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The southern end of the trail begins just off the interstate in Conservation Park, home to one of the main attractions in the area, the Redlin Art Center, which houses an impressive collection of art from Watertown native Terry Redlin. The trail leads west and north, the surroundings quickly changing from the suburban outlet stores and chain restaurants to a much more pleasant, natural environment. Upon crossing Willow Creek, the trail runs



due north over gentle hills and through a series of picturesque cornfields, later passing through a residential neighborhood and the small Eastwoods Park.

The trail turns west again at 14th Avenue, running for a short stretch along the side of the road, before coming to an abrupt end. There is a gap of over a mile and a half along 14th Avenue, only some of which has a sidewalk, before the Red Loop resumes at 4th Street NW, allowing trail users to head south to connect with part of the Blue Loop and continue their journey through Watertown.

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States: South Dakota Counties: Codington Length: 4.6miles Trail end points: 10th Ave. NW to Conservation Park Trail surfaces: Asphalt Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

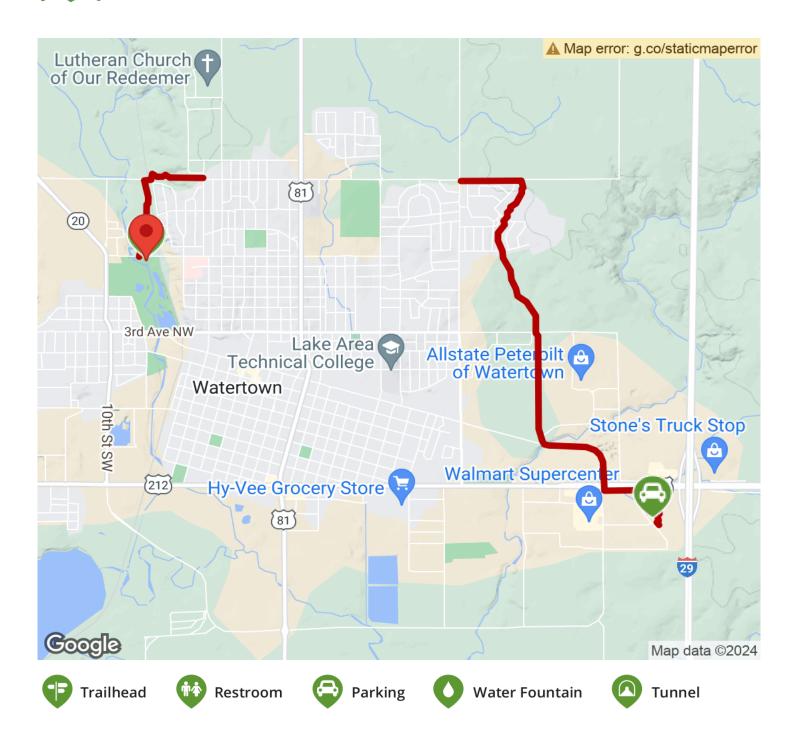
Parking is available in Conservation Park, on 33rd Street SE in Watertown. Additional parking and restroom facilities are available where the trail meets the Blue Loop, at the Kiddie Ponds/Disc Golf Course park at the intersection of 10th Avenue & 7th Street NW.



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