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Guides



# Empire Township Trail

*Minnesota*



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communities facilities, including Northview Park and Rambling River Park. Paths follow the Vermillion River through both parks with additional routes meandering within the parks. Northview Park has tennis courts, a playground, picnic benches and shelters, and a Veterans Memorial. Rambling River Park has several sports fields, including a baseball field.

Rambling along the river through fields and woods, the Empire Township Trail provides alternative connections between neighborhoods, schools, local businesses, parks, and community facilities. Whether you are commuting to work or school, going for bike ride, visiting a friend, headed downtown, or just want to spend some time in nature, the Empire Township Trail is a great option.

Enjoy scenic views of the Vermillion River as the Empire Township Trail follows a former rail line south from the Empire Township through fields and woodlands into downtown Farmington. The trail parallels an active rail line for the first 0.6 miles from the northern-most trailhead, which has a trail map, a bench, and a garbage bin. There are more benches and trash receptacles along the trail, as well as a pavilion park shelter by the Kuchera Entrance (marked with a sign at Willow St & 4th St). The smooth and level paved path is accessible for those using mobility aids and for families with strollers.

Coming out of the woods, the trail splits several times with short paths providing access to several neighborhoods and downtown Farmington. Continuing in several directions, the trail provides connections between



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**States:** Minnesota

**Counties:** Dakota

Length: 2miles

**Trail end points:** 205th St W (Farmington) to  
Northview Park (17 Elm St)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Walking, Wheelchair  
Accessible

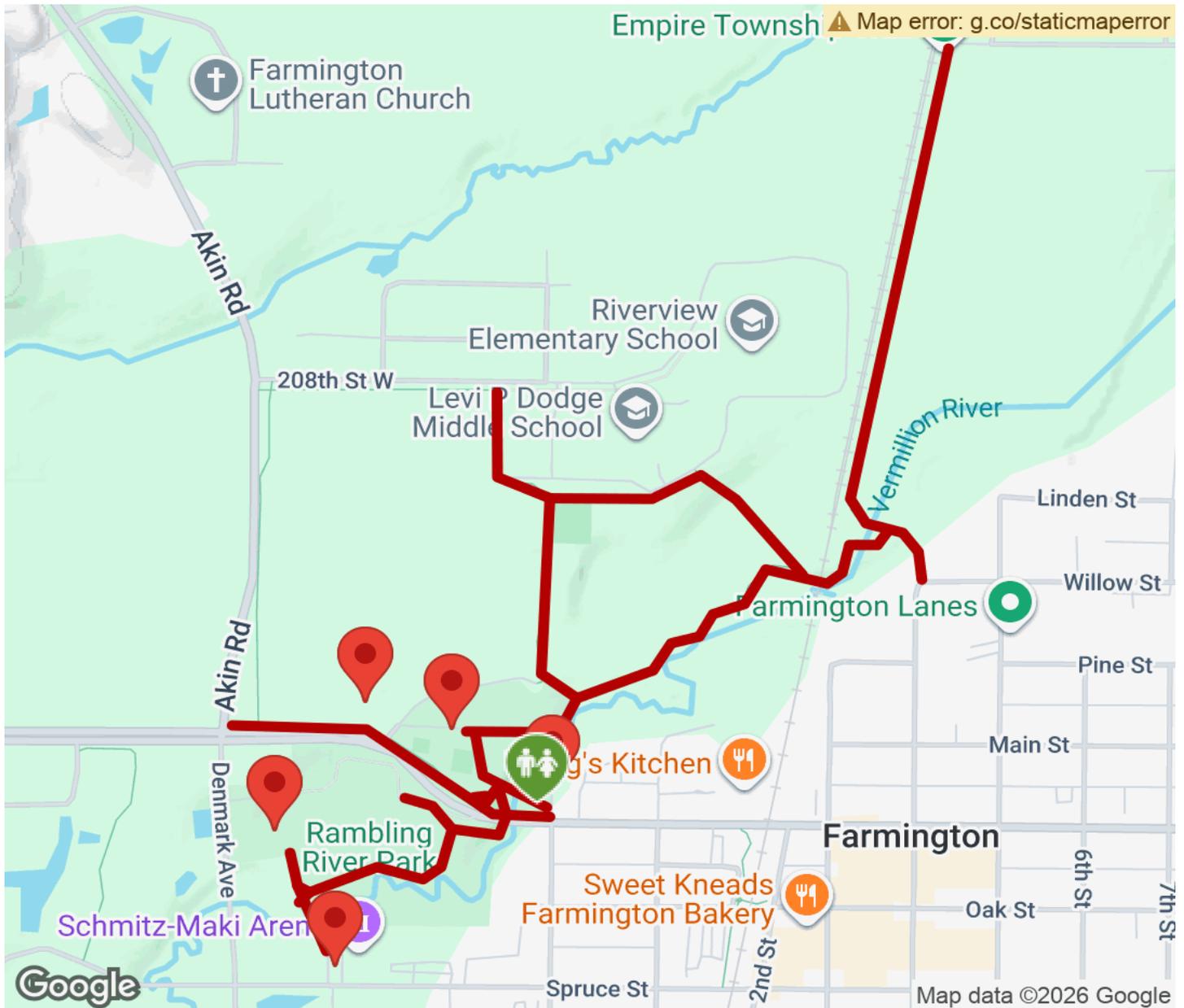
## Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available in several lots by Northview Park and by Rambling River Park. View the TrailLink map for all locations and detailed directions..



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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