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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

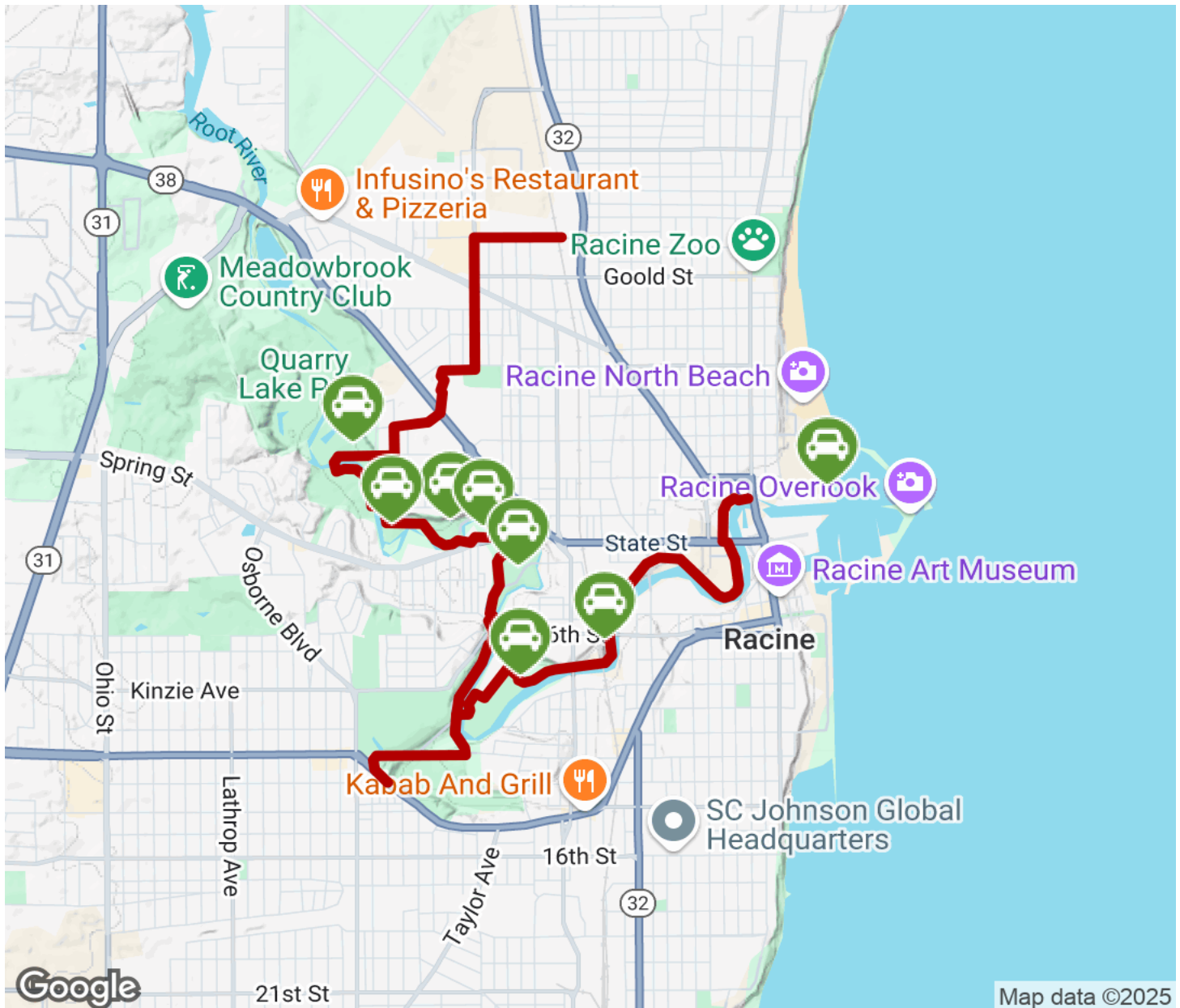
Parking & Trail Access

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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