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Guides



# Praeri Rail Trail

*Iowa*



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Development of the Praeri Rail Trail began in 1979. The unusual spelling of the name is derived from the area's strong Norwegian heritage.



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**States:** Iowa

**Counties:** Story

Length: 10.5miles

**Trail end points:** National St. (Roland) to US 65  
(Zearing)

**Trail surfaces:** Crushed Stone,Dirt,Grass

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Horseback Riding,Mountain  
Biking,Inline

Skating,Snowmobiling,Walking,Cross Country

Skiing

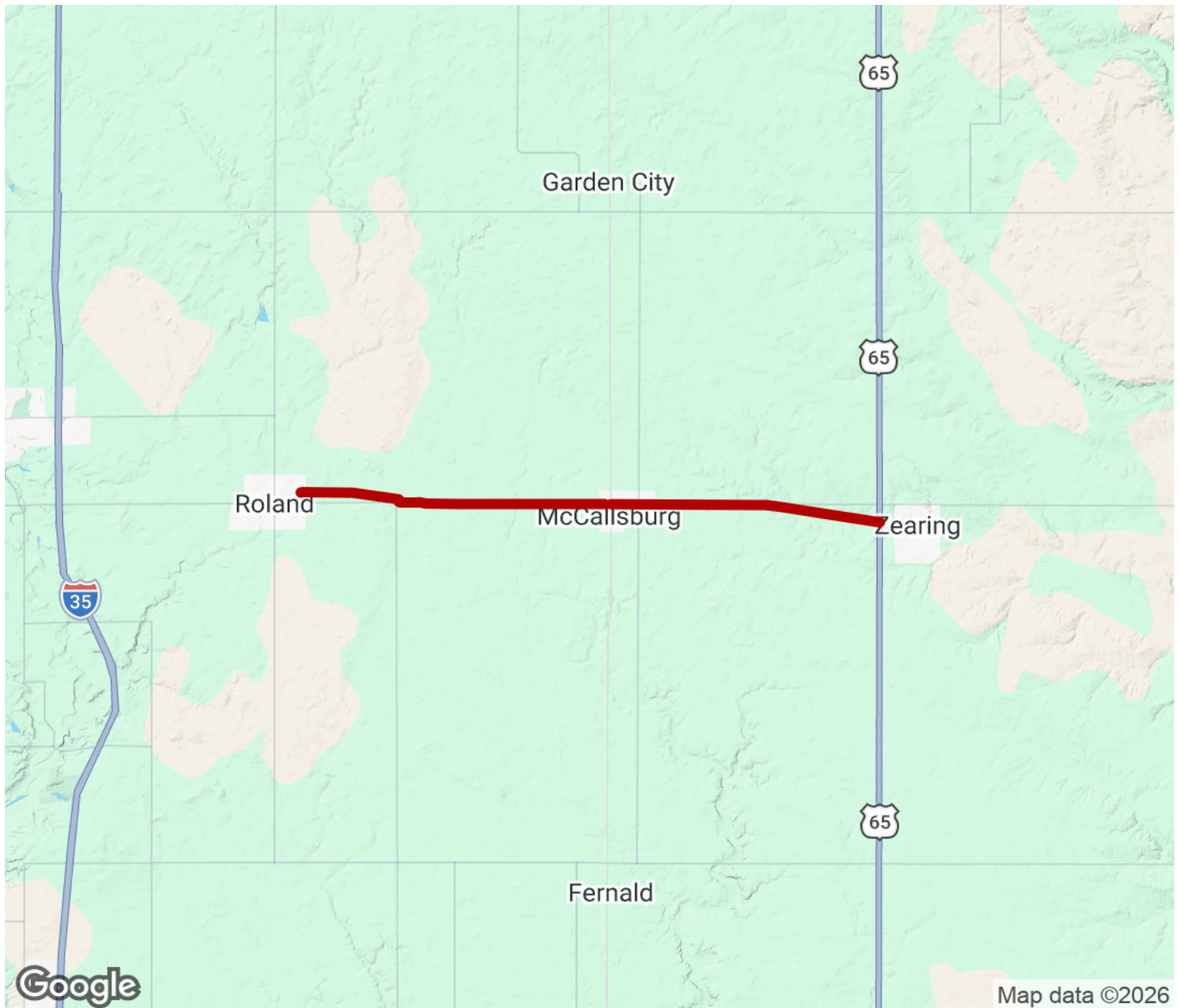
## Parking & Trail Access

Access the trail from the Roland City Park at the intersection of North Park Street and National Street at the northeast edge of Roland or from McCallsburg, where on-street parking is available.



# Praeri Rail Trail

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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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