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About the Route

The New Berlin Recreation Trail leaves off from its western endpoint along Lincoln St, a small industrial road with some parking at the end. After the trail heads east and passes through Springdale Rd., there is a 3-mile stretch without any street crossings. A majority of the trail's route follows an active railroad, though the wide

railroad right-of-way provides a significant distance between the trail and the rail.

At Calhoun St., there is a trailside bike shop and a couple of cafes nearby. In the old days, the Calhoun Crossroads were the beginning/end of the electric railroad. The trail then passes Buena Park, which offers restrooms and later on, Gatewood Park.

The trail comes to its eastern endpoint at the 282-acre Greenfield Park just after crossing South 124th st on a pedestrian bridge.

Connections

At the trail's western endpoint, it connects to the [Barstow to Frederick Street Connector \(Route of the Badger\)](#).

At the eastern end of the trail, trail users can continue along the [West Allis Cross Town Connector \(Route of the Badger\)](#) and the [Oak Leaf Trail](#).

The New Berlin Recreation Trail is part of the Route of the Badger, a developing trail network in Greater Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Trail History

The New Berlin Recreation Trail follows the former interurban railway route of the Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light Company, which started running trains and providing electricity in the 1890s. Waukesha, New Berlin, and West Allis were sleepy outposts at the time, but a critical turning point came in 1892 when Wisconsin chose West Allis as the official location of the annual state fair. The electric railway launched a trolley service toward the west in 1898, and the communities began to thrive. Railway business declined, however, as car and truck use expanded in the 20th century. The Waukesha line, taken over by the Milwaukee Rapid



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States: Wisconsin

Counties: Waukesha

Length: 7 miles

Trail end points: Lincoln St. (Waukesha) to S 124th St., Milwaukee County Line (West Allis)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The New Berlin Recreation Trail runs between Lincoln St. (Waukesha) and S 124th St., Milwaukee County Line (West Allis).

Parking is available at:

- 1900 Springdale Rd (Waukesha)
- Buena Park, 16133 W Heritage Ln (New Berlin)
- Greenfield Park, 2028 S 124th St (West Allis)

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



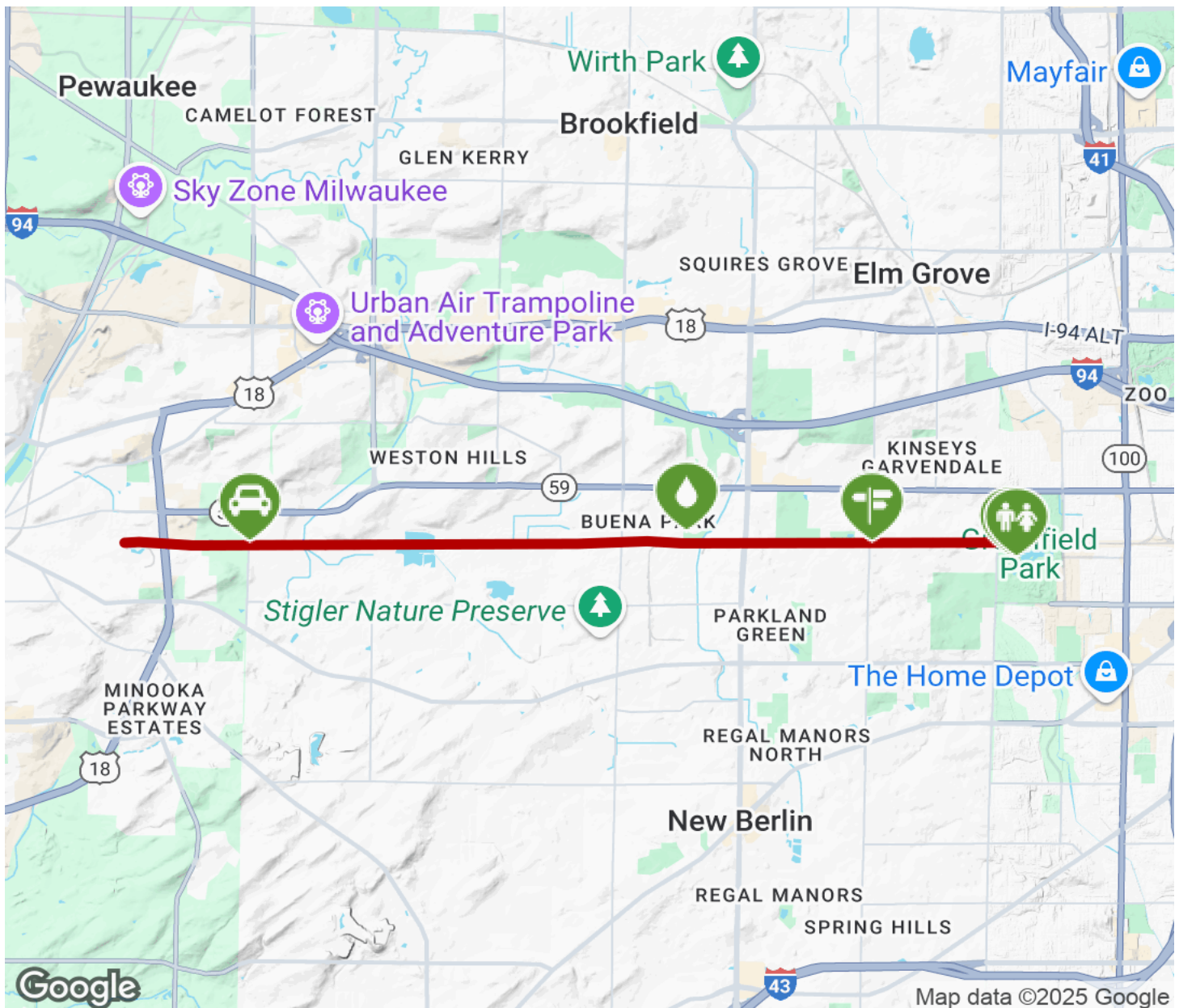
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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