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The southern end of the trail begins near the center of town, not far from the still active railroad tracks that this rail-trail once branched off from. Heading north, the trail passes by its namesake lake and through a forested field, crossing over three local roads on its way to the city's Northwest Park. A short stub of trail heads off to the east in the park, giving trail users access to the park's



playground and picnic area. The main trail continues north along the rail corridor, then turns to head east alongside a series of sports fields for the local middle school and high school - making the trail a great option for students to walk or bike to school. Continuing as a sidepath alongside 19th Avenue and then N State Street, the trail then crosses over to the north side of 22nd Ave. NW and heads towards the entrance to the city's Northeast Park and the Waseca Water Park, which offers an abundance of great recreation opportunities. The trail turns north along the edge of the park before crossing the road again and heading east, providing trail access to a small neighborhood, before coming to an end at a cul-de-sac.

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States: Minnesota Counties: Waseca Length: 2.2miles Trail end points: 2nd Ave. NW to 7th St. NE Trail surfaces: Asphalt Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

#### **Parking & Trail Access**

Street parking is available at the trail's southern end on 2nd Ave. NW, and additional parking may be available at the church across the street from the trailhead (follow any posted signs). Restrooms are available along the route at Northwest Park and at the trail's northern end in Northeast Park. Parking is also available in Northeast Park.

To reach the southern trailhead from Interstate 35, take exit 40B for US-14 W towards Waseca. Continue on US-14 W, then follow signs for State Route 13 into Waseca. Proceed on SR 13 into the city, then take a left onto 2nd Ave. NW. The trail entrance is on 2nd Ave. NW between 3rd Ave. NW and 4th St. NW.



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