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**Beaver Islands
Trail**
Minnesota



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The Beaver Islands Trail follows the route of an inactive railway that was originally part of a charter railroad of the Minneapolis and Northwestern Railway Company. Built in 1882, the railroad line connected Minneapolis with the town of Clearwater, south of St. Cloud. A spur line connects to Tileston, a site where a mill and elevator were located adjacent to a dam on the Mississippi River.

Today the Beaver Islands Trail, once known as the Tileston Mill Spur, is open in several disconnected segments. The southernmost segment is largely parallel to Co. Hwy 75 and also follows the old railbed. Although it does follow along the road, trail users here will also be treated to expansive green views.

The next, northern segment follows the Mississippi River

for a little more than 5 miles from near the St. Cloud State University campus south to Montrose Road at Clearwater Road. North of the university campus, a short segment is available behind the St. Cloud River's Edge Convention Center.

At 33rd Street South and Roosevelt Road/County Road 75, the Beaver Islands Trail links up to the [Scenic River Trail](#), which is neither scenic nor along the river, but does provide a direct, nondescript route back north into downtown at McKinley Park at 10th Street South.

Beyond the northern terminus of the larger segment of the Beaver Islands Trail on First Avenue South is the [River Walk](#), a predominantly pedestrian trail that follows along the river as it skirts about five blocks of downtown streets.



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States: Minnesota

Counties: Stearns

Length: 11.4 miles

Trail end points: N 1st St. (St. Cloud) to Co.

Hwy. 75 (Clearwater)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross

Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

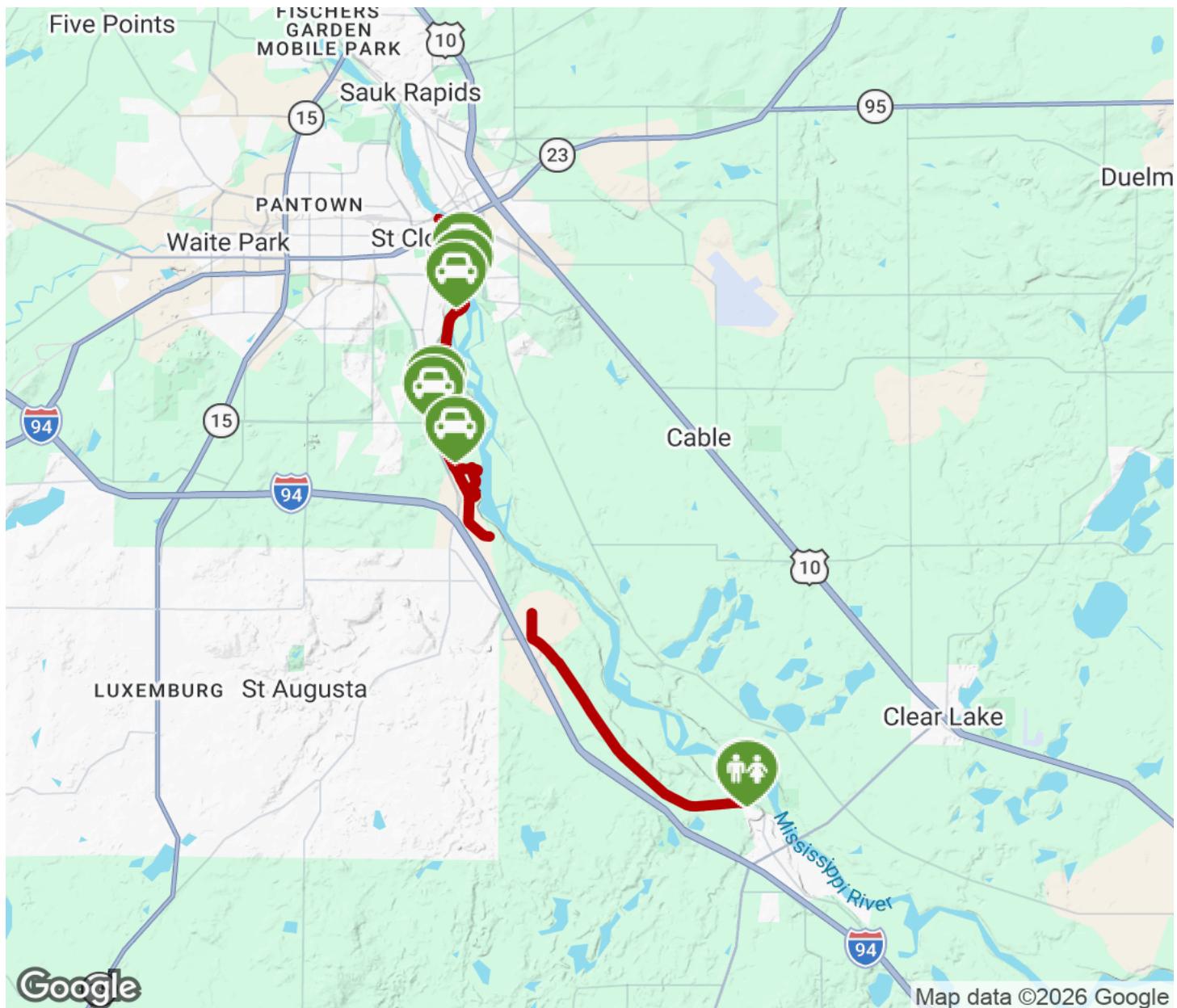
To reach the southern terminus of the trail near River Bluffs Regional Park from I-94, take Exit 171 for County Road 75/Roosevelt Road. Head 0.8 mile north on Roosevelt Road. Turn right onto 38th St. S. Parking will be on the left.

Additional access points for the trail are at the St. Cloud State University campus, beyond the east end of 15th St. and 16th St. on Third Ave. S. (there is a bicycle tune-up station here), and at 33rd St. S. and CR 75/Roosevelt Road.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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