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Guides



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in 2013, allows those traveling on the Oralabor Gateway Trail to run or ride all the way into eastern Des Moines and the Des Moines' suburbs of Altoona and Pleasant Hill.

The Oralabor Gateway Trail also provides a convenient connection to the beautiful [High Trestle Trail](#) by way of Ankeny's local trail system.

The Oralabor Gateway Trail is a 5.2 mile concrete-surfaced spur branching off from the [Neal Smith Trail](#) south of Saylorville Lake and just north of NW 66th Avenue. While running adjacent to suburban Iowa neighborhoods, the trail parallels Oralabor Road (hence its name) for much of its route.

As the trail enters the town of Ankeny, it passes through the 3.3 acre Glenbrooke Park, which features a picnic shelter, playground equipment, and basketball courts. Access to Des Moines Area Community College is likewise easy from the trail with just a short hop across Oralabor Road at DMACC Boulevard. Immediately east of the Oralabor Cemetery between Ankeny Boulevard and Delaware Drive, the trail ends at the northern endpoint for the [Gay Lea Wilson Trail](#) in Ankeny. This trail, completed



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States: Iowa

Counties: Polk

Length: 5.2miles

Trail end points: SE Oralabor Rd. (Ankeny) to
Cottonwood Recreation Area

Trail surfaces: Concrete

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Oralabor Gateway Trail runs between SE Oralabor Rd. (Ankeny) and Cottonwood Recreation Area.

Partking is availble at:

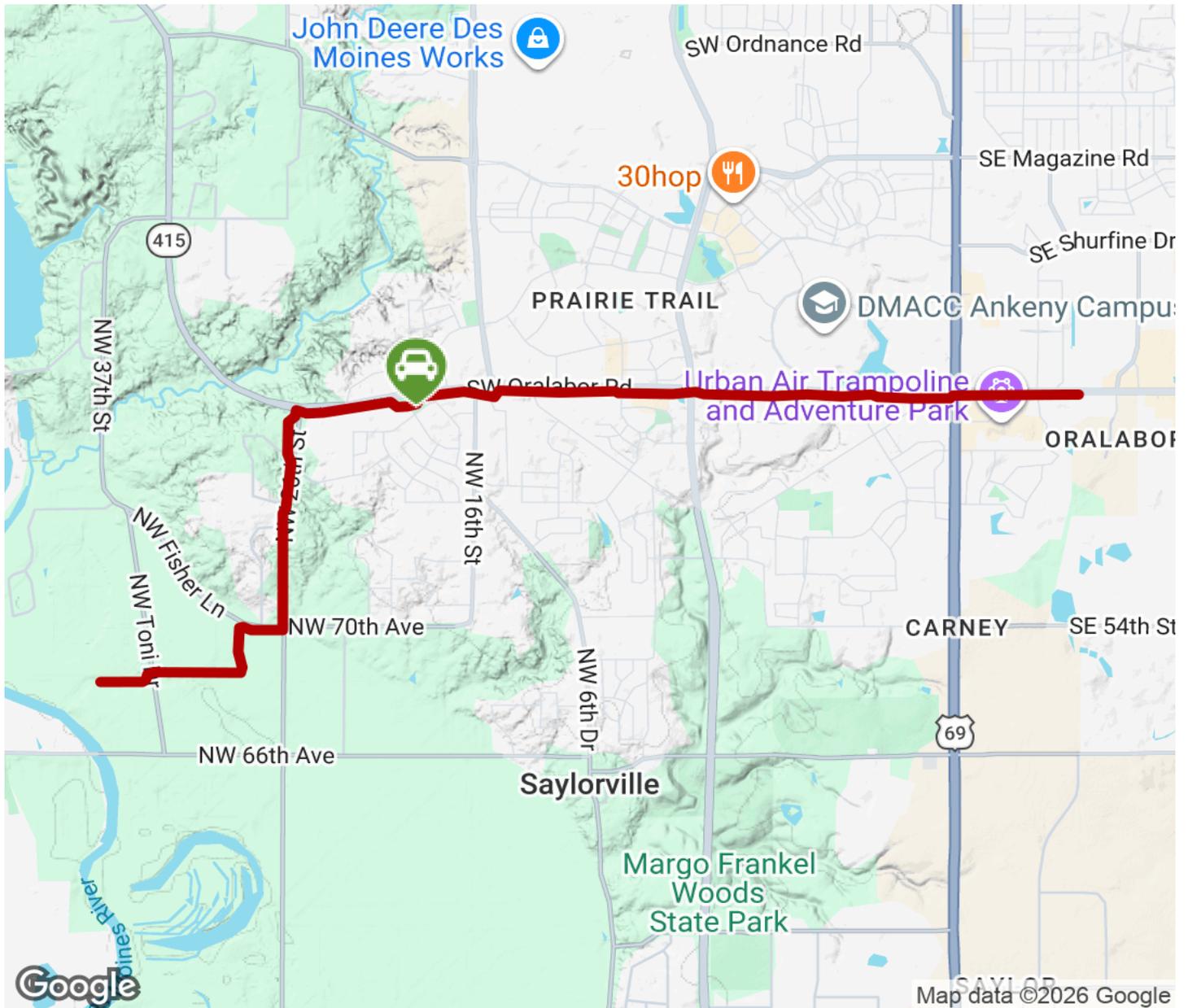
- Glenbrooke Park, 2803 SW Glenbrooke Blvd. (Ankeny)

Please see TrailLink Map for detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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