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through the efforts of Thrive Allen County, an active local nonprofit. In a first for Kansas, the local county commission also voted to help maintain and manage the trail.

The Southwind Rail Trail opened in 2013 for recreation and active transportation use on a converted railroad corridor stretching between the small southeast Kansas cities of Iola and Humboldt. The trail is essentially a southern extension of the 51-mile [Prairie Spirit Trail](#), which travels through Iola and a rural landscape farther north to the city of Ottawa.

The trail begins at Iola's Riverside Park, which features baseball fields and a swimming pool. Shortly thereafter, the trail crosses Elm Creek on a restored railroad trestle. The rest of the journey to the outskirts of Humboldt is marked by a landscape of rolling hills and fertile farmland.

The Southwind Rail Trail was developed in large part



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States: Kansas

Counties: Allen

Length: 6.5miles

Trail end points: W. Bruner St. just west of S. State St. at Prairie Spirit Rail-Trail (Iola) to Hawaii Rd./SR 224 west of Cemetery Rd. (Humboldt)

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

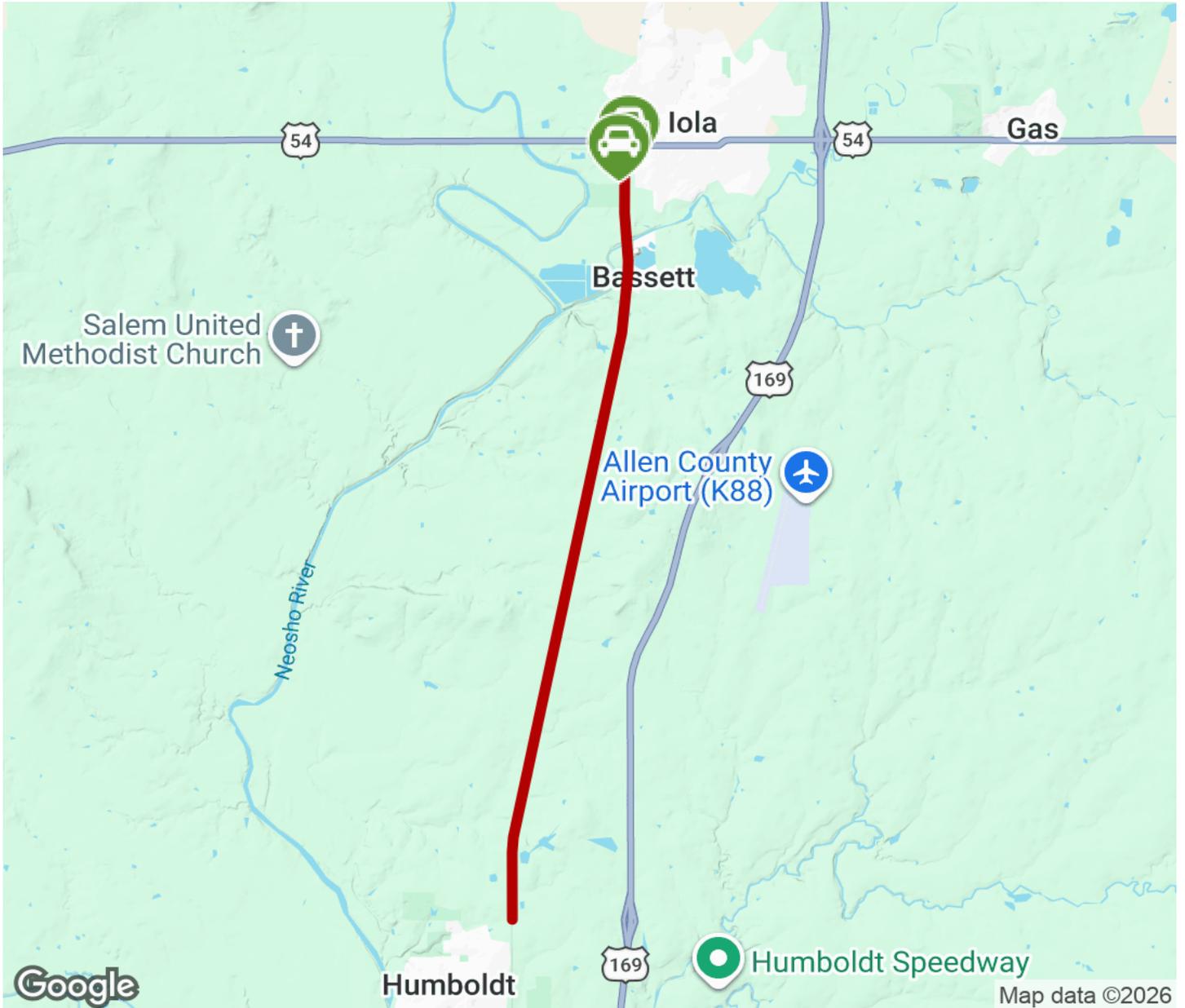
Parking & Trail Access

Parking for the Southwind Rail Trail can be found in Iola at Riverside Park. The park's large parking lots are located just west of the intersection of S. State Street and W. Vine Street.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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