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About the Route

A note of caution when starting on the western end of the trail: When arriving at Northwest 142nd Street (after 1.6 miles of riding), things get a little confusing; trail users will be riding on what feels like a sidewalk along Lakeview Drive and then on an on-road stretch on Country Club Boulevard, all while following occasional bike route signs, but not much else in terms of way-finding. Locals may

appreciate the trail's presence here, but visitors may prefer to start farther east at the Campbell Recreation Area, where the trail immediately dives into woodlands, and you can easily see why it's called the "Greenbelt."

The lush border of trees gives you the feeling of being away from it all, while restaurants, stores, and other businesses are positioned within easy reach of the pathway. Numerous well-marked spurs spin off the trail to destinations such as parks, city hall, and the public library. The Greenbelt's popularity in the community is easily felt here, as dog walkers, joggers, bikers, families, and outdoor enthusiasts of all sorts can be found on the trail.

If your excursion takes place between May and September, you're in for another visual treat. The Art Along the Trail exhibit is held annually on the Greenbelt during this time frame with six sculptures made by Iowans showcased trailside. At the end of the event, one of the pieces is selected for a permanent place in the city's public art collection.

Connections

At the western end of the trail, trail users can connect to the [Sugar Creek Trail \(IA\)](#).

On its east end, the Clive Greenbelt Trail seamlessly connects to the [Walnut Creek Trail](#).



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States: Iowa

Counties: Dallas, Polk

Length: 7.9 miles

Trail end points: Lions Park, 15880 Wildwood Dr. (Clive) to Walnut Creek Trail (Windsor Heights)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Concrete

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Clive Greenbelt Trail runs between Lions Park, 15880 Wildwood Dr. (Clive), where parking is available, and Walnut Creek Trail (Windsor Heights).

Parking is also available at:

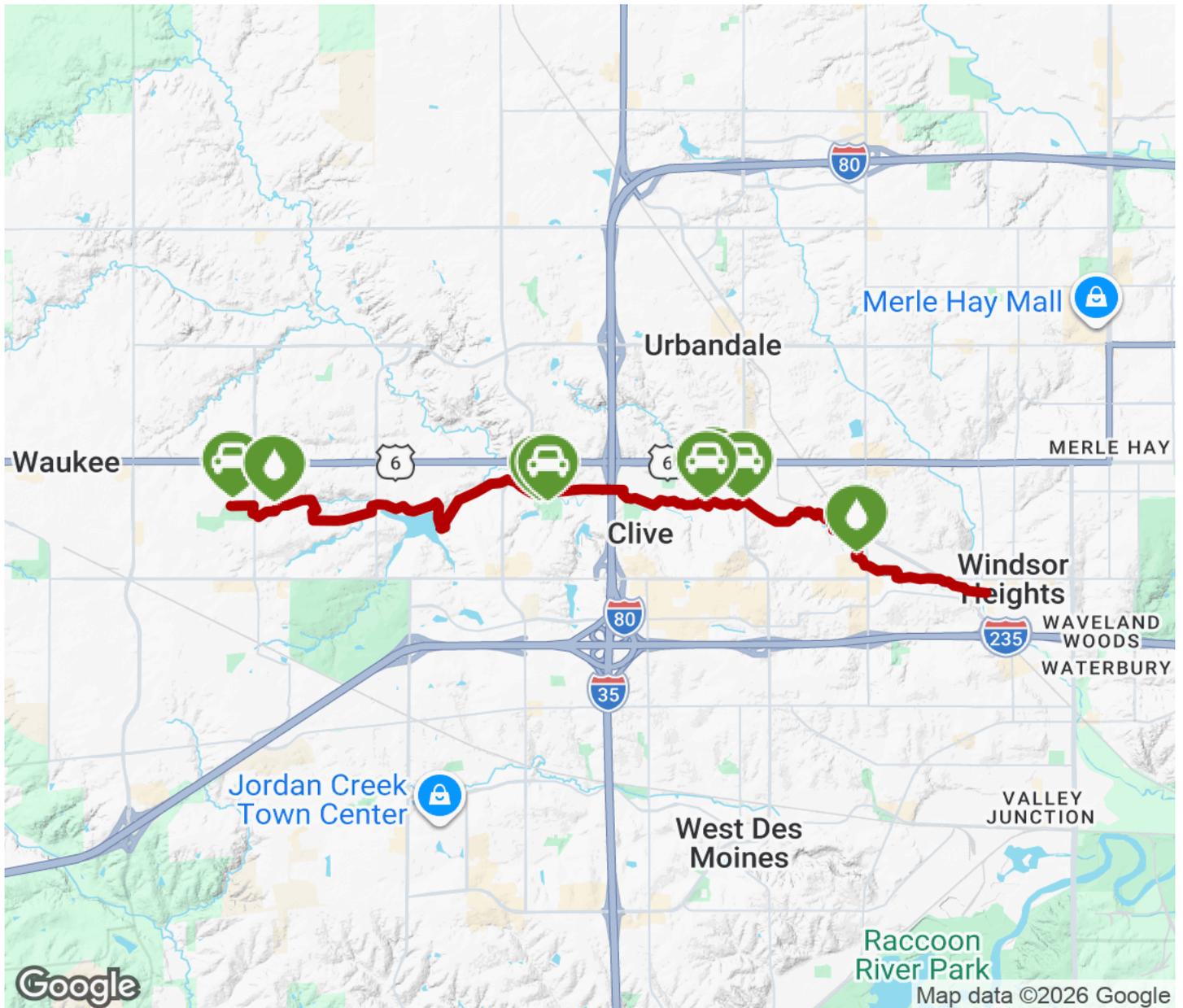
- Wildwood Park, 15166 Wildwood Dr. (Clive)
- Campbell Recreation Area, 12385 Woodlands Pkwy. (Clive)

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



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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