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Guides



**Flanagan  
Lake Trail**  
*Nebraska*



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developing nearby neighborhoods, the park also has solar lighting installations and a variety of planted trees around the lake with dedication plaques. An excellent resource for residents looking for a quality path for exercise or relaxation, the Flanagan Lake Trail will only grow more popular as more locals get the chance to explore the city's new gem of a park.

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Located on the far northwestern outskirts of Omaha, the park features numerous picnicking areas and playgrounds, and allows canoeing, kayaking, and fishing on the lake. Already popular with residents in the



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**States:** Nebraska

**Counties:** Douglas

Length: 5.2miles

**Trail end points:** Himebaugh Ave. (Flanagan Lake Park Entrance) to Flanagan Lake Park

**Trail surfaces:** Concrete

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike,Inline

Skating,Fishing,Wheelchair

Accessible,Walking

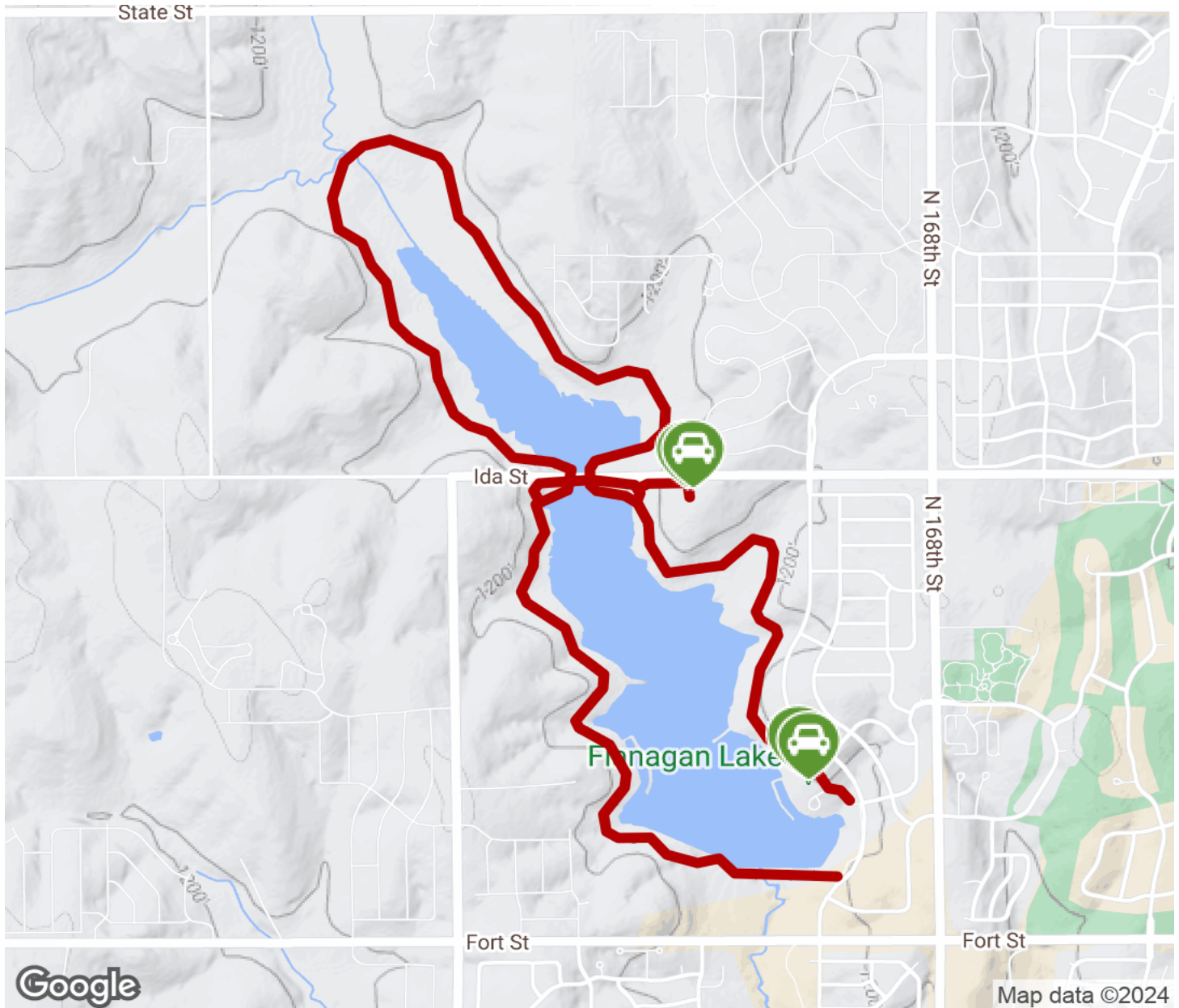
## Parking & Trail Access

Parking and restrooms are available in the park via the entrance on Himebaugh Avenue, off of N 168th Street. Additional parking and restroom facilities are located in the park off of Ida Street. To reach the park from Interstate 680 in Omaha, take the highway north and use exit 5 to get on Fort Street and proceed west. Continue on Fort St. for several miles and turn right onto N 168th Street; the park entrance will be on the left in a half-mile.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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