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Guides



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This urban trail runs adjacent to an inactive rail line, stretching from County Rd. 300n south to US 31/S. Reed Road. At the northern terminus of the trail, the Industrial Heritage Trail connects to the Nickel Plate Trail, which continues for another 37 miles north from Kokomo towards Rochester.



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**States:** Indiana

**Counties:** Howard

Length: 4.82miles

**Trail end points:** County Rd. 300n to Hampton  
Inn on US 31/S. Reed Rd.

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

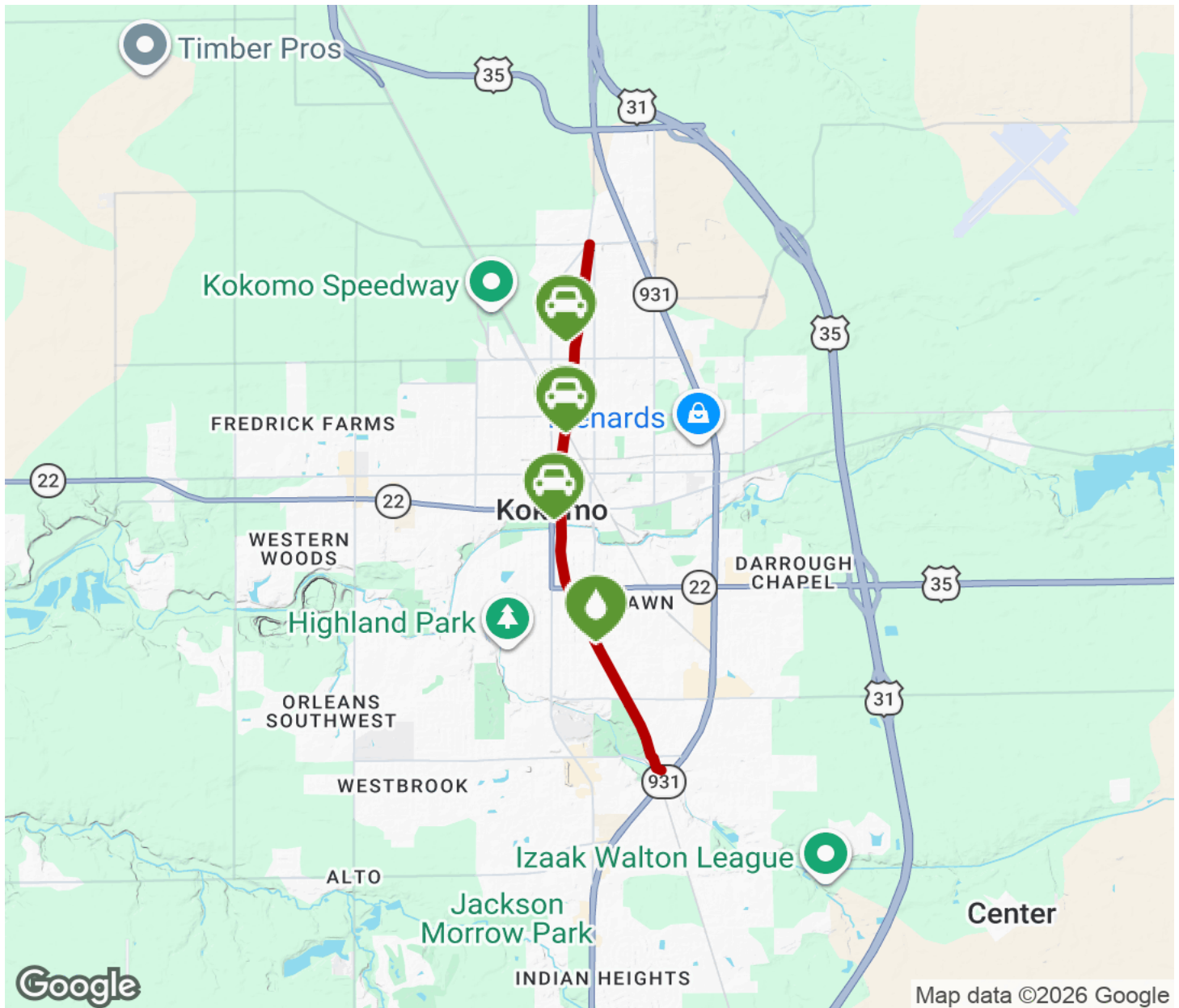
## Parking & Trail Access

There are several parking options available along the trail, including in Northside Park, near Wildcat Creek, and just off the trail on Defenbaugh St. where there are also bathrooms and water fountains available.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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