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Guides



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The trail is 31 miles long in two sections; the 19.5-mile portion of the trail between Belle Plaine and Chaska has a natural surface and can be rough and sandy in places, a challenge for those with narrow-tire bikes. Between MN 41 in Chaska and Stagecoach Road (at the intersection of US 169 and County Road 101) in Shakopee, the 9.8-mile segment of the trail is paved. The second, much shorter trail segment runs 1.7 miles eastward from Lyndale Ave. S in Bloomington. There are plans to extend the trail to cover a total of 80 miles between Fort Snelling (where work is already under way) and beyond Belle Plaine to Le Sueur.

A majority of the trail traverses the Minnesota Valley State Recreation Area, providing access to trails and natural amenities in the Lawrence and Louisville Swamp Units for a more intimate opportunity to experience the flora and fauna within the floodplain of the Minnesota River. The historic features of the Jabs Farm site and Little Rapids campsite along the Mazomani Trail within the Louisville Swamp section can be accessed from the Minnesota Valley State Trail.

There are restrooms at the Lawrence Unit as well as in cities and parks along the route.

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The Minnesota Valley State Trail is used by cyclists, equestrians, hikers, snowmobilers, and cross-country skiers. The trail passes through the Minnesota Valley State Recreation Area at its southern end as well as other natural areas along its route. Portions of the trail run parallel to the Minnesota River, which means that it is subject to flooding in high-water years. Along the trail, you'll encounter oak hardwood forests, oak savanna remnants, and hillsides and bluffs featuring scenic overlooks of the Minnesota River below. Wetlands include floodplain marshes, wet meadows, fens, and lakes. Wildlife and wildflowers abound.



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**States:** Minnesota

**Counties:** Scott

Length: 31miles

**Trail end points:** CR 6/SR 25/N. Walnut St.  
(Belle Plaine) to Bloomington Ferry Rd.  
(Bloomington) to 11115 Lyndale Ave S to Mound  
Springs Park

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Crushed Stone

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline  
Skating, Fishing, Horseback Riding, Mountain

## Parking & Trail Access

There are several parking options for this trail, including at the southern trailhead (N Walnut St) in Belle Plaine, in Jordan along County Rte. 9, in Shakopee at Memorial Park, 1801 County Rd 101 and at 109 1st Ave E., at the Minnesota River Bottoms Lot, 11115 Lyndale Ave S, and more.

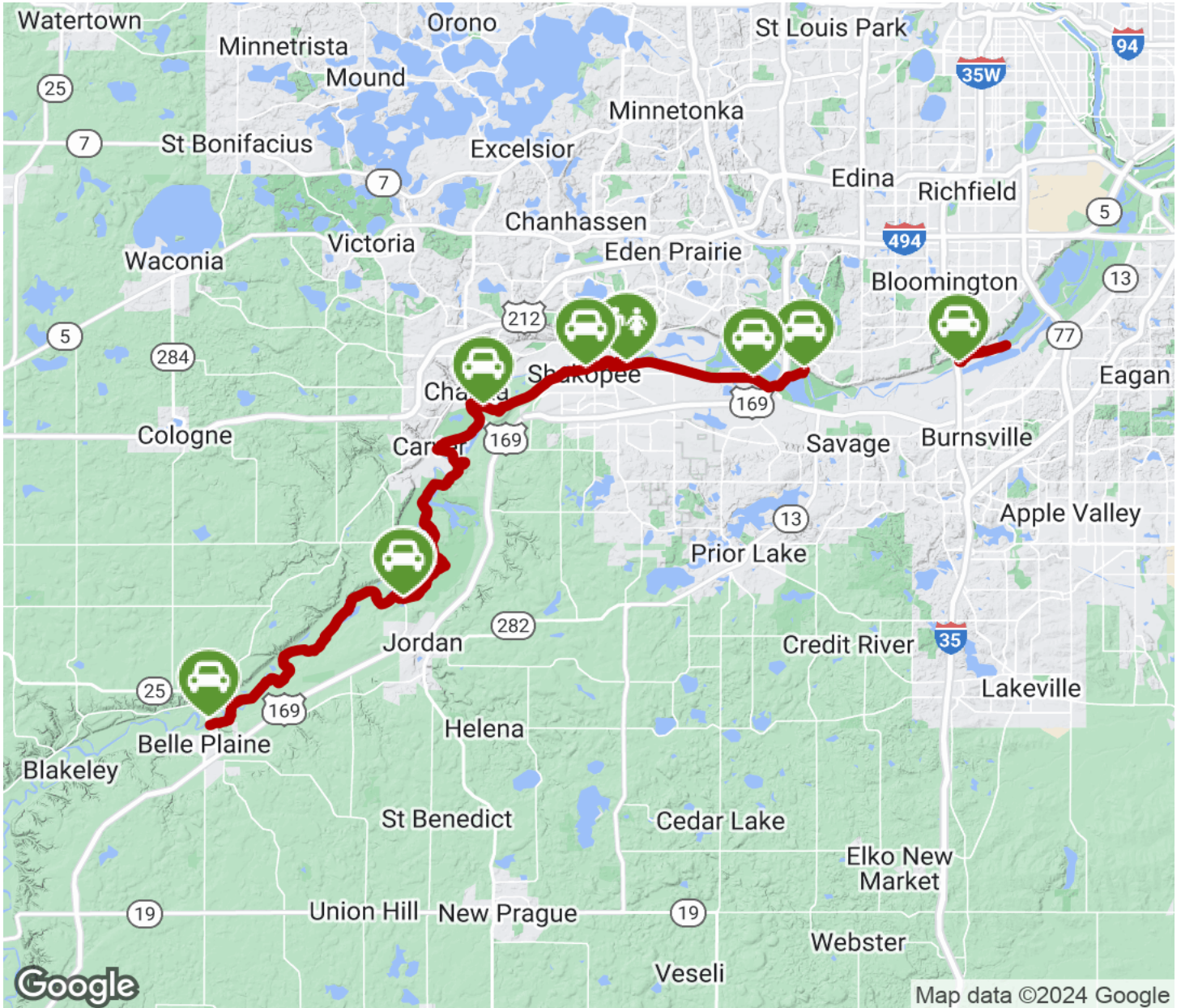
See [TrailLink Map](#) for more detailed information.





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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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