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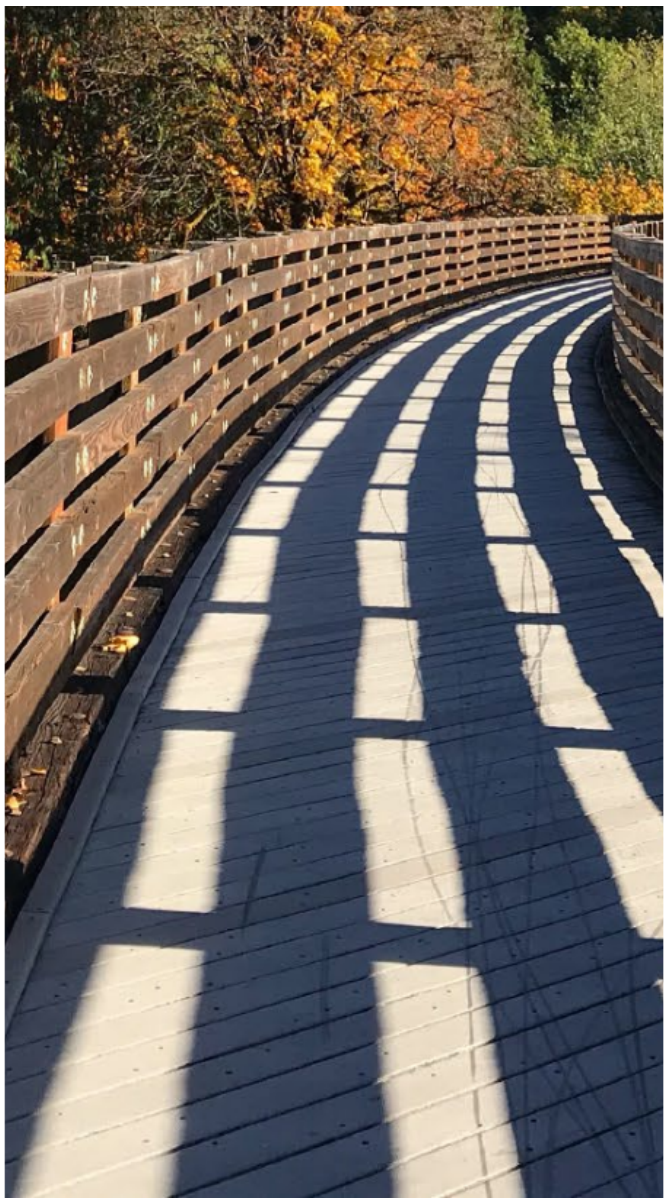

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The trail is entirely forested. There are no amenities along the route, but trail users can enjoy the natural beauty of the area. After 0.8 miles, there is a gap where the trail meets an active railroad. The second section of the trail starts on the other side of the railroad and runs 2.6 miles before ending at a trailhead surrounded by farms.

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States: Indiana
Counties: Putnam
Length: 3.5miles
Trail end points: S Jackson St and Veterans Memorial Hwy to Deer Creek Fish & Wildlife Parking Lot, 5213 S County Rd 300 W
Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone
Trail category: Rail-Trail
Trail activities: Bike,Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

Parking for the north section of the trail is available at the People's Pathway Putnam Nature Trailhead at 1295 S Jackson St. Parking for the south section is available at the Putnam Nature Trail CR 150 W Trailhead (3168 Cement Plant Rd) and at the Deer Creek Fish & Wildlife Parking Lot (5213 S County Rd 300 W).

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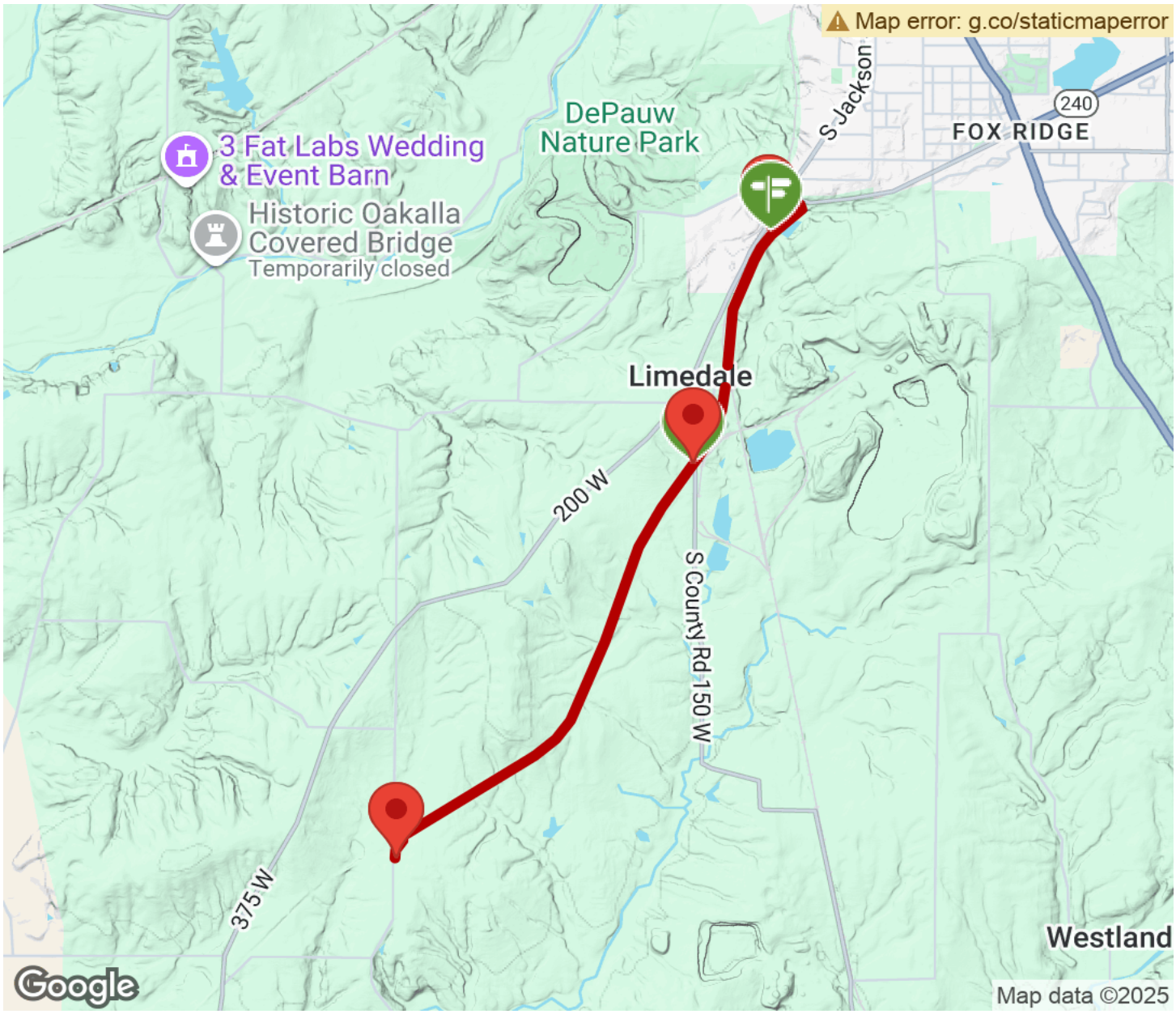

Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel

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