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Guides



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The plans for the rail-trail include converting the rest of the 21-mile portion of the former Union Pacific railbed owned by the Iowa Dept of Transportation (IDOT) into usable trail. The trail would stretch across Cerro Gordo county between Mason City and Mersevey, connecting with Mason City's own network of trails.



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**States:** Iowa

**Counties:** Cerro Gordo

Length: 13.6miles

**Trail end points:** 240th St (Mason City) to 1st St S (Thornton)

**Trail surfaces:** Crushed Stone

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Mountain Biking, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available at 10365 150th Street in Swaledale and in a small parking lot at the trail's southern end on 1st Street S in Thornton. Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for detailed directions.



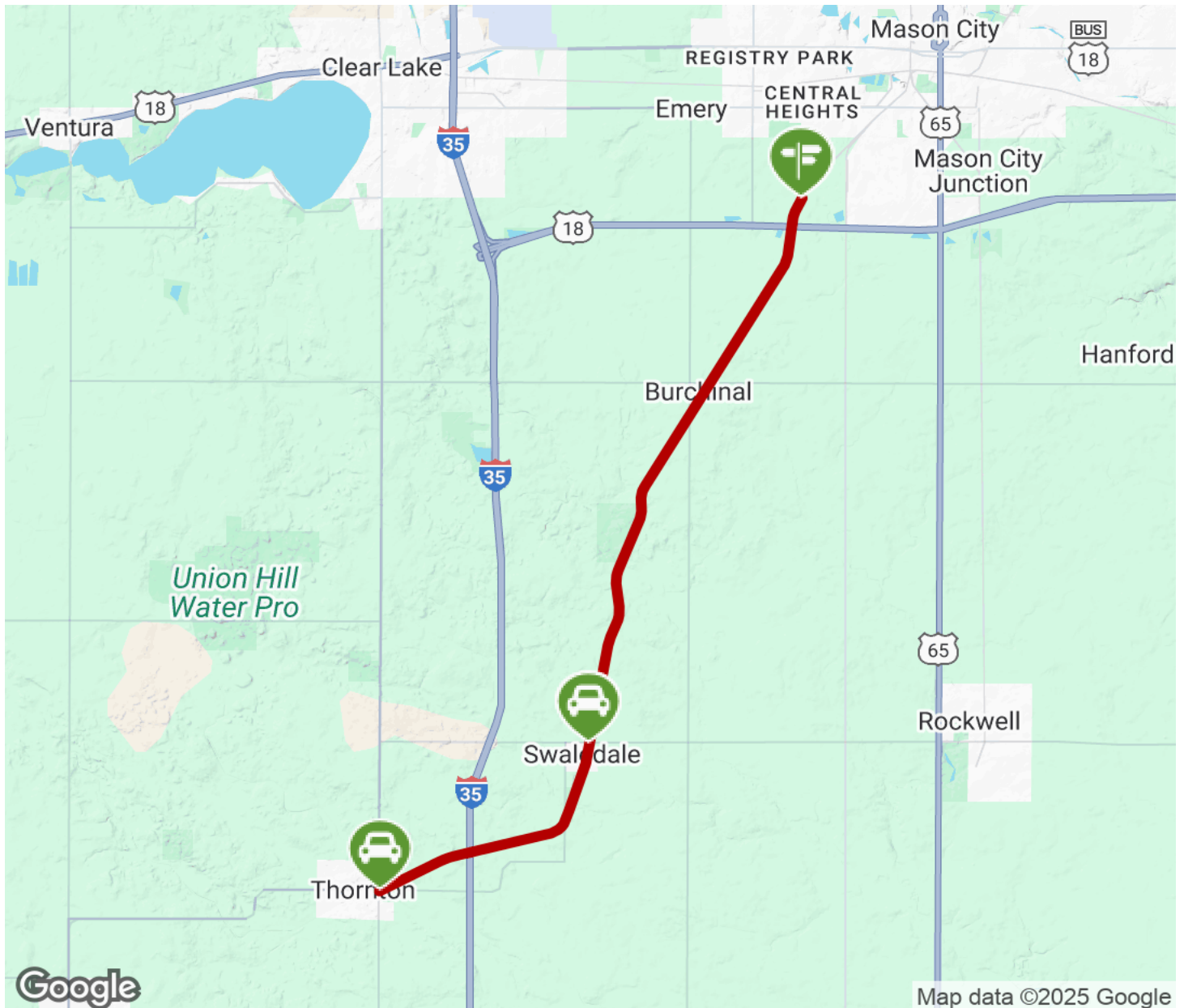
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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