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**Chief
Standing Bear
Trail**
Nebraska



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The crushed-stone pathway follows the Blue River through a mix of rolling farmland, native prairie grasses and lush tree-canopied sections, where you might see deer, hawks, raccoons, wild turkeys and other animals. Trailheads in Beatrice, Holmesville, Blue Springs and Barneston offer signage on the local wildlife, pioneers and the Ponca Tribe.

The north end of the trail is marked by the Gage County Foundation Depot, with paved parking, a trail shelter,

restrooms, and water fountains. At each of the four trailheads, there are bicycle repair stations available for convenient use.

On the trail's north end in Beatrice, it connects to the [Homestead Trail](#), which travels 40 miles north to Lincoln. The southern end of the Chief Standing Bear Trail connects to another rail-trail over the border; the [Blue River Rail Trail](#) heads south along the same former railroad corridor for nearly 12 miles to Marysville, Kansas.



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States: Nebraska

Counties: Gage

Length: 23.3 miles

Trail end points: Chief Standing Bear

Trailhead - 577 Perkins Street to Blue River Rail

Trail at Nebraska/Kansas state line

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Walking, Wheelchair

Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

At the trail's northern end in Beatrice, parking is available near the Gage County Foundation Depot at 612 S 6th Street NE.

In Holmesville, parking and restrooms can be found on E. Linden Road.

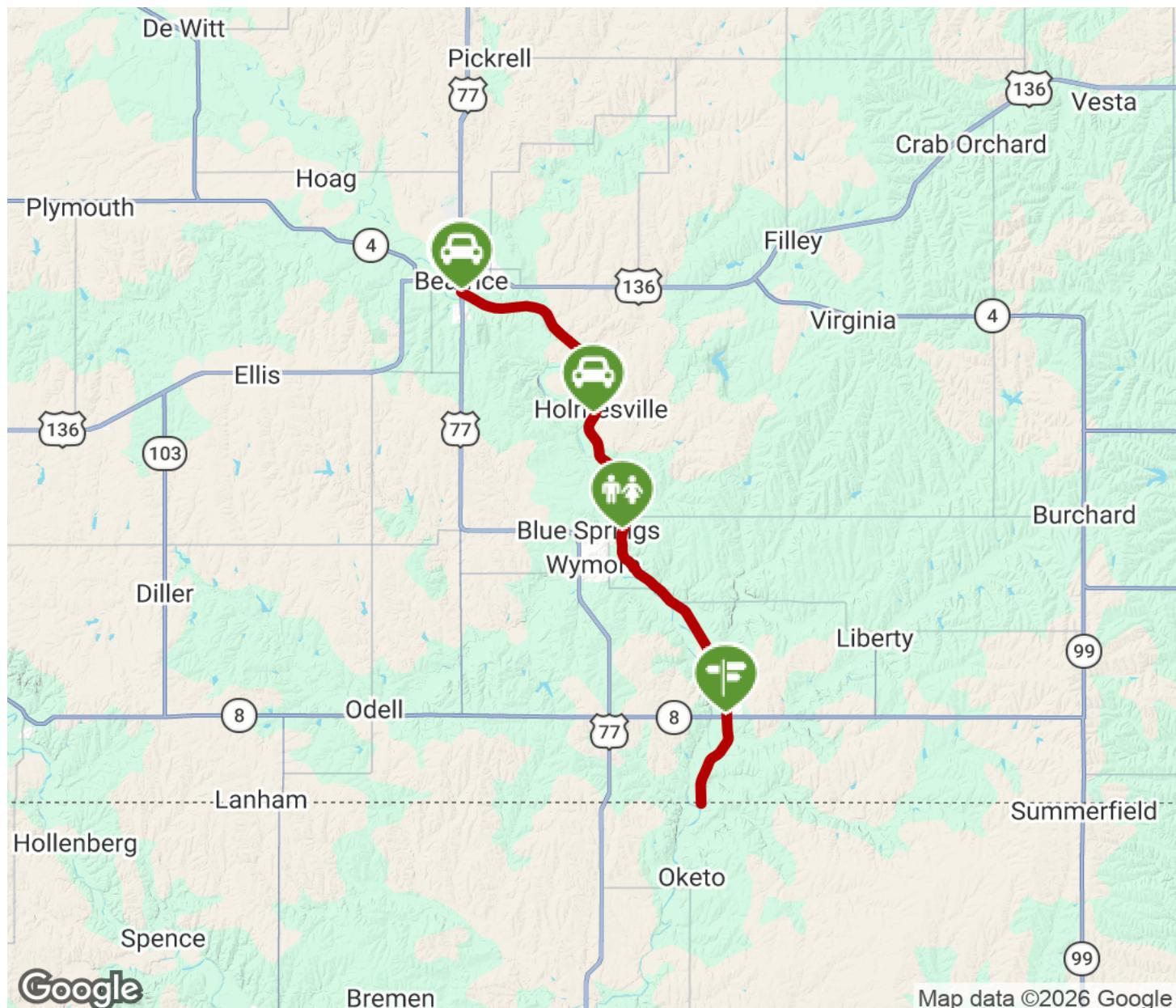
The same are available on E. Broad Street and S. 59th Street near Blue Springs.

Towards the trail's southern end, trailside restrooms are available just south of Barneston.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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