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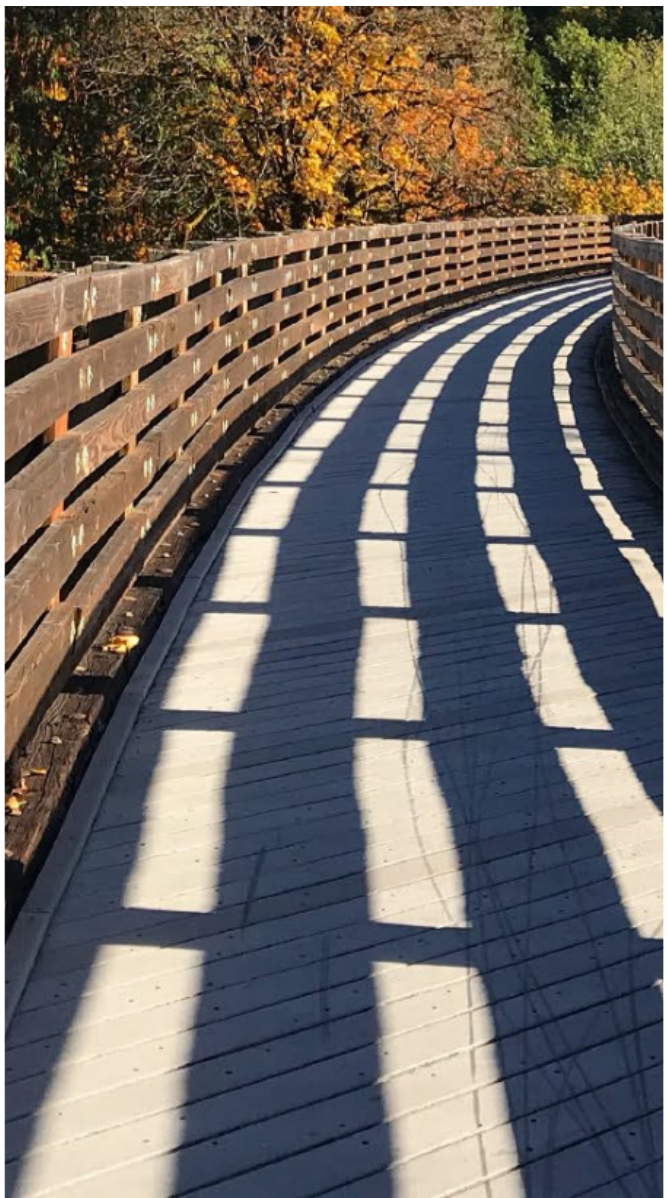

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The unpaved trail can be used for mountain biking, ATVs, and horseback riding, as well as for snowmobile excursions in the winter. It follows the Missouri River and offers scenic views of the bluffs and surrounding landscape. The southern end point is at the Fort Rice Campground, which has a picnic area, fire rings, potable water, RV hookups, and restrooms.

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States: North Dakota
Counties: Morton
Length: 16.5miles
Trail end points: Schmidt Bottoms Rd at SR 1806 (Kimball Rec Area) to Ft. Rice Campground off SR 1806 (Fort Rice Historic Site)
Trail surfaces: Dirt,Gravel
Trail category: Rail-Trail
Trail activities: ATV,Horseback Riding,Mountain

Parking & Trail Access

The trailhead is located at the Fort Rice Campground off State Route 1806, about 20 miles south of Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park and 28.6 miles from Mandan. From Mandan, take State Route 1806 south to Fort Rice Road and turn left (east).

Parking is also available nearby at the Sugarloaf Recreation Area (5231 Graner Park Road) in Mandan. From the recreation area, head south on Granger Park Road for 0.8 miles to reach the trail.

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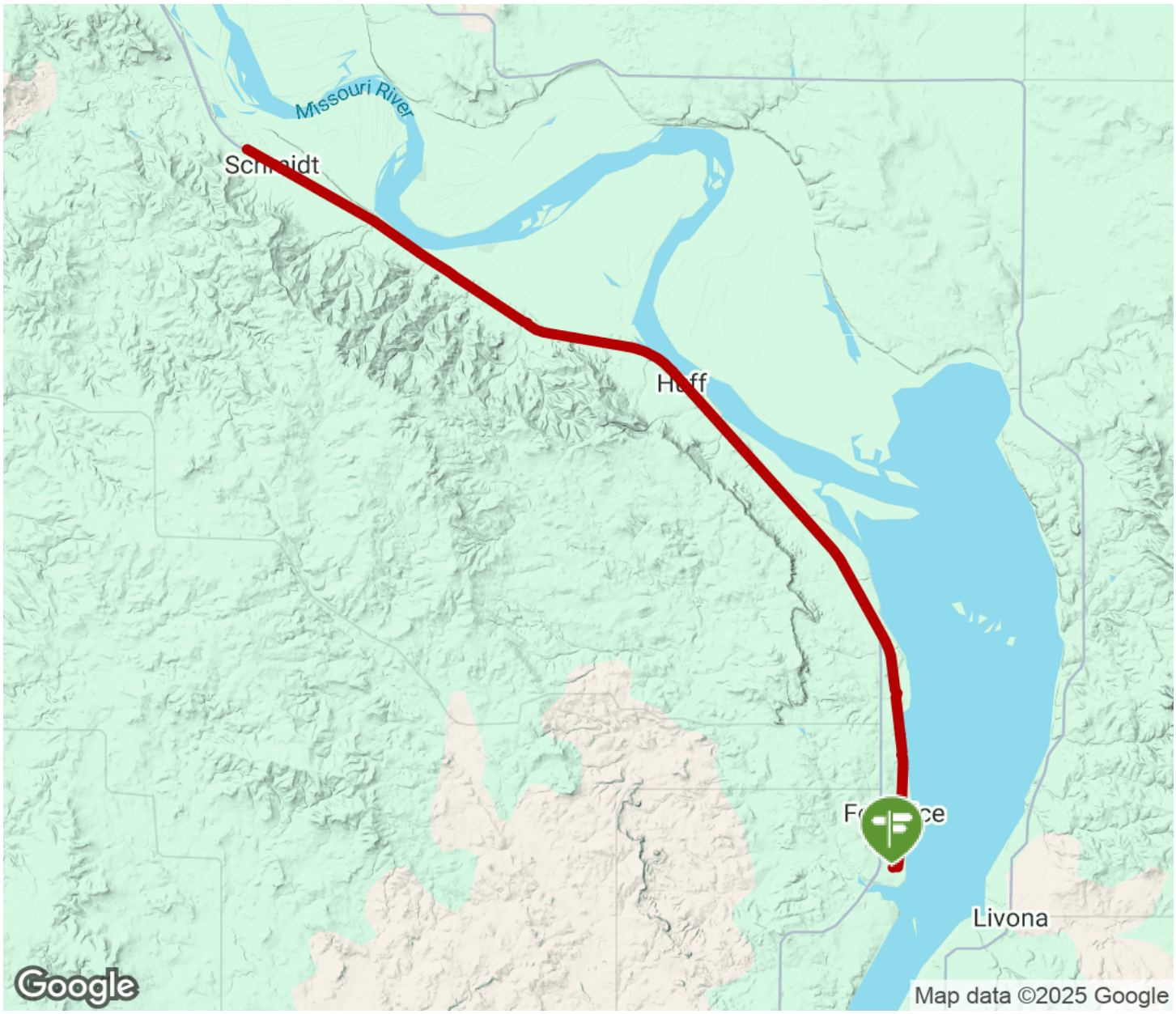

Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel

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