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Guides



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About the Route

The northernmost section of the trail is located along US-71, near where it intersects Rte. 38. The trail heads south from here along a wide asphalt path, separated from the roadway. The trail here passes by the Jackson Golf Club, and although there is little shade, the path is surrounded by wide grassy fields.

Just as this section of the trail system crosses the Des Moines River, the loop around Jackson begins. To the east,

the Des Moines River Trail section begins. This section of trail travels along both the north and south banks of the river. The section of the northern end of the trail passes both Ashley Park and Gettys Park until reaching W Ashley St. and rejoining the main trail on the opposite side of the river.

South of the Des Moines River trail section, the main loop of the trail passes Pan's Island Wayside Park and Albertus Fields before turning west.

This section of the trail is considered the Nelson Creek Trail and follows alongside 780th St. for most of its route. About half a mile from Albertus Field, the Nelson Creek Trail continues north, winding through open fields until reaching the Sanford Jackson Medical Center.

Other trails not listed on the map include a sidewalk trail along North Highway. Dewey St., Sayles Dr., and W Ashley St.

The main loop of the trail continues as the Sunset View Trail where it continues alongside 780th St. and then north on 530th St. and east again alongside Springfield Parkway before meeting back up with the Des Moines River Trail at 3rd St.



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States: Minnesota

Counties: Jackson

Length: 6.92miles

Trail end points: US-71 & Rte. 38 (Jackson) to
Albertus Field, 1st St. (Jackson)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Walking, Wheelchair
Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Jackson Trail System runs between US-71 & Rte. 38 (Jackson) and Albertus Field, 1st St. (Jackson), with parking at Albertus Field.

Parking is also available at:

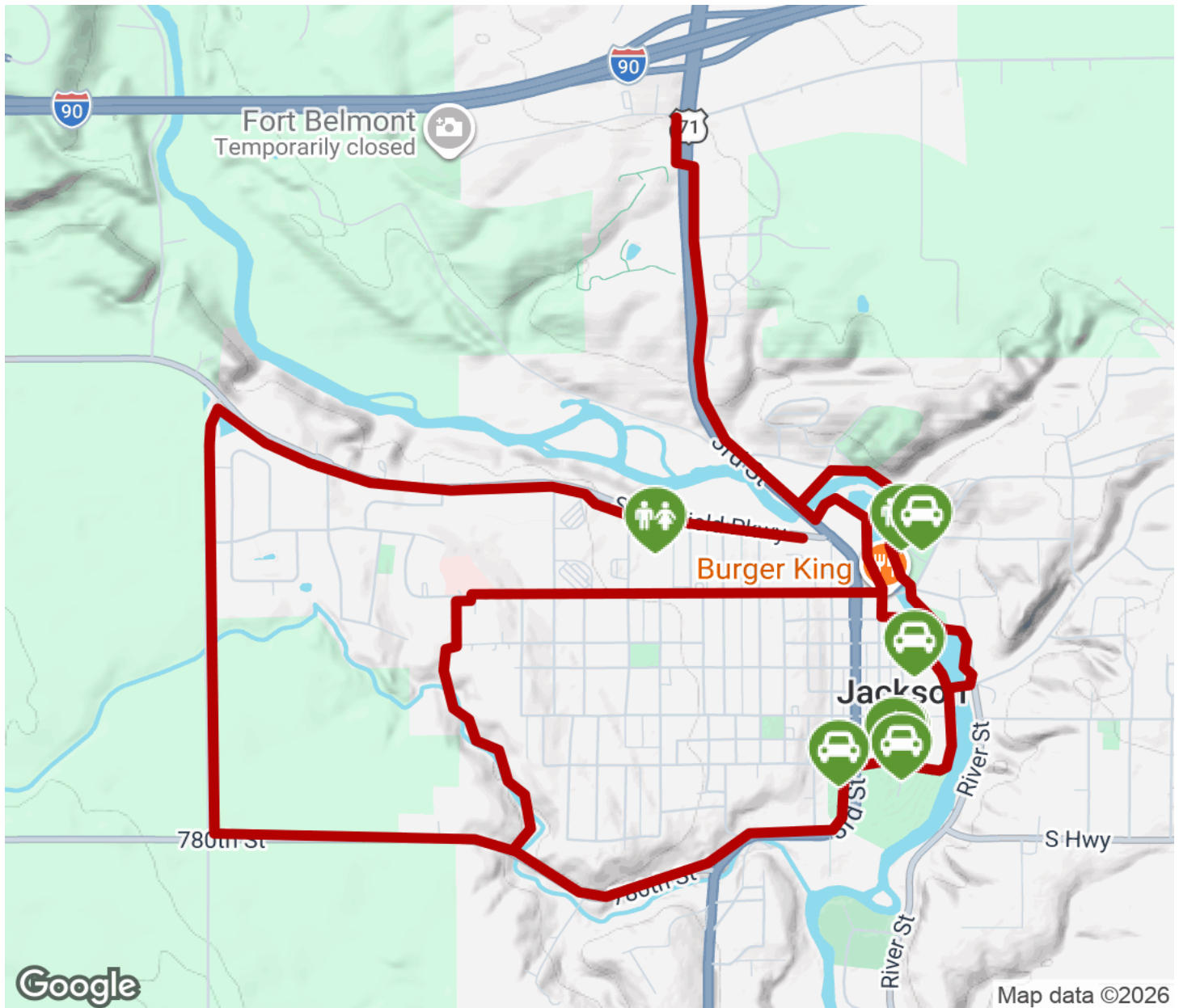
- Ashley Park, State St. (Jackson)

These are approximate addresses, please see TrailLink Map for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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