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Guides



**Blue River
Rail Trail**
Kansas



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segment—you'll encounter a canyon with 20-foot walls and a bridge offering more scenic views of the cliffs and roiling tributary of the Big Blue River. Another highlight occurs between Frontier Road and Deer Trail Road (in the farming village of Marietta), where the trail crosses a restored trestle with a steel-grid walkway.

A disconnected, concrete-surfaced section of the trail runs on the same former rail corridor farther south through the heart of Marysville. A highlight is the Pony Express monument at the segment's northern end, honoring Marysville's station on the original route of the early mail service. Be sure to check out the quaint shops on Broadway Street as well.

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The crushed-limestone Blue River Rail Trail passes among farmland and includes pleasant river views, wooded stretches, a covered bridge and limestone cliffs. Between Harvest Road and Frontier Road—a 2.9-mile



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States: Kansas

Counties: Marshall

Length: 12.7miles

Trail end points: Kansas/Nebraska Border to N
7th St/Hendrix Ave. to Broadway St. to Hwy 77

Trail surfaces: Concrete,Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Fishing,Wheelchair
Accessible,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

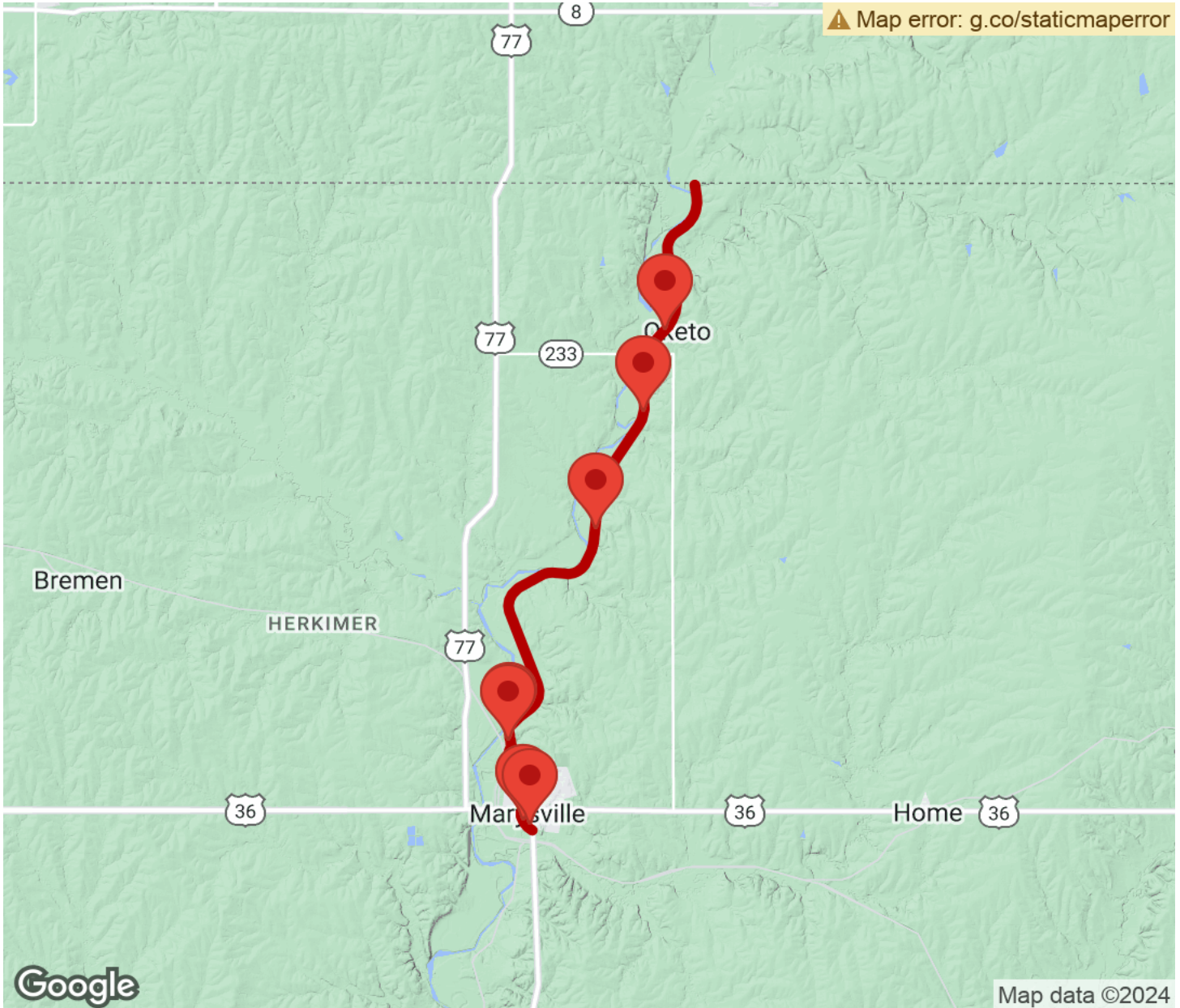
To access the Blue River Rail Trail, you can park at the following locations where the trail intersects the roads: Jayhawk Road and Harvest Road in Marysville; Frontier Road in Hull; Deer Trail Road in Marietta; and Mill Street in Oketo.

Parking for the paved southern segment in Marysville is available adjacent to the trail between Broadway Street and Elm Street.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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