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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.



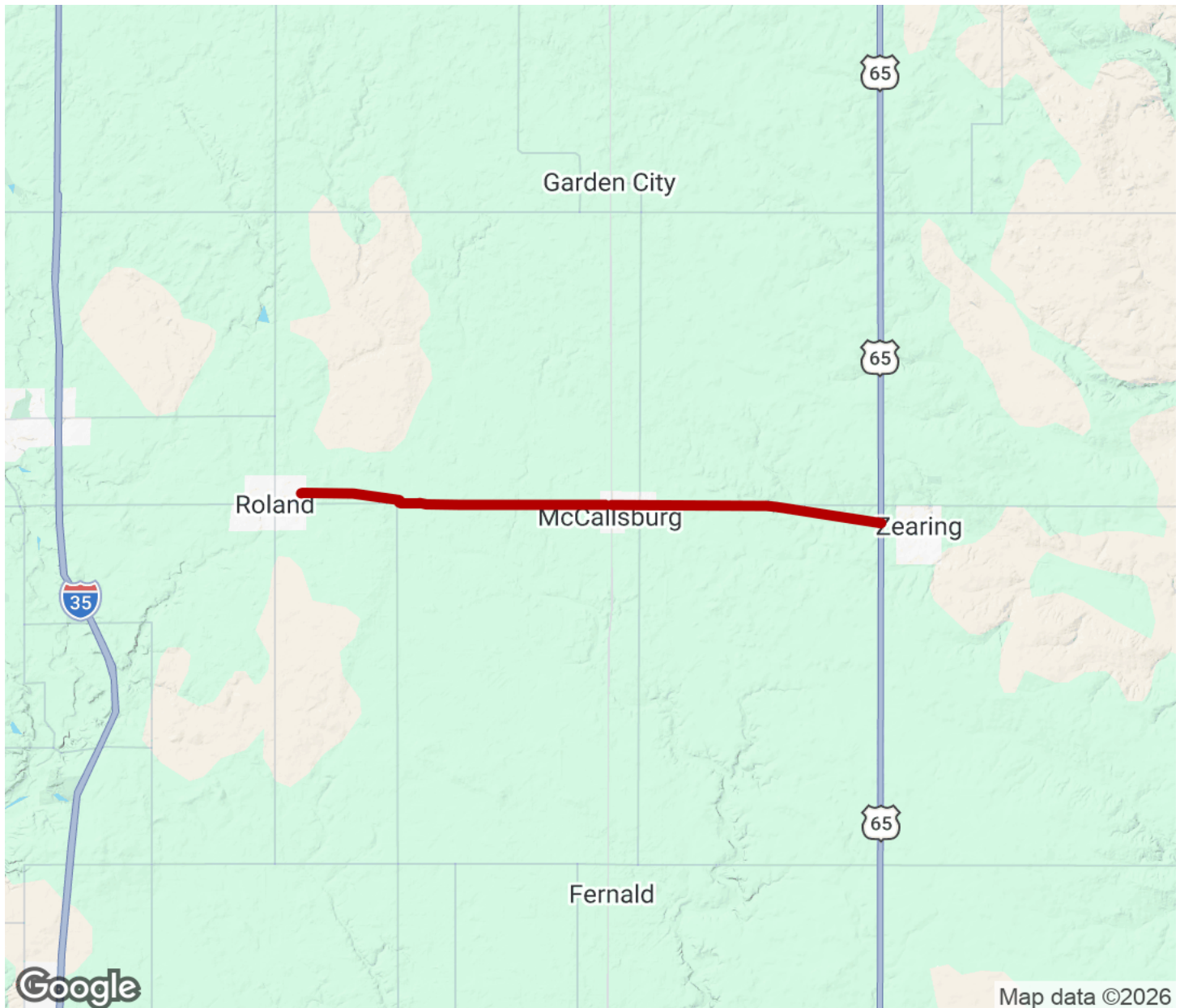
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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