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Along the rest of the trail's route to Alton, the scenery consists of farmland and prairie remnants. A couple of short bridges carry the trail over a local creek. Benches line the trail for its entire distance.



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States: Iowa

Counties: Sioux

Length: 2miles

Trail end points: Albany Pl. SE (Orange City) to Jefferson Ave. (Alton)

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Horseback

Riding, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross Country Skiing

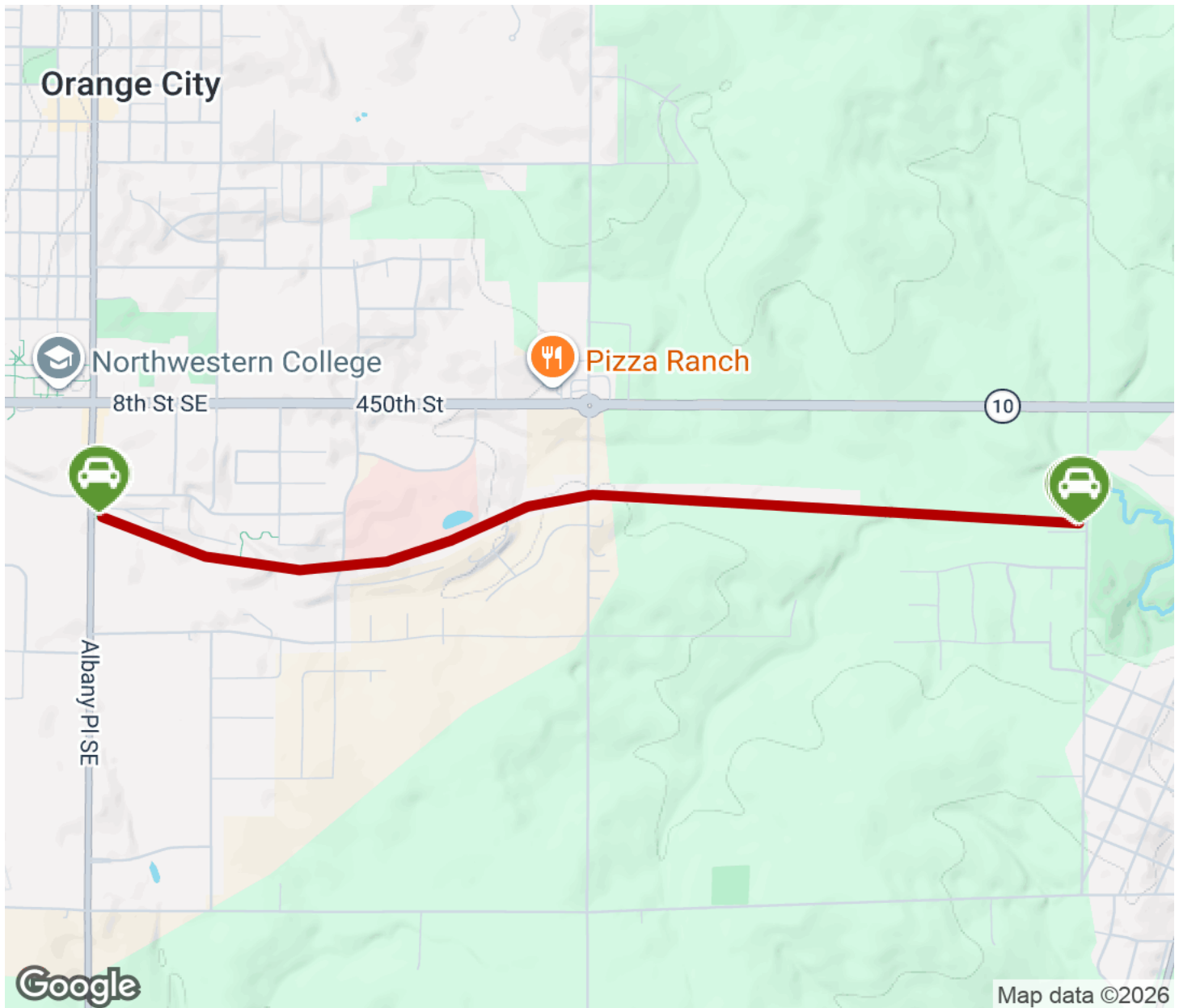
Parking & Trail Access

Access to the Puddle Jumper Trail is easiest from three locations. In Orange City, the trail leaves from Albany Place SE just south of Industrial Bypass Road. There is a small gravel parking lot located at this trailhead. At the trail's midpoint on Jay Avenue, there is an open-air shelter and parking lot. On the western edge of Alton, park at the dirt lot on Jefferson Avenue north of Hoeven Drive.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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