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Guides



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The City of Franklin Hike and Bike 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 Hike and Bike Trail connects seamlessly with the [Muskego Recreation Trail](#) at the Milwaukee–Waukesha county line, taking you an additional 5 miles west to Muskego.

The 1.5-mile section of the Franklin Hike and Bike Trail courses through farmland from west to east and then abruptly turns north after you cross Forest Home Avenue. The eastern stretch of the trail runs through suburban Franklin, where you'll pass by playgrounds and residential communities.



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States: Wisconsin

Counties: Milwaukee

Length: 1.5miles

Trail end points: Rawson Ave/Milwaukee BB to
S North Cape Rd at Muskego Trail (Franklin)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Wheelchair

Accessible, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

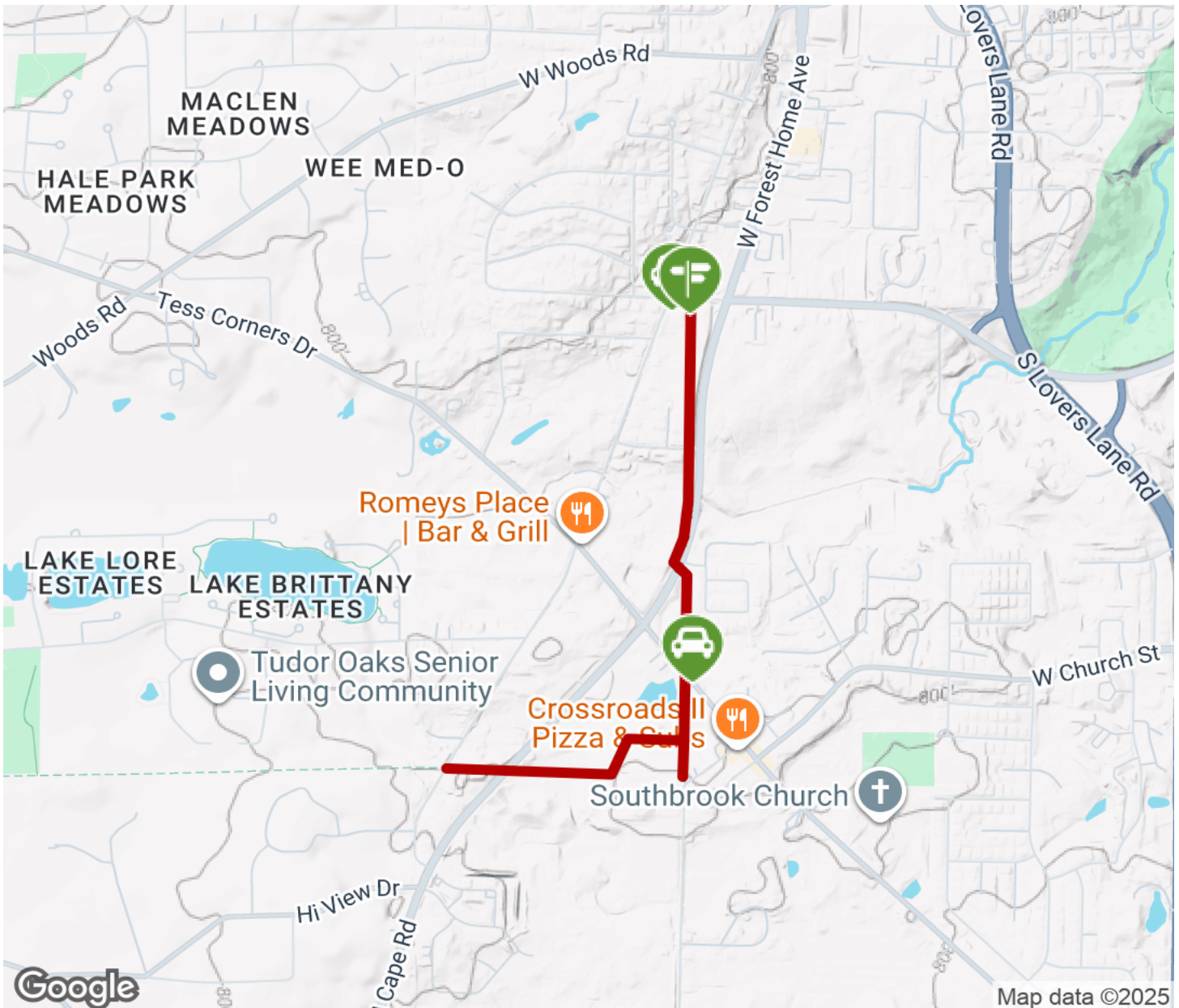
There is no official parking for the trail. To access the City of Franklin Hike and Bike Path, take US 45/SR 100 north from Franklin to W. Rawson Avenue (County Road BB). Turn left on W. Rawson and cross Forest Homes Avenue. The trailhead is on the left between Forest Homes Avenue and S. North Cape Road.

Update: There is a new, paved parking lot for bicyclists and hikers at the edge of the town of St. Martin, where the trail crosses St. Martin Road, near Forest Home Avenue.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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