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Guides



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The Circle L Trail meets up with the [Circle T Trail](#) east of Bass Lake. Despite its name, the Circle L Trail is not a loop but rather a connector between the Circle T Trail (which is a loop) and the Herb Brandstrom Trail.



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States: Minnesota

Counties: Itasca

Length: 10miles

Trail end points: Big Fork to George
Washington State Forest

Trail surfaces: Dirt, Grass

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Horseback Riding, Mountain
Biking, Snowmobiling, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

Access and parking for the Circle L Trail is at Larson Lake Campground and at the boat ramp. To reach the campground from Effie, take State Route 1 (E) 11 miles to Bass Lake Road; turn south and go about 2 miles to the junction; turn west and go 1 mile. The boat ramp is north of the campground at the northern tip of the lake.



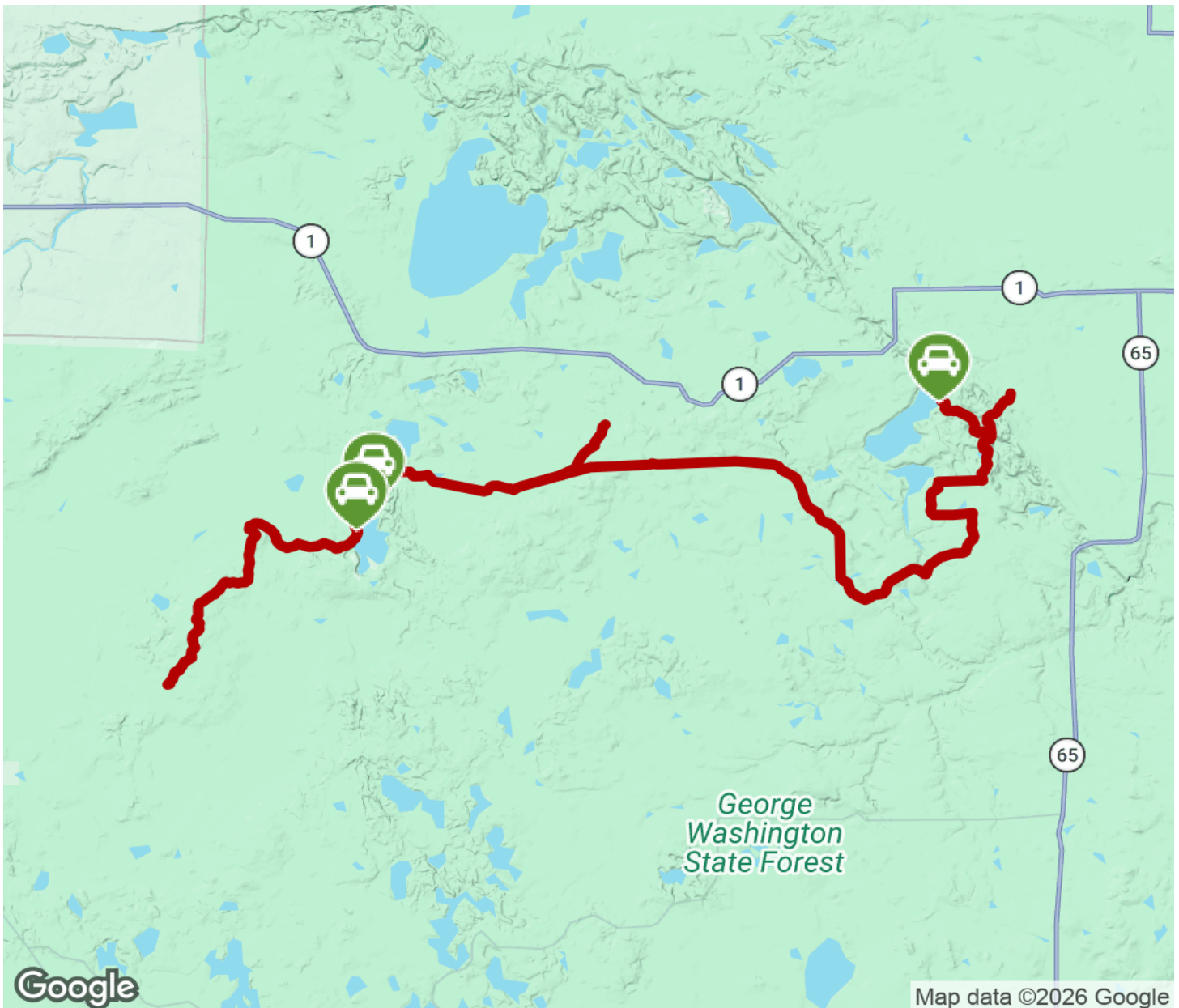
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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