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The Wild Goose State Trail is a premier rail trail, spanning approximately 35 miles in Dodge and Fond du Lac counties. For trail users looking for a peaceful and beautiful place to visit, this trail has it all. Almost the entire trail is tree-covered, very flat and well-maintained. The "wild" in the trail name is apt, as wildlife is in abundance. Trail users traveling by bike will want to concentrate on the trail surface: chipmunks frequently scramble across the path. Throughout the trail there are multiple highway and farm access roads to cross; they are all well marked, but use caution.

When the snow flies (December through March only), skiers, snowmobilers, and ATVers hit the trail, followed by the spring migration of birds wintering over in Horicon Marsh. Note that motorized users are only permitted on the main trail when conditions allow, and ATV use is restricted to Dodge County only. Summertime's expansive green fields and dense tree canopies give way to spectacular fall foliage, making any time of year a good time to visit the Wild Goose State Trail.

About the Route

Leaving off from the trail's southern endpoint, Clyman Junction, trail users will travel through wooded areas and farmland on a crushed stone surface. A horse path parallels the trail for 7.5 miles from Clyman Junction to Minnesota Junction.

Several industrial buildings mark the trail's arrival in Juneau, where trail users can find a typical small town with a few restaurants and bars to visit. The trail becomes a bit tricky to follow where it passes through a grassy lot and then resumes. Rule of thumb: go straight when the trail seems to disappear and you will find it again shortly.

Outside of Juneau, the trail quickly returns to farmland. Although the trail skirts the western edge of the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge and Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area, trail users will not actually see the marsh. Trail users may, however, see some of its feathered inhabitants: herons, egrets, and hawks, to name a few. A tenth of a mile before you reach State Route 49, look for the sign marking the short path to the Marsh Haven Nature Center. Covering 32,000 acres, the Horicon Marsh is one of America's most important wetlands. Tour the marsh on guided or self-directed canoe or kayak tours, and don't miss the spring and fall migratory season, when it is estimated that more than 500,000 birds pass through.

Crossing into Fond du Lac County for its final 15-mile stretch,



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States: Wisconsin

Counties: Dodge, Fond Du Lac

Length: 34.5 miles

Trail end points: W Pioneer Rd (Fond du Lac)
to State Route 60 (Clyman Junction)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Crushed
Stone, Dirt, Grass

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: ATV, Bike, Wheelchair
Accessible, Horseback Riding, Mountain
Biking, Snowmobiling, Walking, Cross Country

Parking & Trail Access

The Wild Goose State Trail runs between W Pioneer Rd (Fond du Lac) and State Route 60 (Clyman Junction), where parking is available.

Parking is also available at:

- Marsh Haven Nature Center, W10145 WI-49 (Waupun)
- Burnett Fireman's Park, N8581 Front St (Burnett)
- 587 N Hyland St (Juneau)

See [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



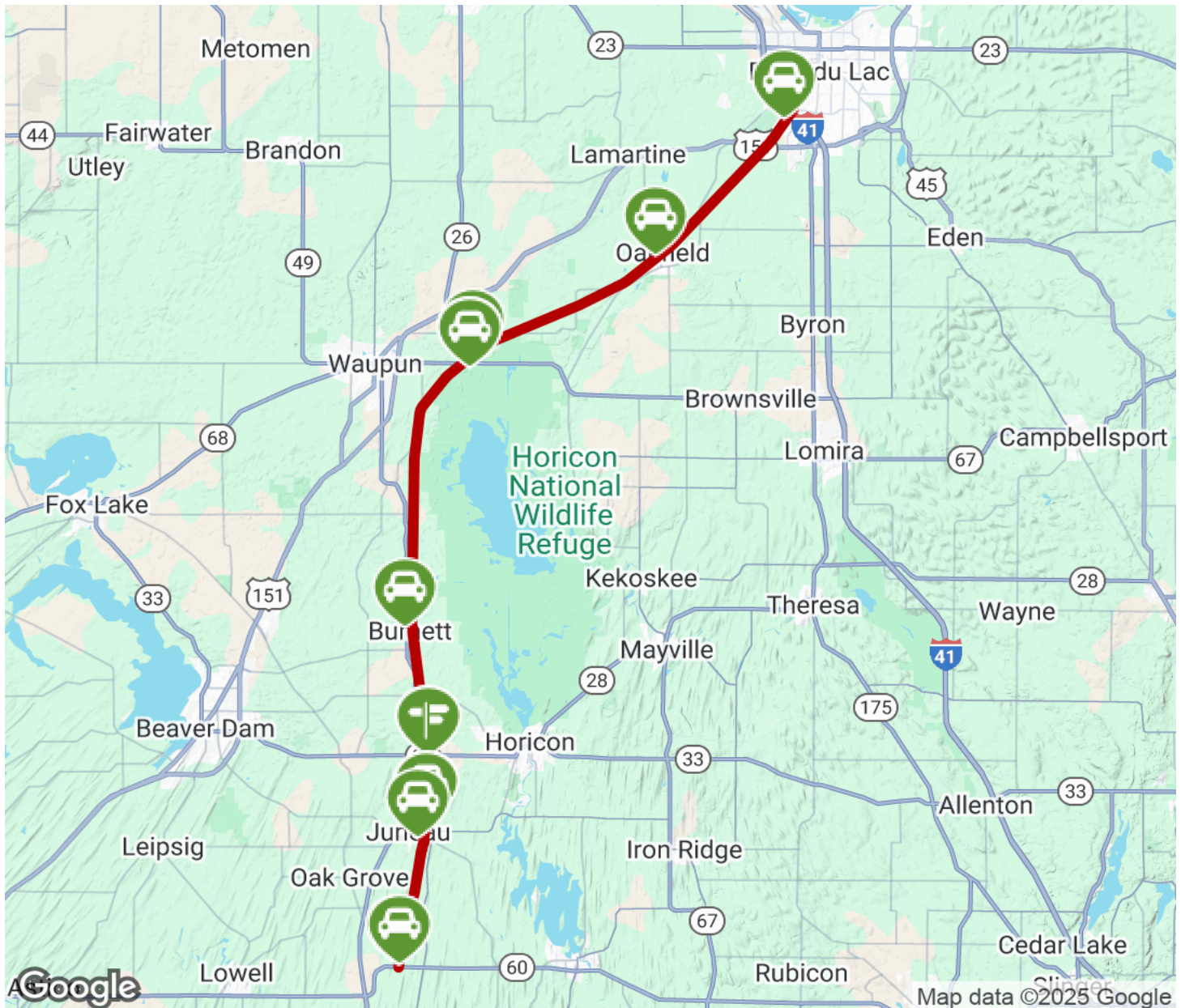
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Restroom



Parking



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