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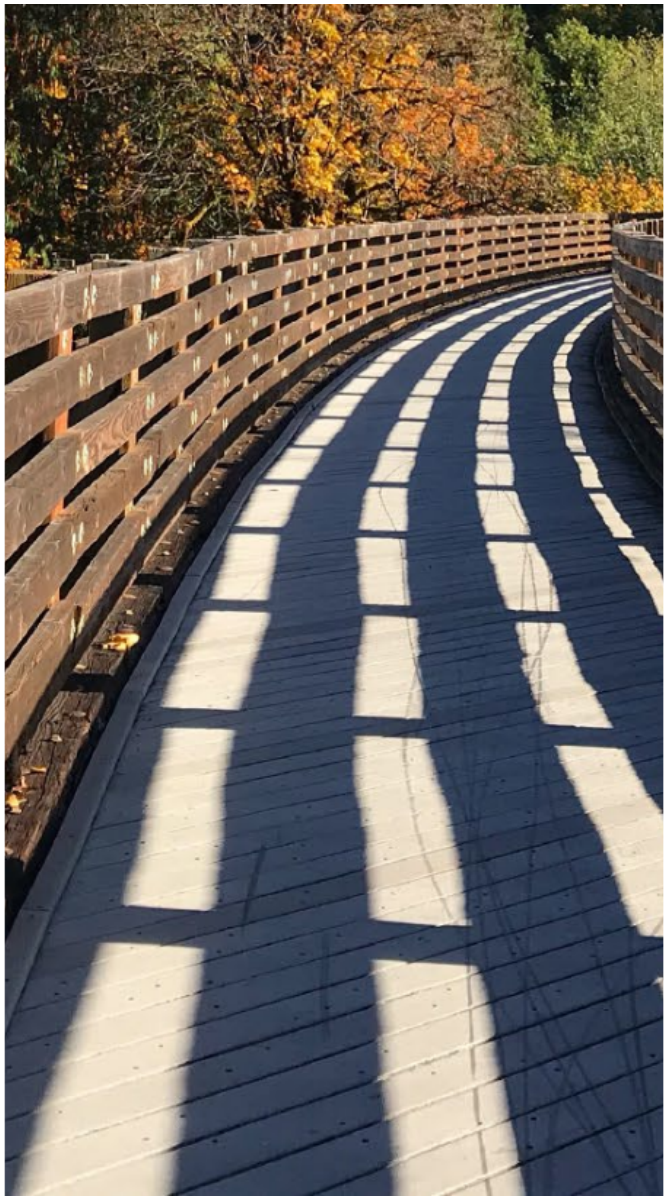

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If you're going to visit the historical communities that lie just west of Lake Michigan, why not use the former route of the venerable interurban railroad? The Ozaukee Interurban Trail stretches the length of Ozaukee County and links communities known for a lighthouse, Civil War–era downtowns, surviving railroad depots and gristmills, as well as a popular 1920s recording studio for Mississippi Delta blues singers.

The 29.3-mile paved trail passes through Belgium, Port Washington, Grafton, Cedarburg, Thiensville, and Mequon and is part of the Route of the Badger, a Milwaukee-area trail network.

About the Route

Leaving off from the northern trail endpoint at County Road K, trail users will immediately realize why the trail is known for its birding hot spots. The northern end of the trail is located at the Cedar Grove Waterfowl Production Area, a wetland habitat for sandhill cranes, green herons, and more. From here, the trail passes through the small town of Belgium in 3 miles (where the closest public parking to the northern endpoint is available at the Community Park on Beech Street) and then through another 6 miles of farm country to the outskirts of Port Washington.

The trail heads downhill after crossing I-43 and arrives at the harbor on East Jackson Street. A bustling port since Civil War times and now a tourist destination, its centerpiece is the 1930s Art Deco lighthouse out on the breakwater. Follow the bike route signs on city streets for 1.5 miles uphill to regain the Ozaukee Interurban Trail on West Oakland Avenue between South Park and South Spring Streets.

South of Port Washington Harbor, the trail continues through open country for 5 miles until the route crosses the Milwaukee River and enters Grafton. The trail here passes through this old mill town on a mile of city streets, too, but this won't be a problem if you're a music lover. In the 1920s, Grafton was home to Paramount Records, a leading recorder of early Delta blues artists such as Charley Patton and Blind Lemon Jefferson. Their music is celebrated in a statue and piano keyboard–style Walk of Fame in Paramount Plaza, located a block from the bike route on Wisconsin Avenue between Beech and Bridge Streets.

Returning to the trail on Seventh Avenue between Maple Street and Wisconsin Avenue, the route continues through residential areas for the next 2 miles to a restored trestle over Cedar Creek in Cedarburg. The downtown has developed a vibrant tourism economy and many buildings, such as the woolen mill, date to the Civil War era. On Center Street, watch for the cream-colored brick 1907 railroad depot; it's the last building related to the railway on the trail.

