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Guides



**Western  
Historic  
Trails Center  
Link**

*Iowa*



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the various routes north and west for early American pioneers, including the Lewis and Clark Trail, Oregon Trail, California Trail and Mormon Trail.

Just to the east of the Western Historic Trails Center, the link runs through the Council Bluffs Recreation Complex. The sprawling outdoor development features soccer fields, baseball and softball diamonds, and a playground, as well as restrooms and drinking fountains.

Although one of the shorter trails in Council Bluffs' outstanding system, the Western Historic Trails Center Link provides an excellent connection between two longer trails. In the south, the trail connects to [Veterans Memorial Trail](#) at the intersection of S. 24th Street and US 275 (Veterans Memorial Highway). At the trail's northwest endpoint, the [Iowa Riverfront Trail](#) begins its course northward past the stunning [Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge](#) to Big Lake Park on the northern outskirts of Council Bluffs.

The Western Historic Trails Center Link—as its name suggests—also takes trail users to the Western Historic Trails Center. The facility, which was designed and built by the National Park Service, is owned and operated by the State Historical Society of Iowa. Stop in and learn about



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**States:** Iowa

**Counties:** Pottawattamie

Length: 1.9miles

**Trail end points:** Veterans Memorial Trail at  
US 275 and S. 24th St. to Western Historic Trails  
Center off Richard Downing Ave.

**Trail surfaces:** Concrete

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

**Trail activities:** Bike,Inline  
Skating,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible

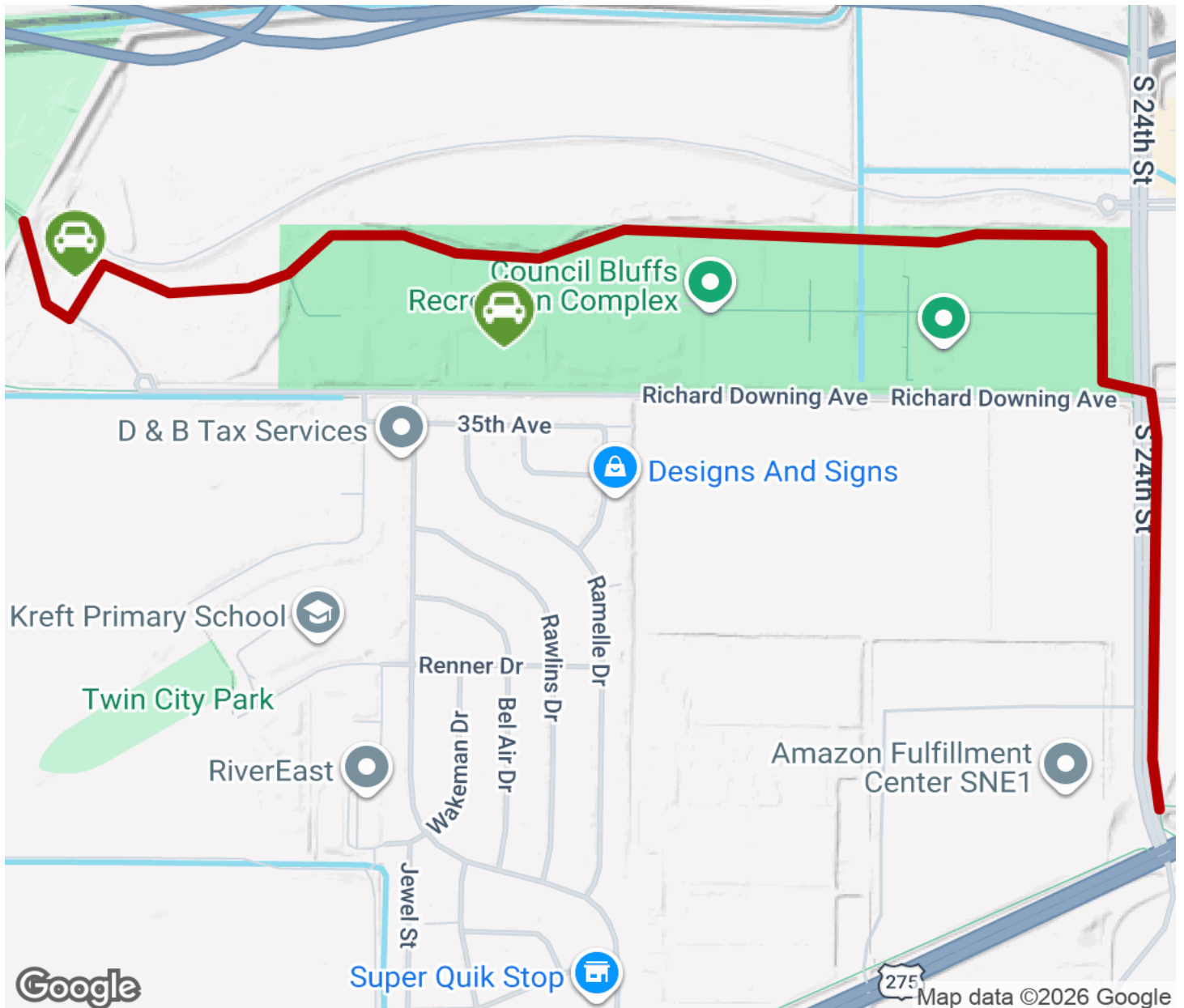
## Parking & Trail Access

Parking for the Western Historic Trails Center Link can be found at either the Council Bluffs Recreation Complex or Western Historic Trails Center. Both are located just off Richard Downing Avenue.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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