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The rail-trail follows the former corridor of the Hanover Branch Line, built in the 1860s by E. Y. Perry, a Hanover businessman who produced tacks. The railroad originally ran between Hanover Four Corners and North Abington before becoming part of the Old Colony Line in 1887. In the 1940s and '50s self-propelled cars for commuters ran on the tracks.

Much of the trail is forested and wildlife sightings are



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States: Massachusetts

Counties: Plymouth

Length: 2.6miles

Trail end points: Monroe Street (Abington) to
near Market Street and Manzella Court
(Rockland)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Wheelchair
Accessible, Walking

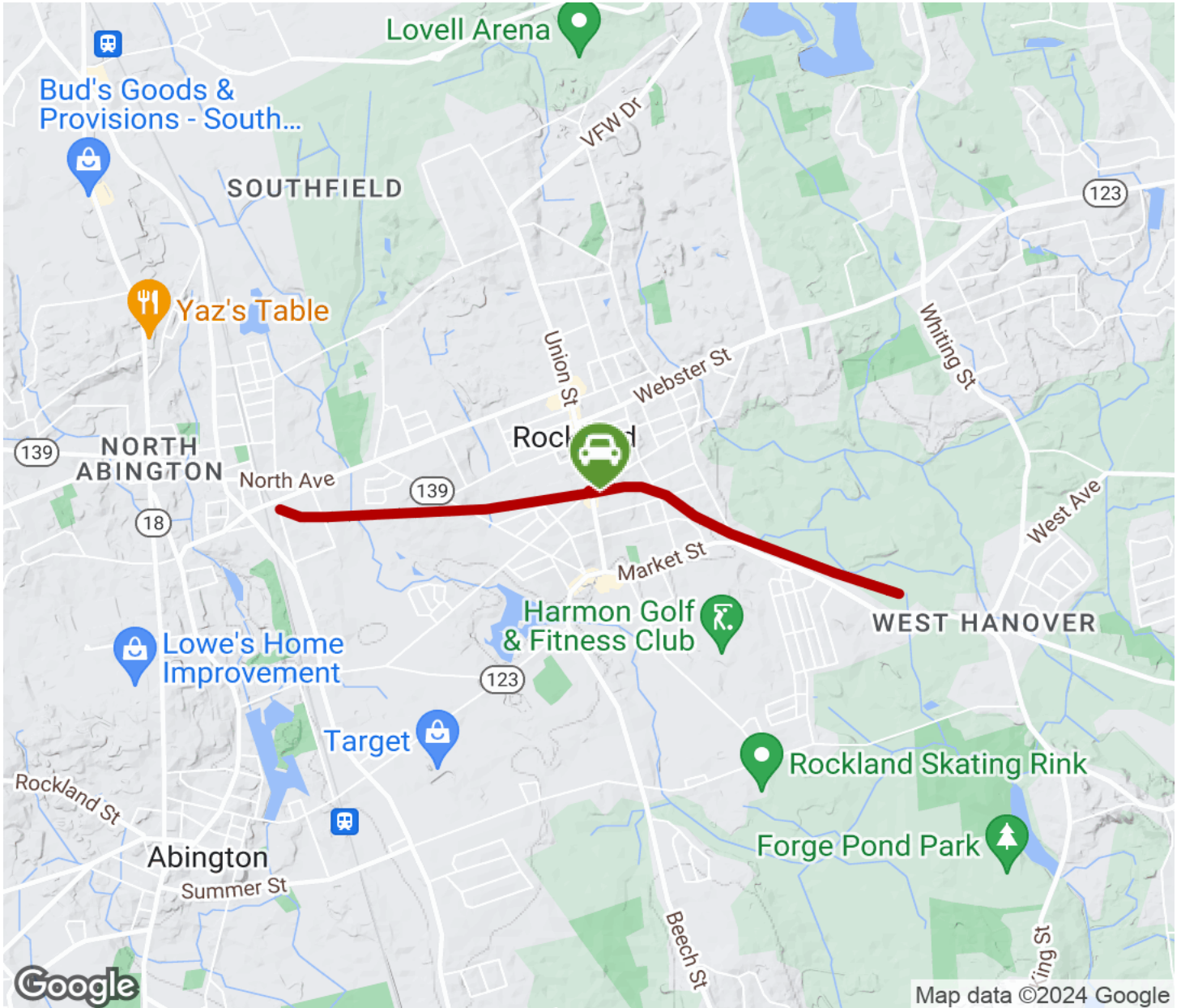
Parking & Trail Access

A parking lot is available in Rockland at the intersection of Union Street and E. Water Street.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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