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Guides



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Recreational  
Trail**  
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The Soo Line Recreational Trail continues southwest from Royalton along the abandoned railroad corridor to meet up with the [Lake Wobegon Trail](#) just north of Holdingford at 450th Street. The trail crosses the Mississippi River at Blanchard Dam, passing among farmland, wooded areas and creek bottoms. The trail runs through the small community of Bowlus just south of midway. The Stearns County portion (at the Lake Wobegon Trail end in Albany) is being developed as the [Dairyland Trail](#).



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**States:** Minnesota

**Counties:** Morrison, Stearns

Length: 10.5 miles

**Trail end points:** US Highway 10 (Royalton) to  
Lake Wobegon Trail at 450th St. (Holdingford)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking, Cross  
Country Skiing

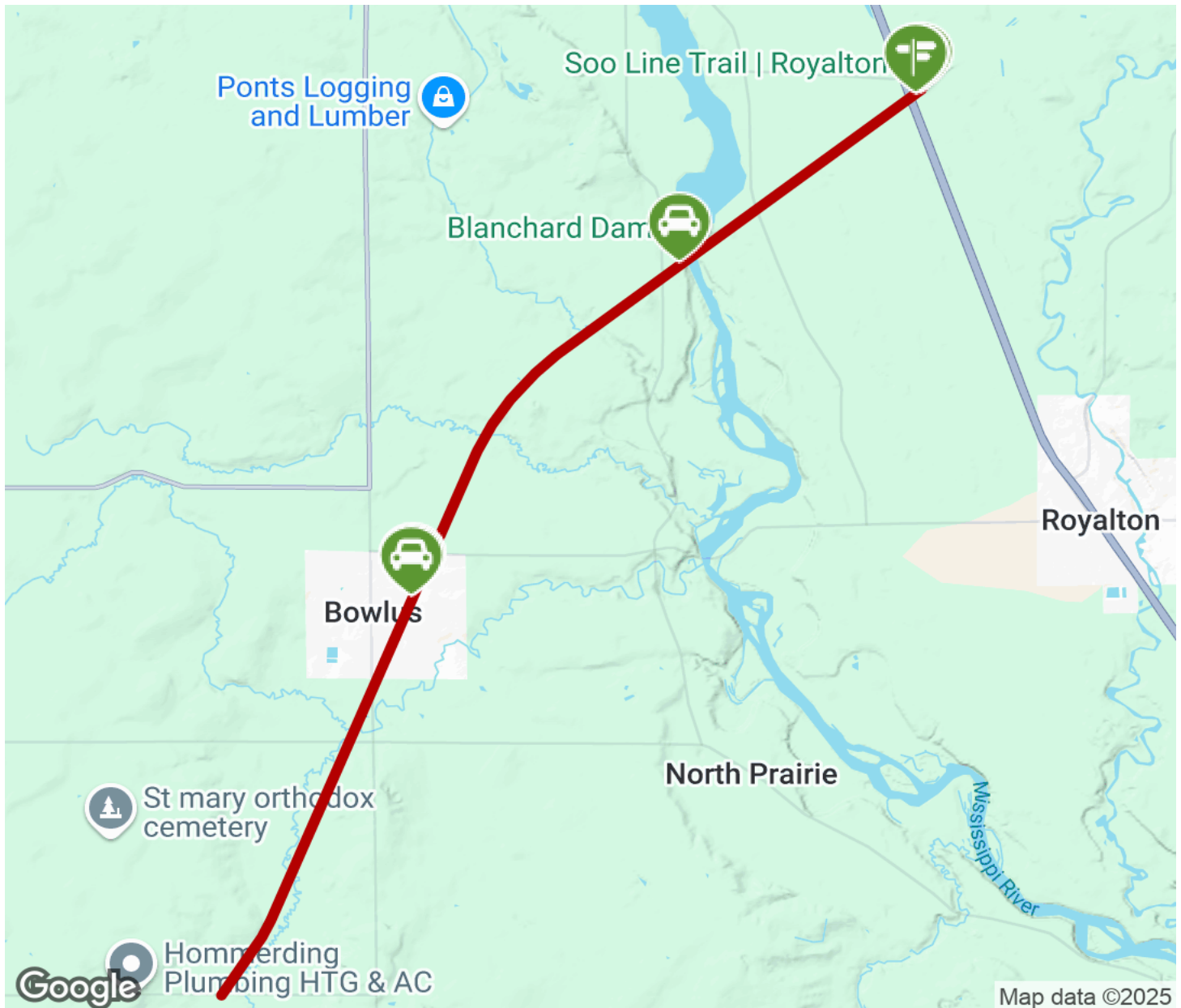
## Parking & Trail Access

You can access the Soo Line Recreational Trail just north of Royalton at US 10 and Township Road 316/83rd St., where you'll find a large parking area. There is a small parking area on the west bank of the Mississippi River at Blanchard Dam (access via Great River Rd.). Parking is also available in Bowlus south of Main St near its deadend on the east side of town.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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