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Guides



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Immediately before State Route 92, you can take a short hike into Hayes Timber. Here you will be surrounded by huge ancient oaks and abundant forest flora, fauna and fungus. In Washington, be sure to take a look at the 14 acre re-established prairie and Sesquicentennial Park before taking your final rest at Sunset Park.

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Be certain to give yourself plenty of time to enjoy the trail's many features. Particularly enjoyable are the prairie remnants and wild blackberries on the long stretch from Keota to West Chester. After passing through West Chester, the trail changes to a mixture of woodland and prairie scenery. The Crooked Creek Bridge—located between West Chester and Washington—is one of the most scenic places on the trail. You will also want to stop and take a look at the County Home Pond, where fishing is



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States: Iowa

Counties: Washington

Length: 13.8miles

Trail end points: County Highway V15, just south of E Broadway Ave (Keota) to North D Ave, just south of W 5th St (Washington)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

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

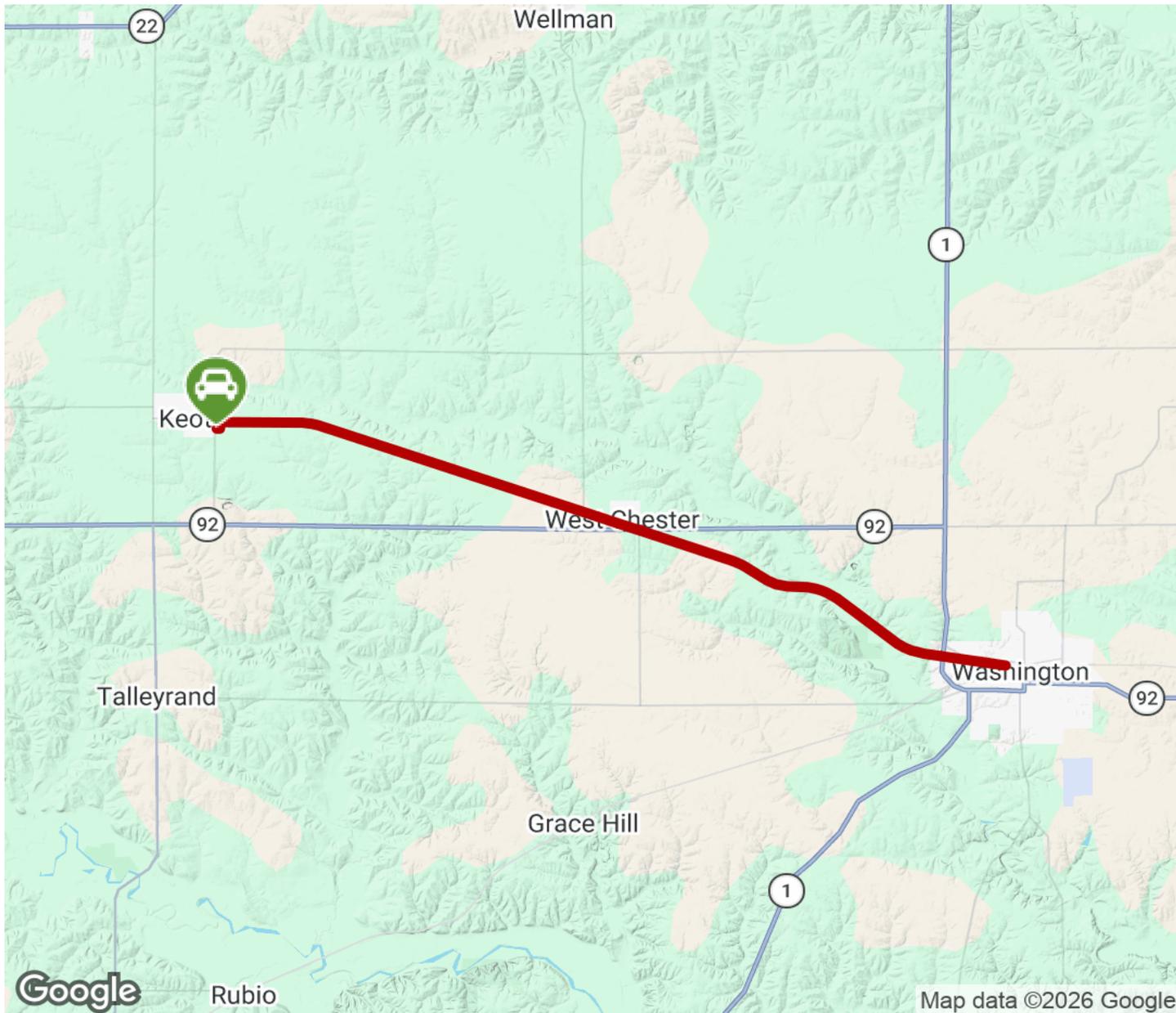
Parking & Trail Access

Parking, restrooms and water are available in Keota, West Chester, and in Washington at Sunset Park, which is connected to the east end of the trail by the quarter-mile, asphalt-surfaced Sesquicentennial Way.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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