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Guides



**Old Highway
131 Trail**
Wisconsin



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intermittent segments of gravel screenings. Along its 4.5 mile course through the heart of the Kickapoo Valley Reserve, the trail crosses the river 4 times, including a scenic covered bridge funded by the Ho-Chunk Nation. At its northern terminus, there is also river and kayak launch access. Equestrians are encouraged to use the gravel/unpaved edge of the trail. Old 131 Trail is only open during the summer trail season, as flooding of the river can cause trail closures occasionally.

There are two notable spur trails that also follow old roads, the Indian River trail and the Star Valley Trail. Both of these spur trails also grant users access to parking.

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As the name suggests, the trail follows the Old State Hwy 131 road. The trail itself is made up of asphalt and short



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States: Wisconsin

Counties: Vernon

Length: 5.7miles

Trail end points: Landing 12 (Hwy 131) to
Bridge 18 (Corps Rd., La Farge)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Boardwalk, Crushed
Stone

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

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

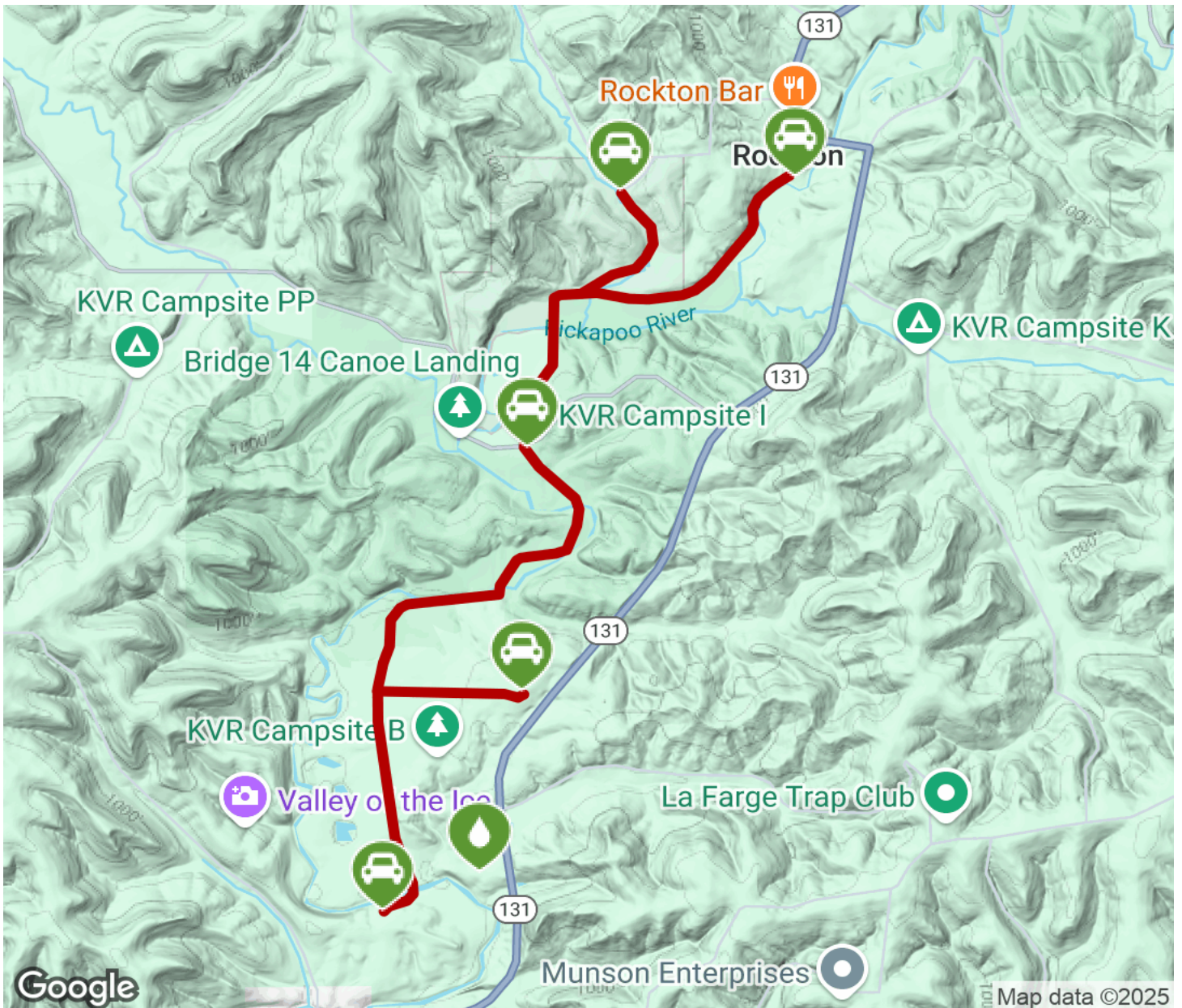
Parking & Trail Access

There is parking at both endpoints of the trail (Landing 12, Bridge 18), Campsite I and along the Star Valley and Indian River spur trails, which both extend 0.6 miles off the main trail. See TrailLink Map for more information.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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