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Guides



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walkers, and equestrians.

Going east from the park, you'll find a white crushed-stone surface that cuts through the surrounding greenery and is draped with power lines overhead. It is an easy level ride throughout. The first couple miles take you through the residential community of Muskego; however, immediately after crossing over Mystic Drive, the scenery quickly changes to beautiful farmland and woodland scenery.

When you cross into Milwaukee County, you will see trail signage indicating that you have joined the City of Franklin Hike and Bike Path. Continue into Franklin.

The Muskego Recreation Trail follows a corridor originally used by the Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light, an interurban railroad in southeastern Wisconsin. The corridor was later acquired by Wisconsin Electric Power Company, which is known today as We Energies. The Recreation Trail connects seamlessly with the [City of Franklin Hike and Bike Trail](#) at the Milwaukee–Waukesha county line, taking you an additional 1.5 miles east to Franklin.

A good place to start the Muskego Recreation Trail is in the residential community just across from the entrance to the Muskego County Park. A sign marks the trail entrance. If you head west from the park, you will travel nearly 2 miles along a dirt path to the village of Big Bend. This section of trail is best suited to mountain bike riders,



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States: Wisconsin

Counties: Waukesha

Length: 6.7miles

Trail end points: S North Cape Rd at City of Franklin Trail (Franklin) to Edgewood Ave (Big Bend)

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone, Dirt, Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Wheelchair

Accessible, Horseback Riding, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

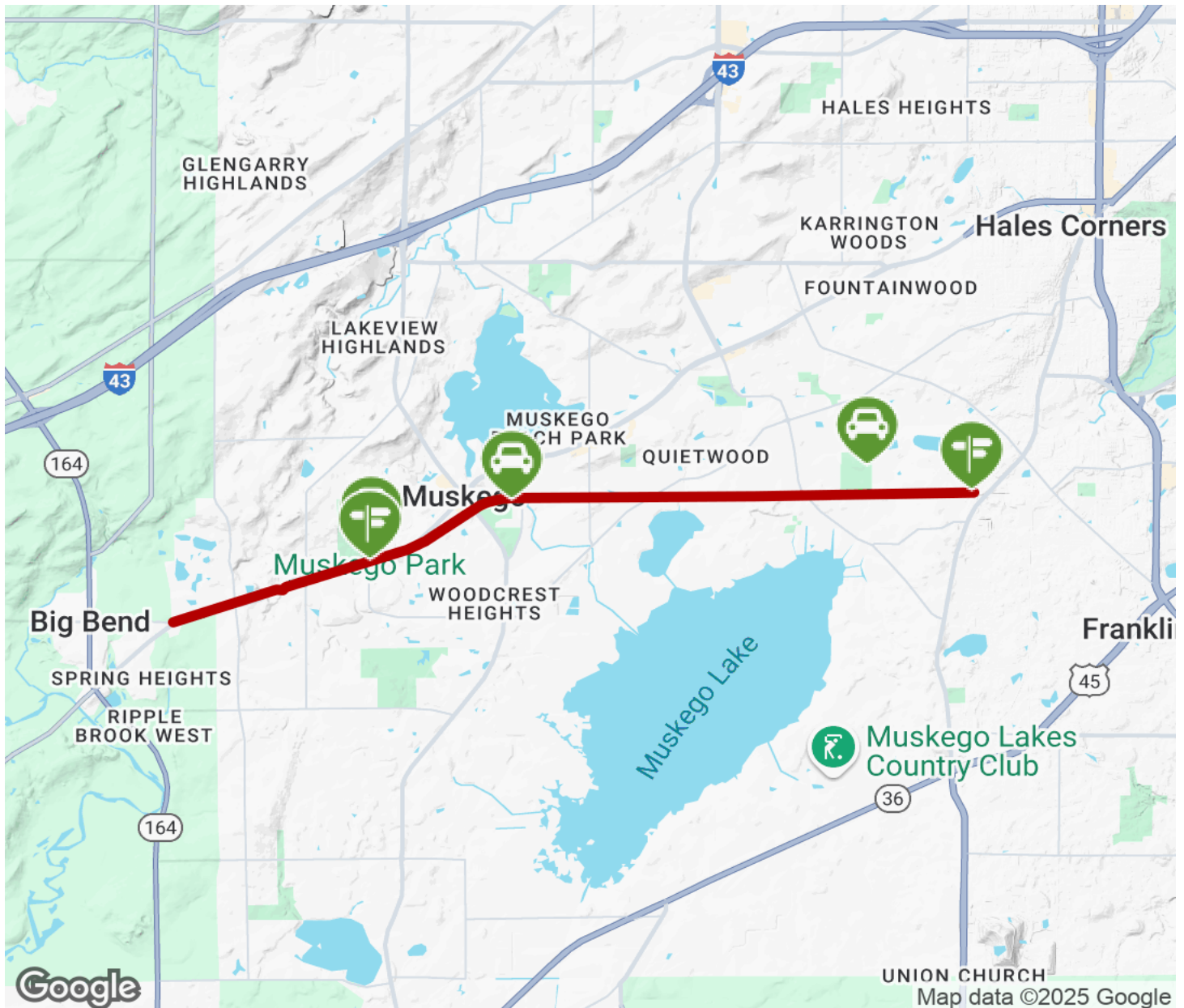
Parking for the Muskego Recreation Trail is at Muskego County Park. Take Racine Avenue (County Road Y) south to Janesville Road. Turn right on Janesville Road to the Muskego County Park (on your right). The trailhead is immediately across the street from Muskego County park entrance.

Other nearby places to park include Horn Park (east side of Racine Avenue/County Road Y) and Bluhm Park (just north of the trail on its eastern end).



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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