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The Paint Creek Trail is popular with equestrian users (as Yellow River State Forest includes horse camping facilities), but bicycling is also permitted. Before or after your visit, be sure to check out Effigy Mounds National Monument to the south of Yellow River State Forest. The site preserves more than 200 ancient Native American burial mounds.



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States: Iowa

Counties: Allamakee

Length: 2.5miles

Trail end points: White Pine Rd. north of State Forest Rd. to east of Donahue Rd. (Yellow River State Forest)

Trail surfaces: Dirt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Horseback Riding, Mountain Biking, Snowmobiling, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

Parking for the Paint Creek Trail can be found on State Forest Road just to the east of White Pine Road.



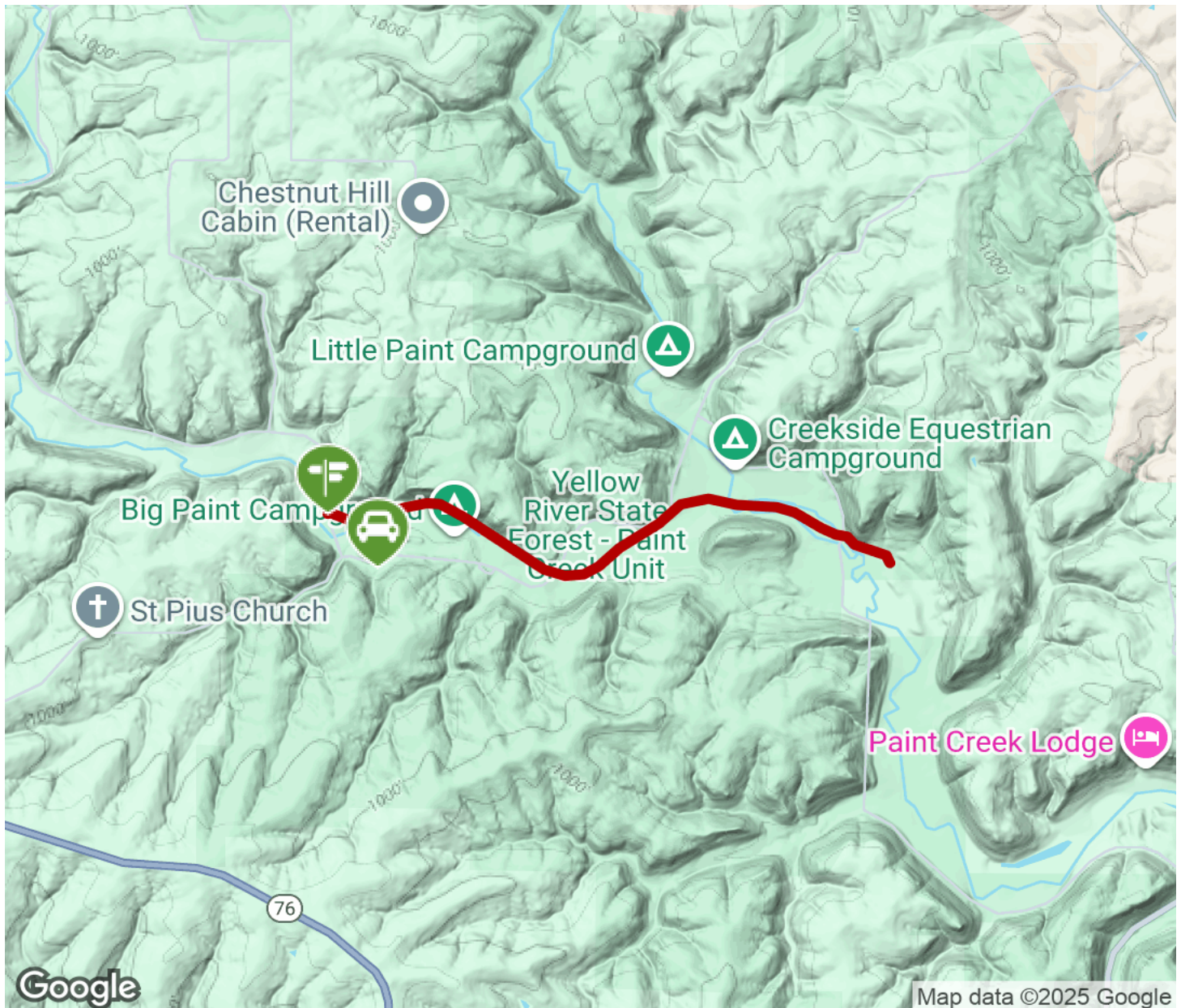
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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