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States: Wisconsin

Counties: Ozaukee

Length: 30.1miles

Trail end points: County Rd K/ Sheboygan Interurban Trail (Cedar Grove) to W County Line Rd/Brown Deer Recreational Trail (Mequon)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible,Cross

Parking & Trail Access

The Ozaukee Interurban Trail runs between County Rd K/ Sheboygan Interurban Trail (Cedar Grove) and W County Line Rd/Brown Deer Recreational Trail (Mequon).

Parking is available at:

- Community Park, 106 Beech St. (Belgium)
- Upper Lake Park, 5545 N Lake St Port (Port Washington)
- Veterans Memorial Park, 13th Ave. (Grafton)

See TrailLink Map for all parking options and detailed directions.

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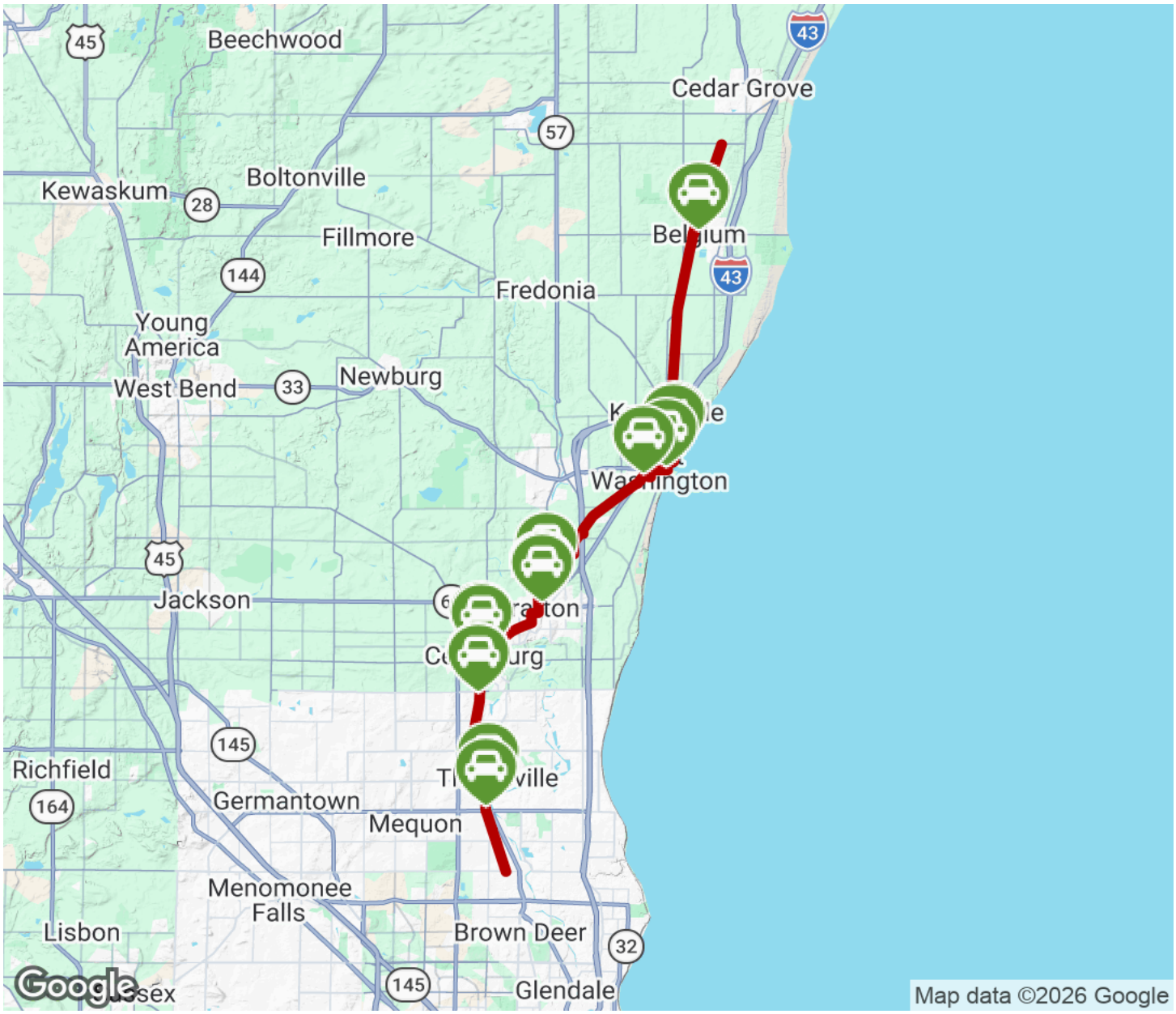

Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel

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