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Guides



# Chippewa Creek Trail

*Iowa*



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features historic traincars. At the end of the trail, the American Gothic House is a must-see for American art enthusiasts and a great place for fun family photos - you can even borrow a pitchfork to pose with during operating hours.

A nice community trail that helps connect the entire town with the attractions that draw in visitors, the Chippewa Creek Trail can provide a dose of scenic beauty if you find yourself in Eldon.

Eldon, Iowa is best known as the home of the American Gothic House, immortalized in Grant Wood's "American Gothic" painting, which now serves as a museum and cultural attraction that draws visitors from across the country. Leading from the museum and into the heart of the sleepy city of Eldon, the Chippewa Creek Trail provides the opportunity to get in some exercise and outdoor recreation on your visit, taking in some of the natural beauty of rural Iowa.

The trail runs along Cedar Creek on the western edge of town, then follows the smaller tributary creek as it winds its way northeast through the heart of the community. Railroad and history enthusiasts should be sure to check out the nearby Rock Island Train Depot, which dives into the town's past along the famous Rock Island line and



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**States:** Iowa

**Counties:** Wapello

Length: 1.3miles

**Trail end points:** American Gothic House to  
7th St.

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Concrete

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

**Trail activities:** Bike, Walking

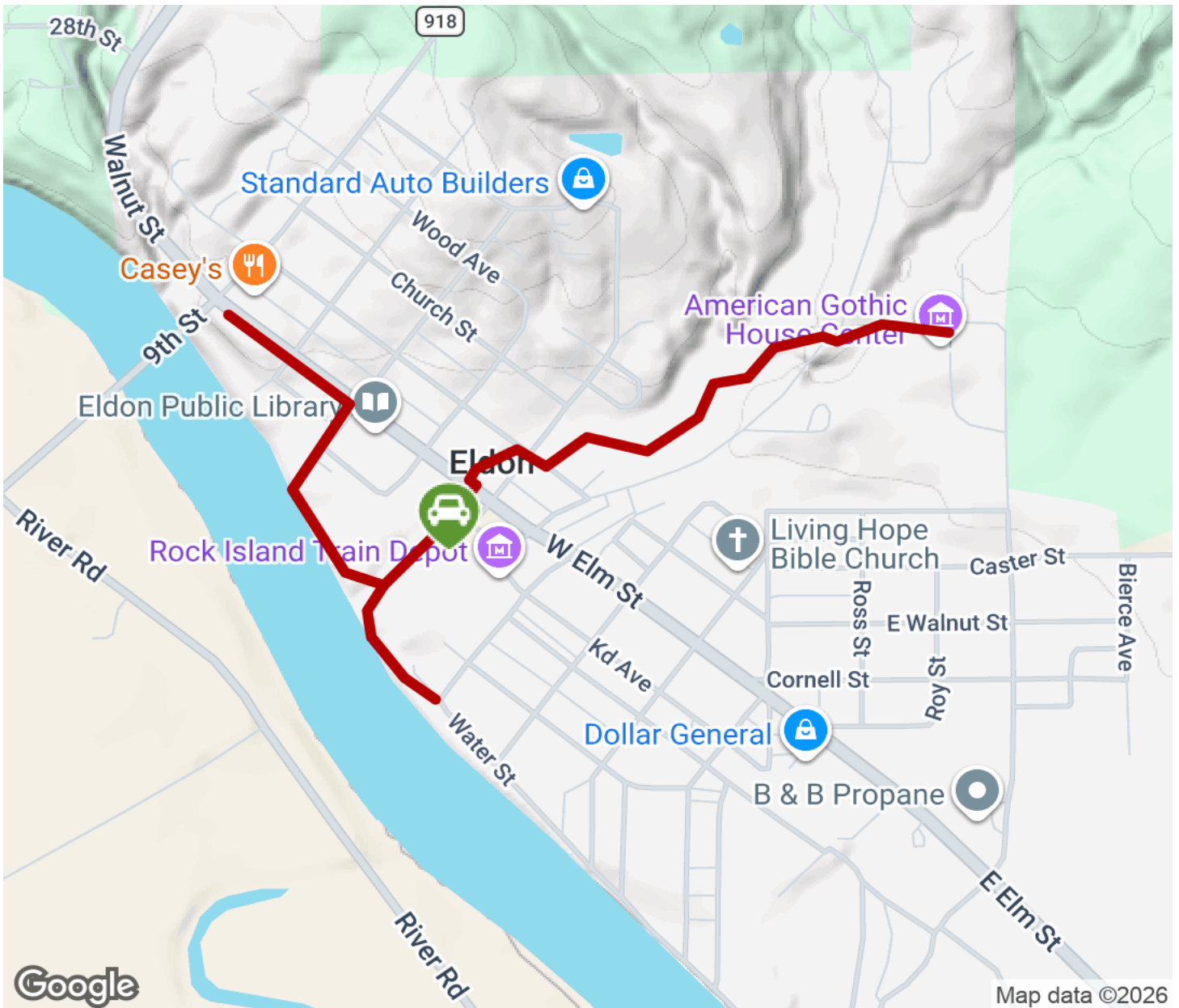
## Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available at the American Gothic House & Center, located at 300 American Gothic Street off of Finney Avenue in Eldon. Consult their website for up-to-date information on operating hours.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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