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Guides



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The Root River Pathway uses a combination of off-road trail and on-road route to form a crescent around the City of Racine. The trail closely follows the bends of the Root River, making it a great place to appreciate the waterway's natural beauty. Signposts along the way educate trail users about the river's significant role in the development of modern-day Racine.

The trail also links together a number of city parks, including Cedar Bend, Horlick, Lincoln, Colonial, Brose, Island and Belle City. At Layard Avenue, connect to the [MRK Trail](#) to travel north along an active rail line to the Village of Caledonia. At the Main Street bridge in downtown Racine, take the [Lake Michigan Pathway](#) to follow the city's scenic lakeshore.



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**States:** Wisconsin

**Counties:** Racine

Length: 6.6miles

**Trail end points:** MRK Trail at Layard Ave to  
Washington Ave

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike,Inline

Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

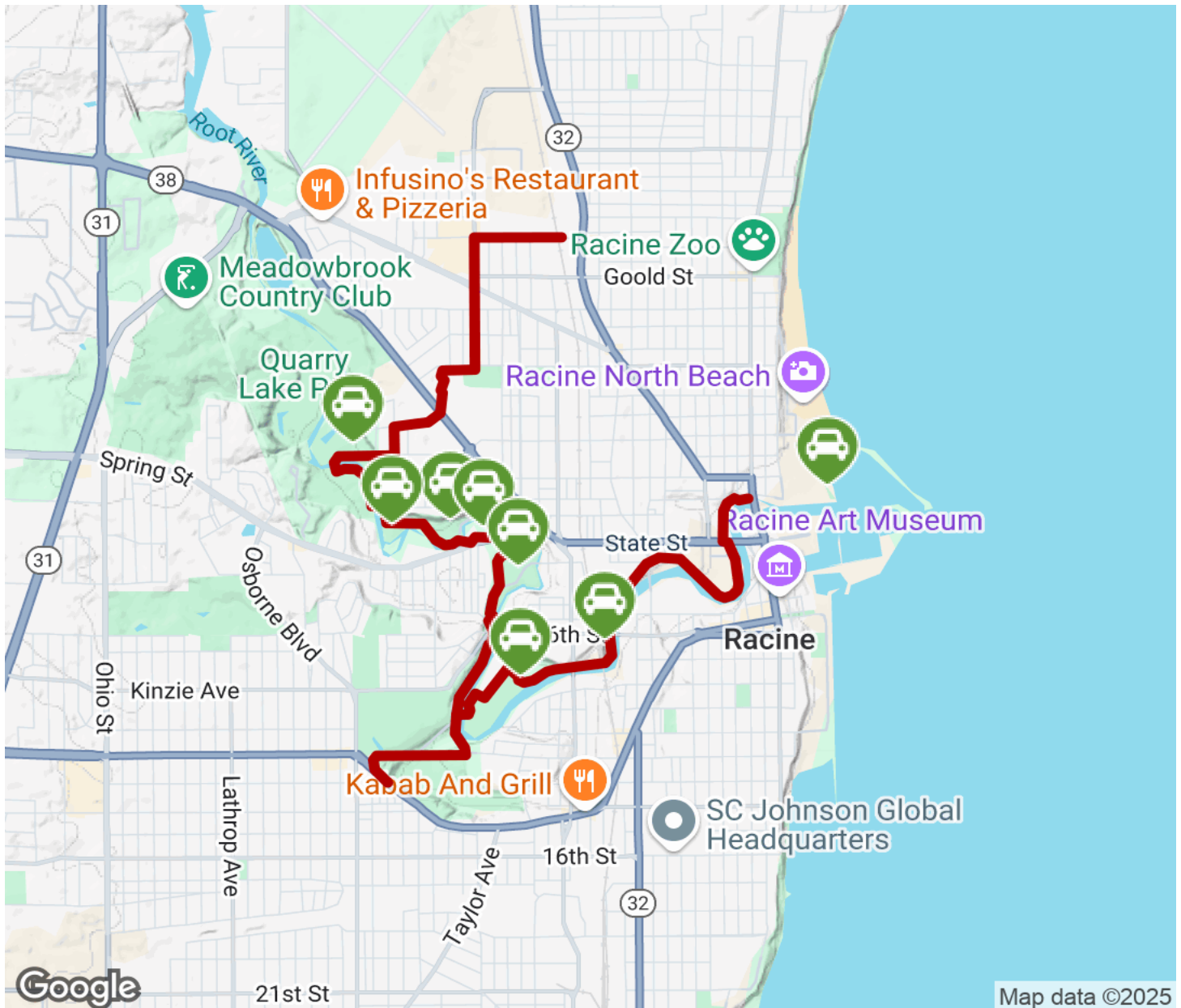
## Parking & Trail Access

Parking for the Root River Pathway can be found at most of the city parks along the trail's route.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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