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The trail was named for a member of the Des Moines Park Board who played a significant role to raise funds for the city's trail system.



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States: Iowa

Counties: Polk

Length: 2.7miles

Trail end points: Walnut Creek Trail (near Foster Dr. in Linden Heights) to Meredith Trail (SW 30th Street and Bell Ave.)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

There is a trailhead at the pool near the Ashworth Memorial Pool in Ashworth Park (4500 Grand Avenue). There are picnic facilities and a playground but there are no restrooms there.



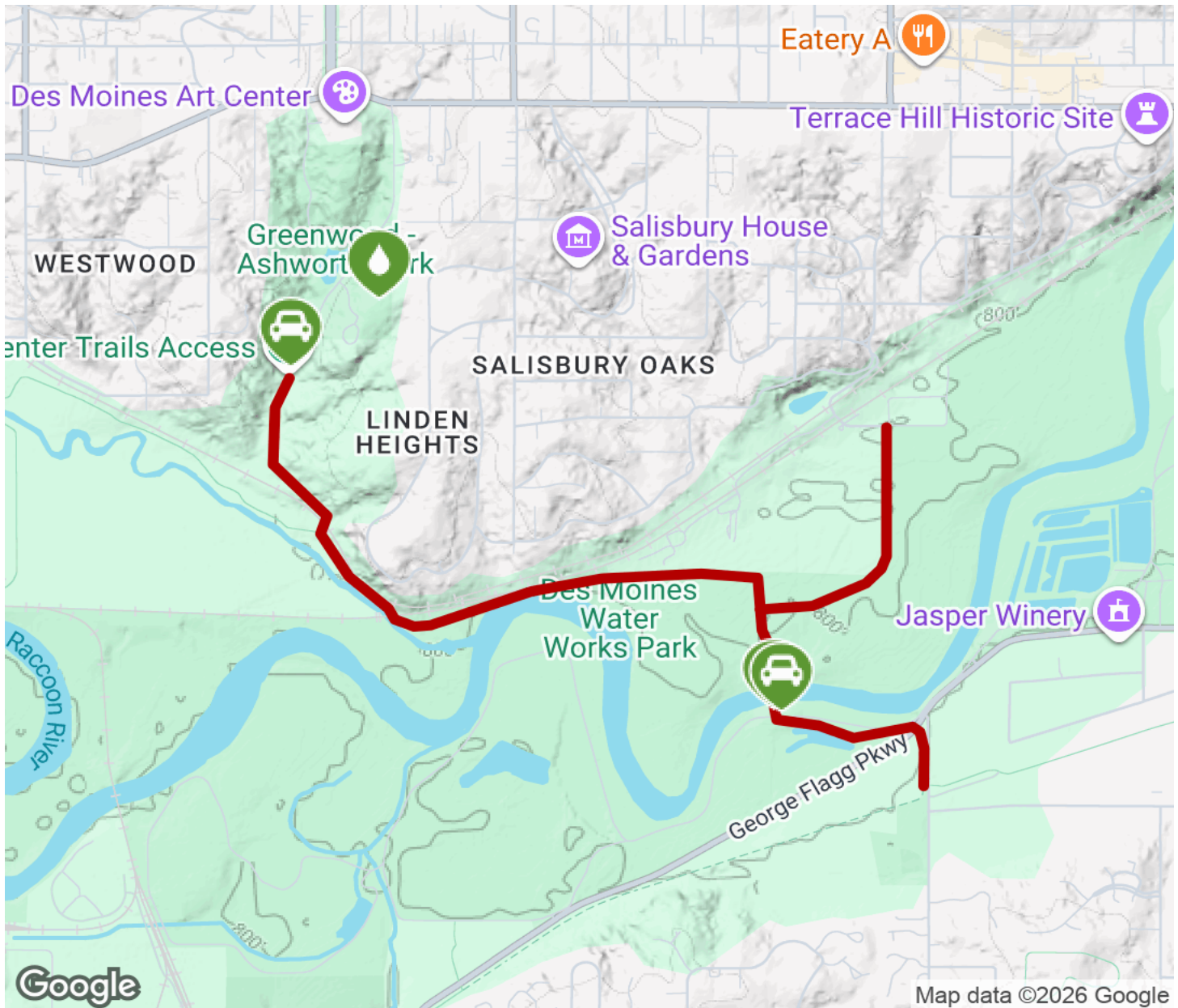
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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