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the vibrant fall foliage. No doubt visitors to the Northern Rail Trail will be left eagerly anticipating the day they can walk, run or ride the full ten miles. A new southern disconnected section of trail is open in Tunnelton.

The West Virginia Northern Rail Trail is a 10-mile trail project occupying the former West Virginia Northern railroad bed between Kingwood and Tunnelton in Preston County. The short-line railroad moved coal for nearly a century and was replaced briefly by a tourist railroad before ultimately being abandoned.

The first two miles of trail opened in Kingwood in the Fall of 2020. This section begins on Tunnelton Street at the Kingwood Civic Center. The trail follows the rail corridor through residential neighborhoods on the west side of Kingwood to the trailhead near Sisler Street, which will be developed into a county park. The path then heads into the woods another mile-and-a-half to the turnaround point. Split-log benches complement to the woodsy character of the trail and provide vantage points to view



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States: West Virginia

Counties: Preston

Length: 2.7miles

Trail end points: Tunnelton St. (Kingston) to
Tunnelton, WV

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone, Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Walking, Wheelchair
Accessible, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available at the Kingwood Civic Center (311 Tunnelton St., Kingwood). There is also parking at the Sisler Street Trailhead in Kingwood, the future site of the trailhead park.



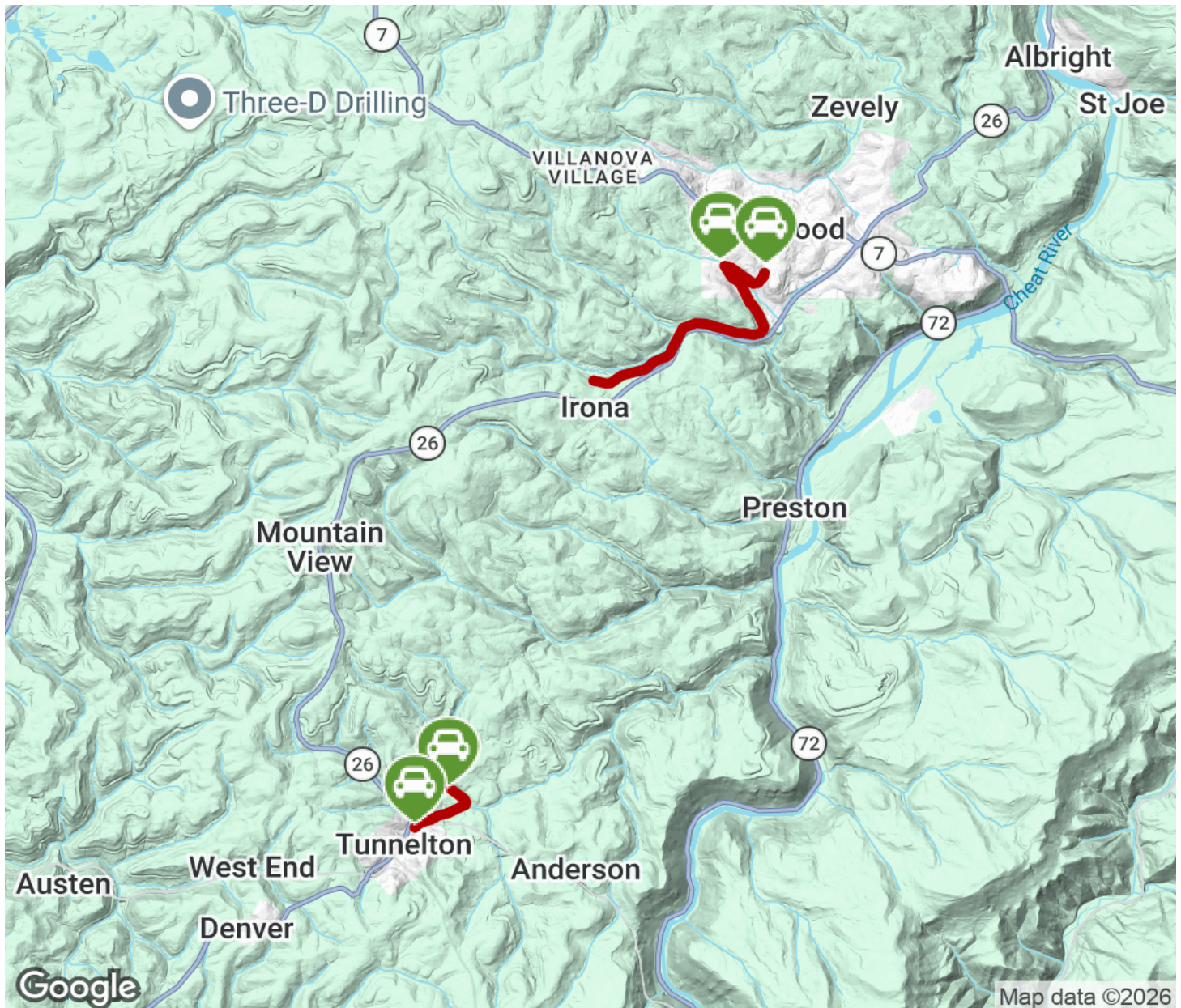
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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