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Guides



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take in the picturesque views. A fishing platform is also located adjacent to the bridge.

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Dane County's Lower Yahara River Trail offers an incredibly scenic experience in the Madison area. On its western end, the 2.5-mile paved pathway connects to the [Capital City State Trail](#) near the Lussier Family Heritage Center, then traverses Lake Farm County Park. Spanning more than 300 acres, the park offers woodland and prairie landscapes, a boat launch, a campground, and an archaeological district on the National Register of Historic Places that can be explored through interpretive signage along the Lake Farm Heritage Trail.

From the park, the river trail crosses the north shore of Lake Waubesa on the state's longest continuous bicycle/pedestrian bridge and boardwalk system. The mile-long structure parallels a railroad bridge and includes a floating boardwalk over wetlands as well as overlooks to



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States: Wisconsin

Counties: Dane

Length: 2.5miles

Trail end points: McDaniel Park (McFarland)
to Lussier Family Heritage Center (Madison)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Boardwalk

Trail category: Rail-Trail

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

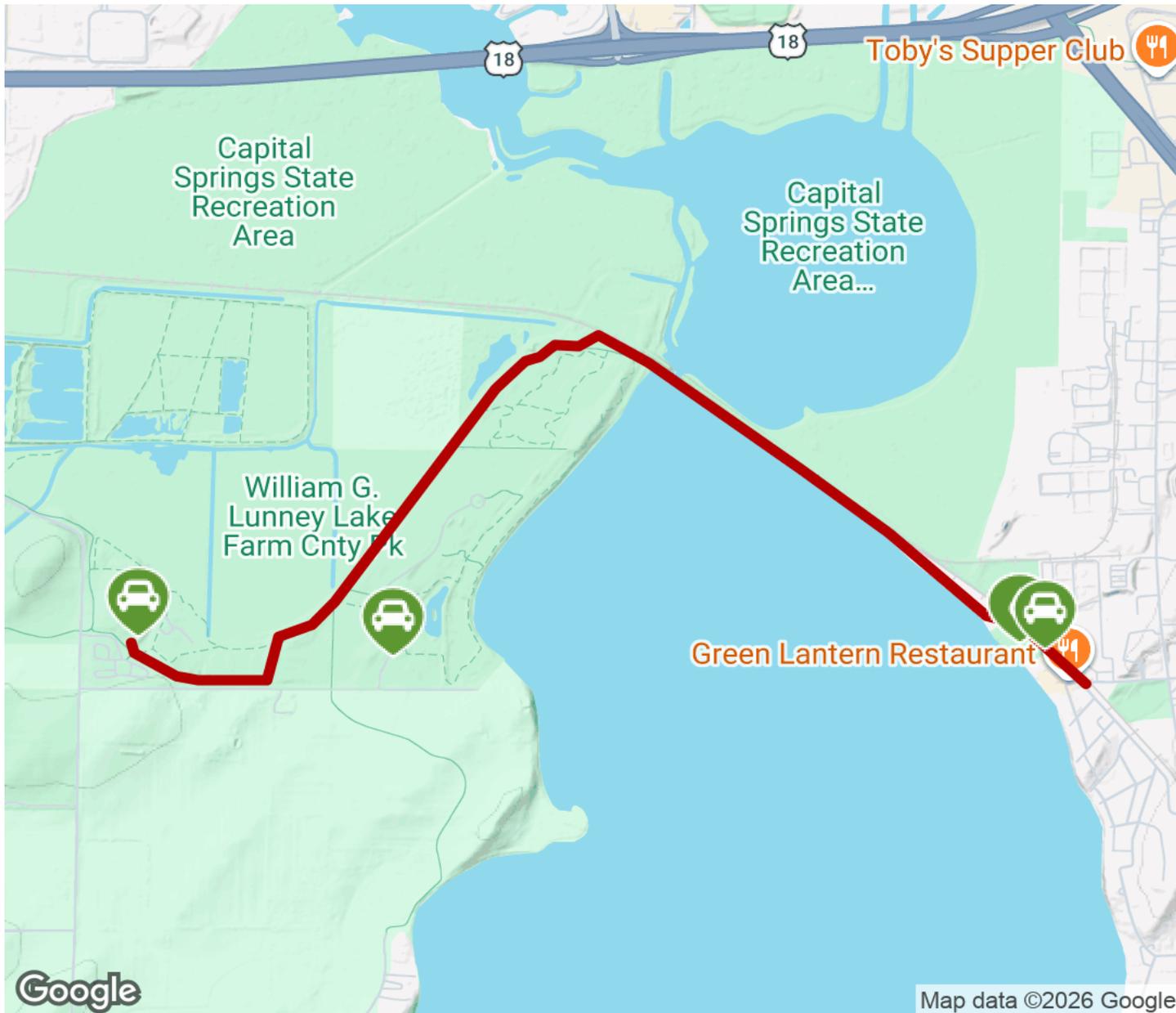
Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available on the west end of the trail in Lake Farm County Park (3113 Lake Farm Road, Madison) and on the east end of the trail in McDaniel Park (4806 McDaniel Lane, McFarland).



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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