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allowed. From the wildlife area, the trail follows a former railroad corridor east to 1st Avenue in Kathryn.

Please note that this rail-trail is only open to hiking and a vehicular entrance pass is required for North Dakota State Parks.

Connections

This trail is part of the much longer North Country Trail (NCT), which runs through eight states.

This portion of the North Country National Scenic Trail (Kathryn to Claussen) is a hiking-only rail-trail that generally follows Spring Creek between the city of Kathryn and the Clausen Springs Wildlife Management Area. Traveling through fields, farms and low scrub, the trail has a dirt, grass, ballast and crushed stone surface.

About the Route

The western end of the North Country National Scenic Trail (Kathryn to Claussen) is at the Clausen Springs Wildlife Management Area, which offers camping, parking, fishing docks, boat ramps, a swimming area and a playground. A highlight is the Clausen Spring Lake, where swimming, fishing and non-motorized boating is



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States: North Dakota

Counties: Barnes

Length: 4.13miles

Trail end points: Clausen Springs Wildlife Management Area (Clausen) to 1st Ave (Kathryn)

Trail surfaces: Ballast,Crushed Stone,Dirt,Grass

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Fishing,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

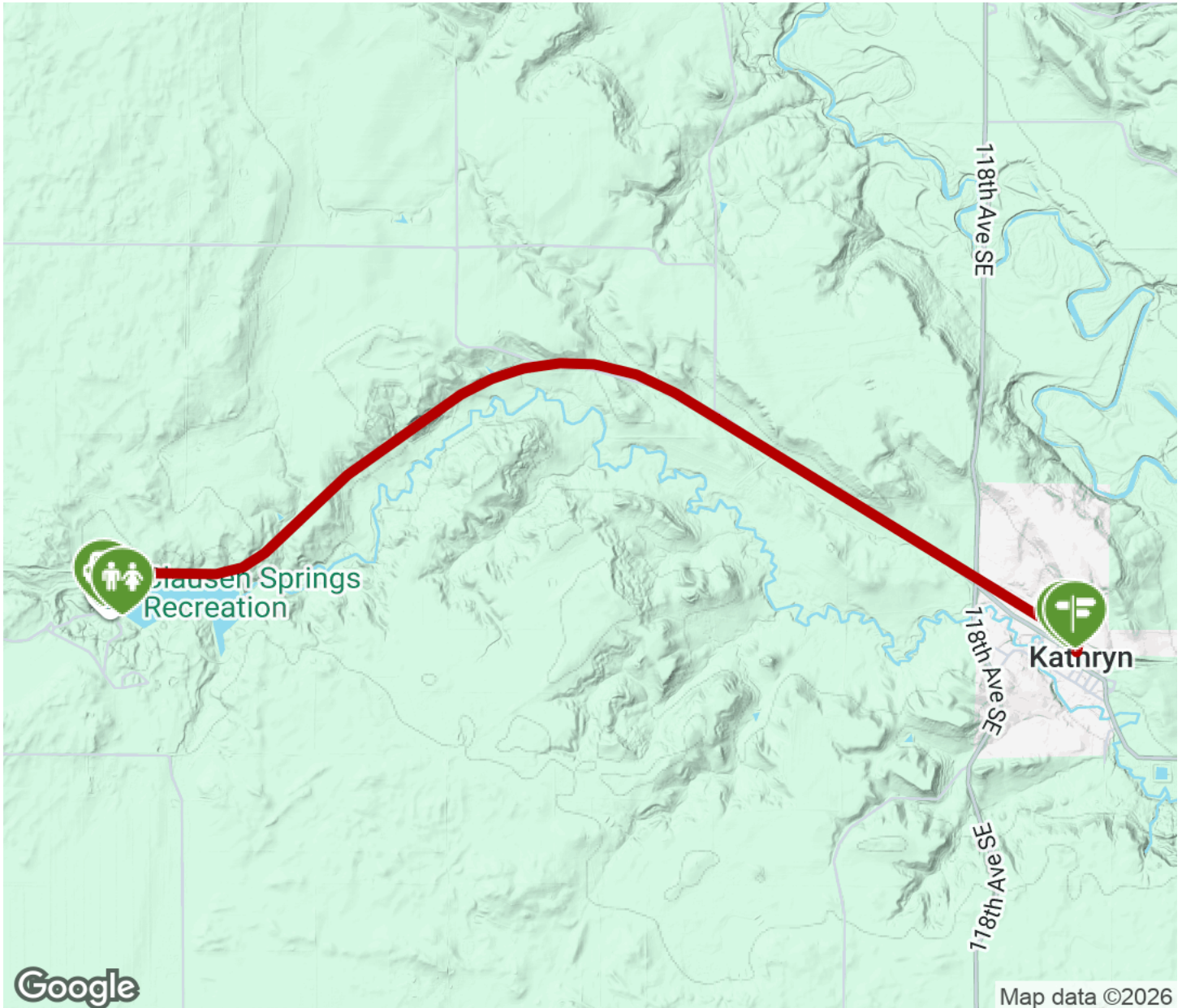
The North Country National Scenic Trail (Kathryn to Claussen) runs between Clausen Springs Wildlife Management Area (Clausen) and 1st Ave (Kathryn), both of which offer parking.

Visit the TrailLink map for detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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