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While there is no direct off-road connection yet, users can take the Gilbert Street Bridge and a short series of side-streets from the trail's western endpoint to connect with the 4-mile [Charley Western Recreational Trailway](#).

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Starting in Sherman Park on the city's western side, the trail crosses the river via a new pedestrian suspension bridge; the trail formerly used a historical 1906 bridge, but sadly that bridge was damaged by flash flooding in 2008. After the bridge, turn right onto Illinois Street to pick up the trail again by the river, where it continues into the charming center of Charles City, providing access to Riverside Park and the city library before ending in Merten J. Klaus Park. Functional public art sculptures adorn part of the trail, providing users with something to contemplate as well as sit on.



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States: Iowa

Counties: Floyd

Length: 1.2miles

Trail end points: Gilbert St. and Park Dr. to
Hawkins Ave. next to Merten J Klaus Park

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Walking, Cross Country
Skiing

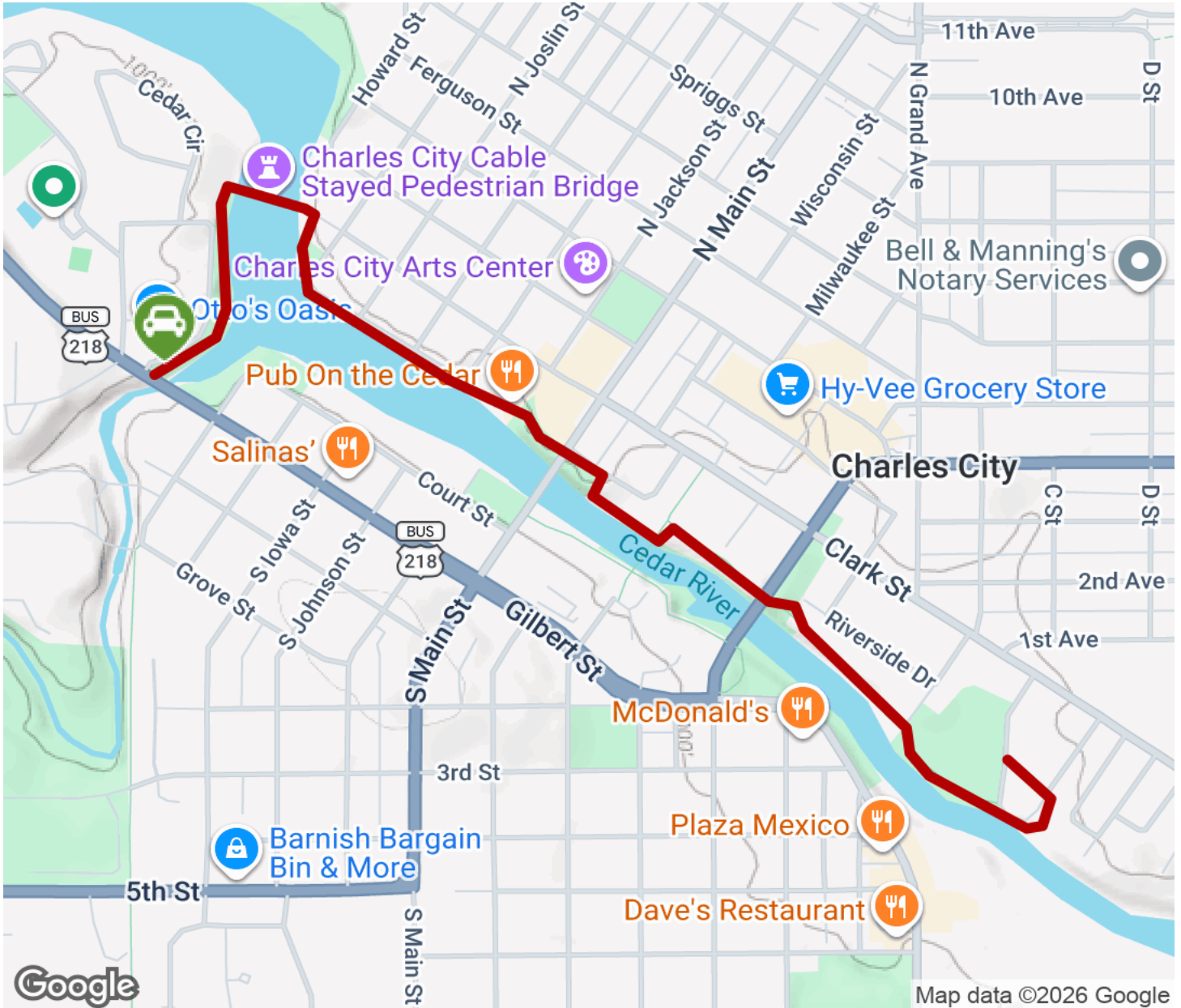
Parking & Trail Access

There are no dedicated parking lots for trails users, so trail users should utilize street parking if necessary. To reach the eastern endpoint from downtown Charles City, start out heading north on Main Street, then take a right onto Clark Street, followed by a left onto Hawkins Avenue.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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