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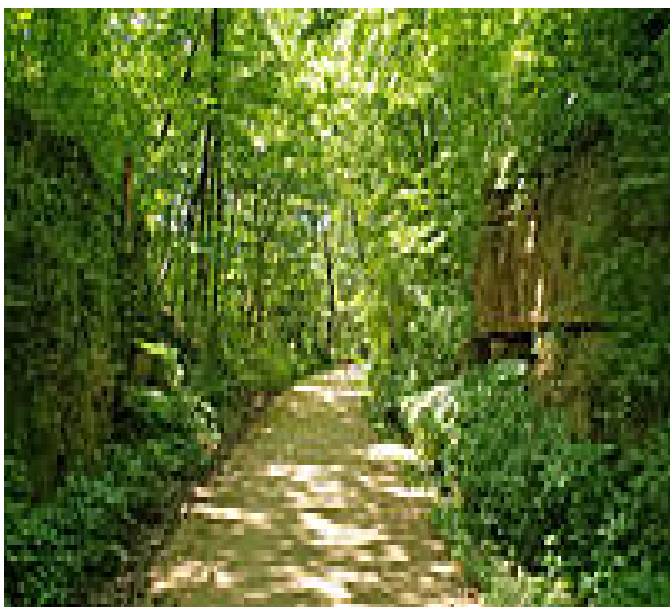
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About the Route

Leaving from the eastern end of the trail in Dubuque, the trail treks a couple of miles north of the historic riverfront that's home to an excursion riverboat and the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium. The route heads

north out of Dubuque on pavement through an older residential and commercial area to a greenway that leads to the Heritage Pond trailhead and interpretive site in Sageville.

By now the trail is crushed limestone as the trail passes about 2 miles south of the Little Maquoketa River Mounds State Preserve on the way to Durango, where canoeists like to launch flow trips down the river to the Mississippi. Lead mining was an early industry in this area, and some landmarks still carry the name "furnace" referring to lead smelters.

The trail continues through the river drainage for nearly 8 miles to the town of Graf. Fossil hunters come here to look for remains of tiny prehistoric sea creatures in the limestone cliffs along the river and old railroad cuts. Endangered plant species, such as prairie dock and Leonard's skipper, also can be found in the trailside vegetation. A picnic shelter and restrooms are available in Graf, but there's no drinking water.

The trail gains a gentle slope as it climbs out of the river bottoms toward Epworth and Farley. Both are less than 2 miles south of the trail and provide cafés and other services for travelers. The Centennial Ballpark north of Epworth has restrooms and drinking water.

The final 6 miles to Dyersville are all farmland, where trail users can be forgiven for expecting to see old-time baseball players emerging from the cornfields. Movie producers chose a farm 3.5 miles northeast of the Dyersville trailhead as the setting for *Field of Dreams*. The farm has since become a tourist attraction.

Note: Trail users aged 12 and older must carry a trail pass costing \$2.10 per day or \$10.25 per year (\$5.50 for individuals aged 63 and older). An annual family pass is \$25.50. Passes are available at area sporting goods and bicycle stores, at trailside businesses, and at trailhead parking lots.



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States: Iowa

Counties: Dubuque

Length: 29.2miles

Trail end points: Beltline Rd. (Dyersville) to 255
E 24th St. (Dubuque)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Fishing, Wheelchair

Accessible, Snowmobiling, Walking, Cross
Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available at a number of points along this trailhead. Some notable points along the trail include along Beltline Rd. in Dyersville, at Jamesmeier Rd. in Farley, Rupehollow Rd. in Sageville, and at the intersection of 22nd St. and Prince St. in Dubuque.

See [My County Parks](#) for information on restrooms at these parking locations.

See [TrailLink Map](#) for more parking options and more detailed directions.



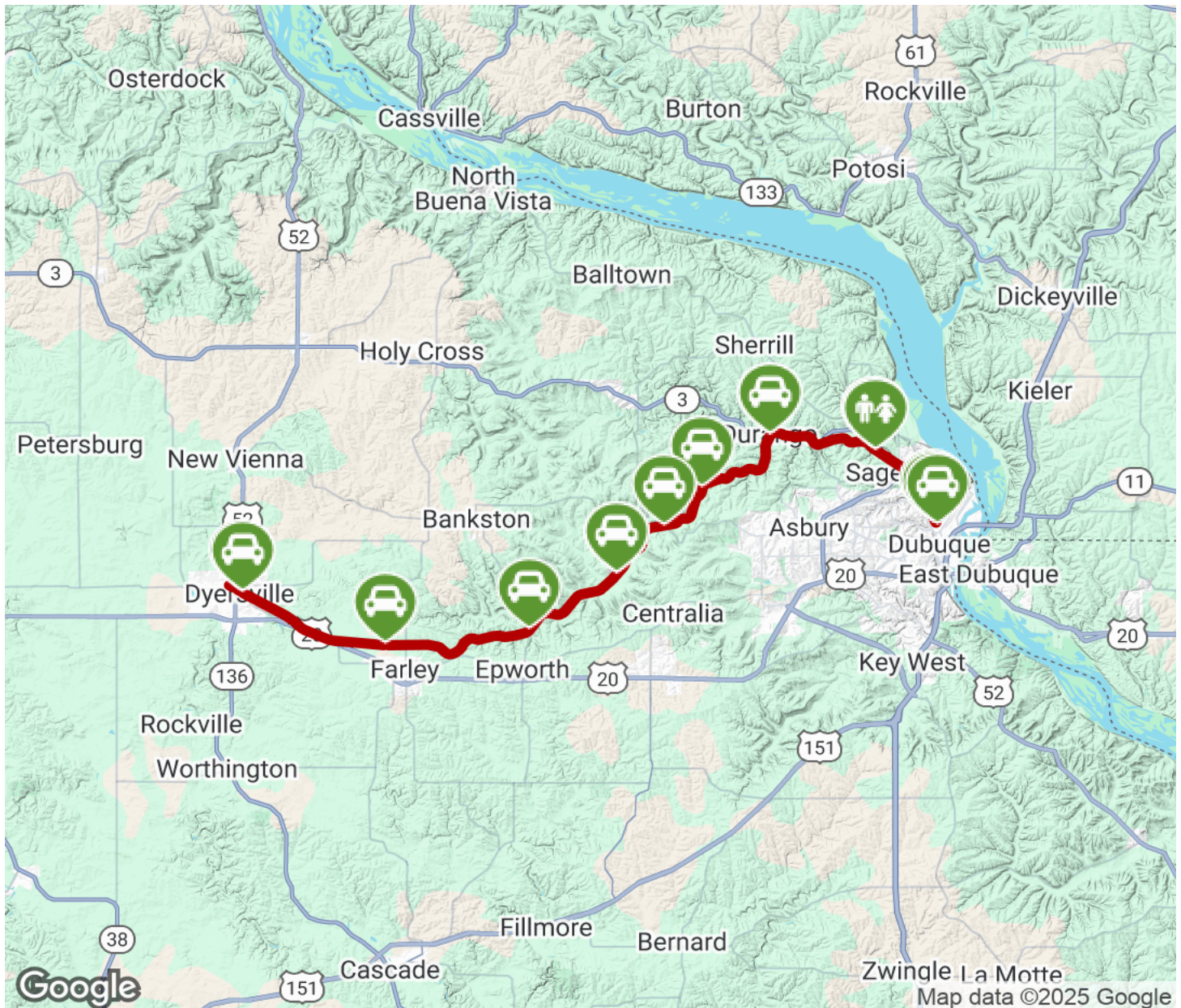
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Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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