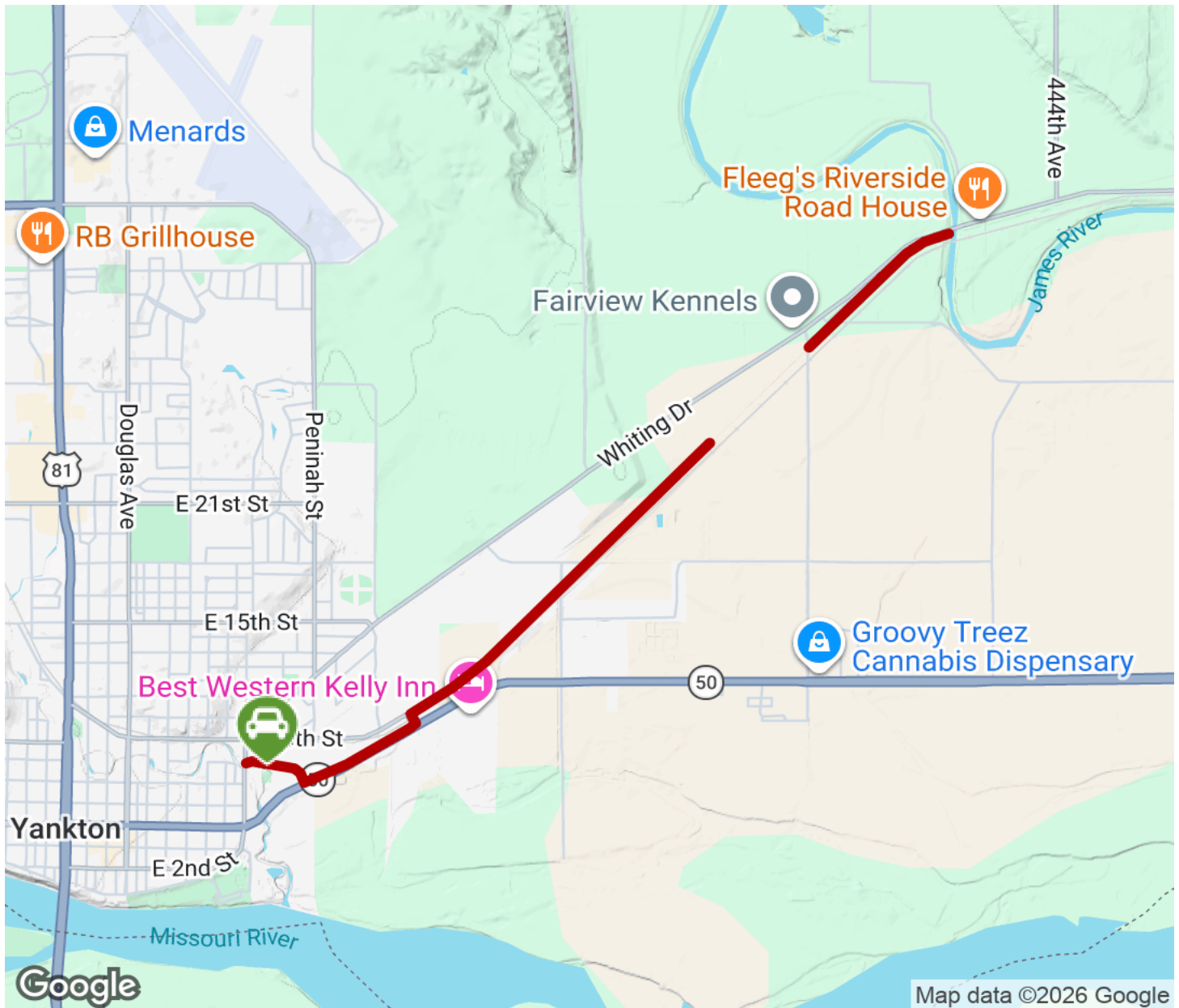
## Parking & Trail Access

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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