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The Linn Creek Recreational Trail offers a wide range of scenery—including forests, open fields, city parks, civic buildings and both industrial and residential areas—all while running never more than a stone's throw from Linn Creek or the Iowa River for the vast majority of its route. Providing a place where trail users can feel a sense of seclusion is not easy in a medium-sized city, but Marshalltown has managed to do it with the Linn Creek Recreational Trail.

About the Route

In the northeast, the trail starts at the city's Riverview Park, where it follows the Iowa River's shoreline for a short while before turning south to join Linn Creek. The trail then passes through the Nicholson Ford Nature Area,

which includes scenic woodland marshes and a network of OHV trails.

Soon after, the trail passes next to a large Union Pacific rail yard before skirting the edge of some of the city's recreational facilities, including a pool and baseball fields. From Morris Park to the trail's end at Grimes Farm Nature Center, the newest portion of the Linn Creek Recreational Trail is complete. This section is an example of rail-with-trail, which is becoming increasingly more common in the United States. Throughout the RWT portion, the trail runs no more than 100 feet from an active rail line.

Ending in the south at Grimes Farm Nature Center on the western outskirts of Marshalltown, where restored farmland and woodland, educational opportunities and a trail network await.

Connections

At the trail's intersection with Highland Acres Road just to the east of the farm, trail users can directly connect with the [Iowa 330/US 30 Trail](#). That trail will take you farther southwest to the small town of Melbourne.



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States: Iowa

Counties: Marshall

Length: 10miles

Trail end points: Riverview Park, 402

Woodland St. (Marshalltown) to Grimes Farm

and Conservation Center, 2349 233rd St.

(Marshalltown)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Linn Creek Recreational Trail runs between Riverview Park, 402 Woodland St. (Marshalltown) and the Grimes Farm and Conservation Center, 2349 233rd St. (Marshalltown), with parking available at both ends.

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for detailed directions.



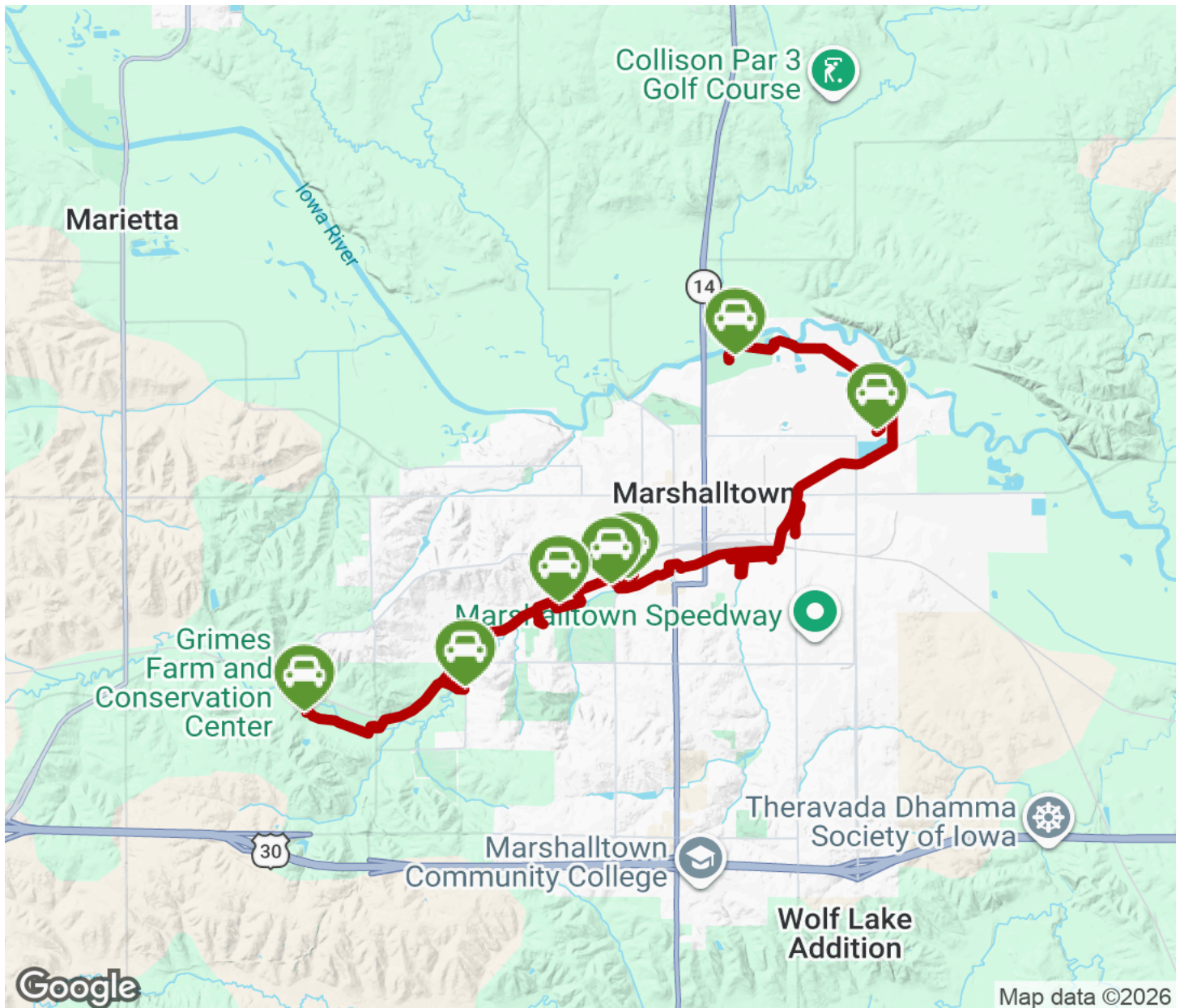
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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