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Running north from the northeastern edge of Diagonal, the Mapleleaf Pathway passes through a dense stand of lowland timber trees. The mix of oaks, cottonwood, maples and buckeye trees, along with the trail's seclusion, makes the route an excellent spot for bird watching. The trail is also a popular local destination for berry picking. After trekking away from Diagonal for 1.5 miles, the trail ends at the scenic Grand River.



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**States:** Iowa

**Counties:** Ringgold

Length: 1.5miles

**Trail end points:** W. 7th St. and Union St. to  
Grand River north of County Rd. J23

**Trail surfaces:** Grass,Gravel

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

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

## Parking & Trail Access

Diagonal is located in the triangle formed by Des Moines, Omaha and Kansas City and is about a 1 hour drive from I-35 in southern Iowa. The trail doesn't currently have a dedicated parking lot, but parking can be found on some of Diagonal's local streets.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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