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After traveling about 3 miles northeast through acres of farmland, the trail runs through the center of the small Town of Severance.

Heading north out of the town, the trail curves and runs 7.5 miles east through fields and farmland. It passes by several lakes and crosses over Roulard Lake, before coming to its northeast end on Cheyenne Avenue in the Town of Eaton.

Dogs are allowed on the trail and there are pet waste stations along the route. Restrooms and drinking fountains are available at the Eaton Recreation Center (1675 3rd St, Eaton).

The trail is developed and maintained by the Great Western Trail Authority, a local government entity.

Trail History

The trail was built on a railbanked Great Western Railway corridor—hence the trail's name—that carried trainloads of local farms' sugar beets to processing plants from 1905 to 1977.

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About the Route

Starting from the southwest end, the route begins at a restored trestle over an irrigation ditch at the northeastern edge of the Town of Windsor, where it links with the city's extensive trail system. This end of the trail is near the town's Village East Park (865 Park Edge Cir, Windsor), which has a playground.



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States: Colorado

Counties: Weld

Length: 10.5miles

Trail end points: Windsor Trail System southwest of CR 21 (Windsor) to Cheyenne Ave (Eaton)

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Mountain

Biking, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Great Western Trail runs between the Windsor Trail System (Windsor) and Cheyenne Ave (Eaton), with parking available near both ends. Access the southwest end of the trail at the northeastern edge of Windsor via the town's #2 Ditch Trail or via the sidewalks that lead from the surrounding residential area.

Parking is available at several locations along the route:

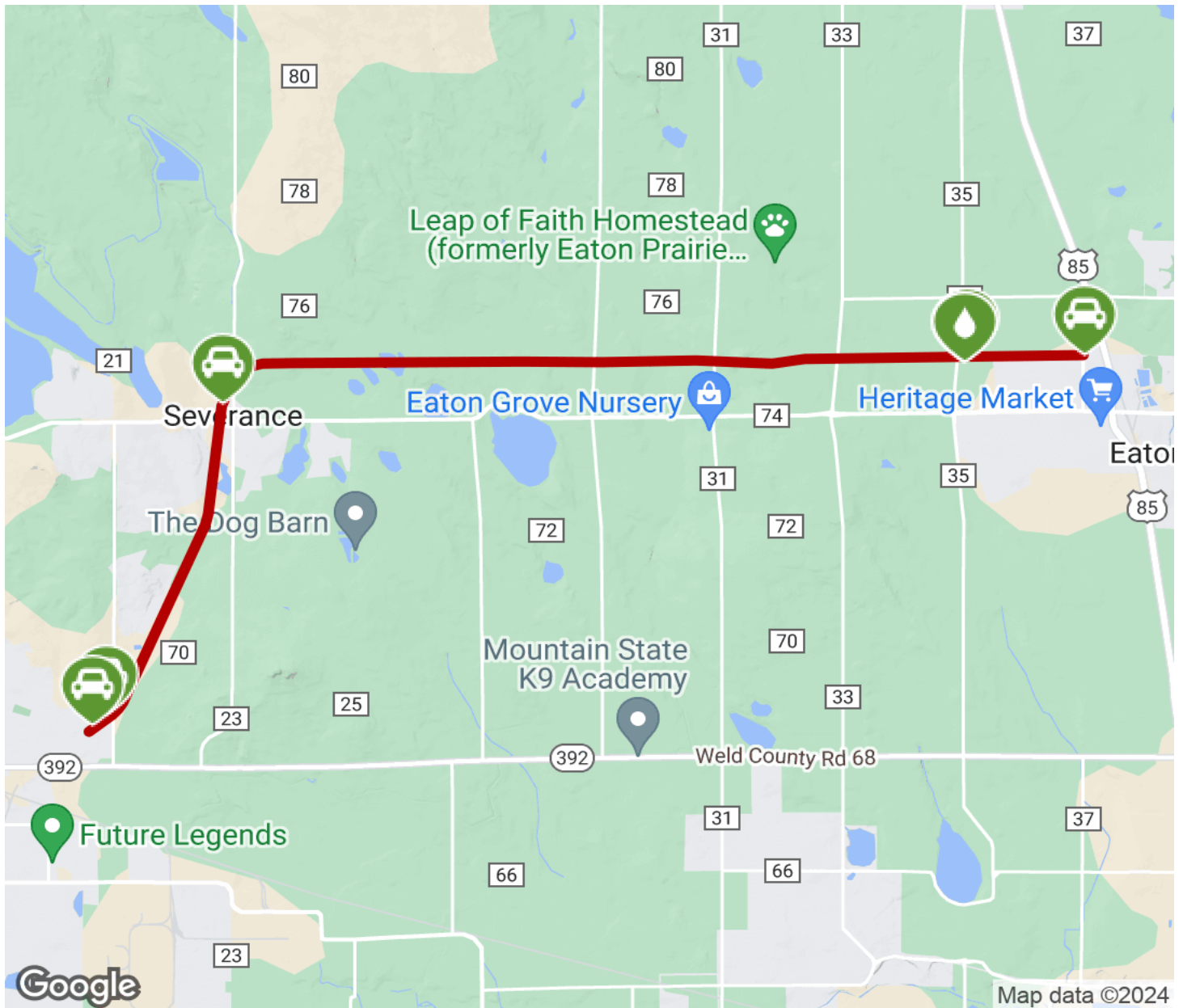
- Street parking on Kendalbrook Drive and Brookvale Drive (Windsor)
- Severance Trailhead (enter via 2nd Ave, Severance)
- Eaton Recreation Center (1675 3rd St, Eaton) *use the north parking lot, which is next to the trail off CR 35
- Eaton Trailhead (Cheyenne Ave at 5th St) *street parking and a vacant lot east of Cheyenne Ave

Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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