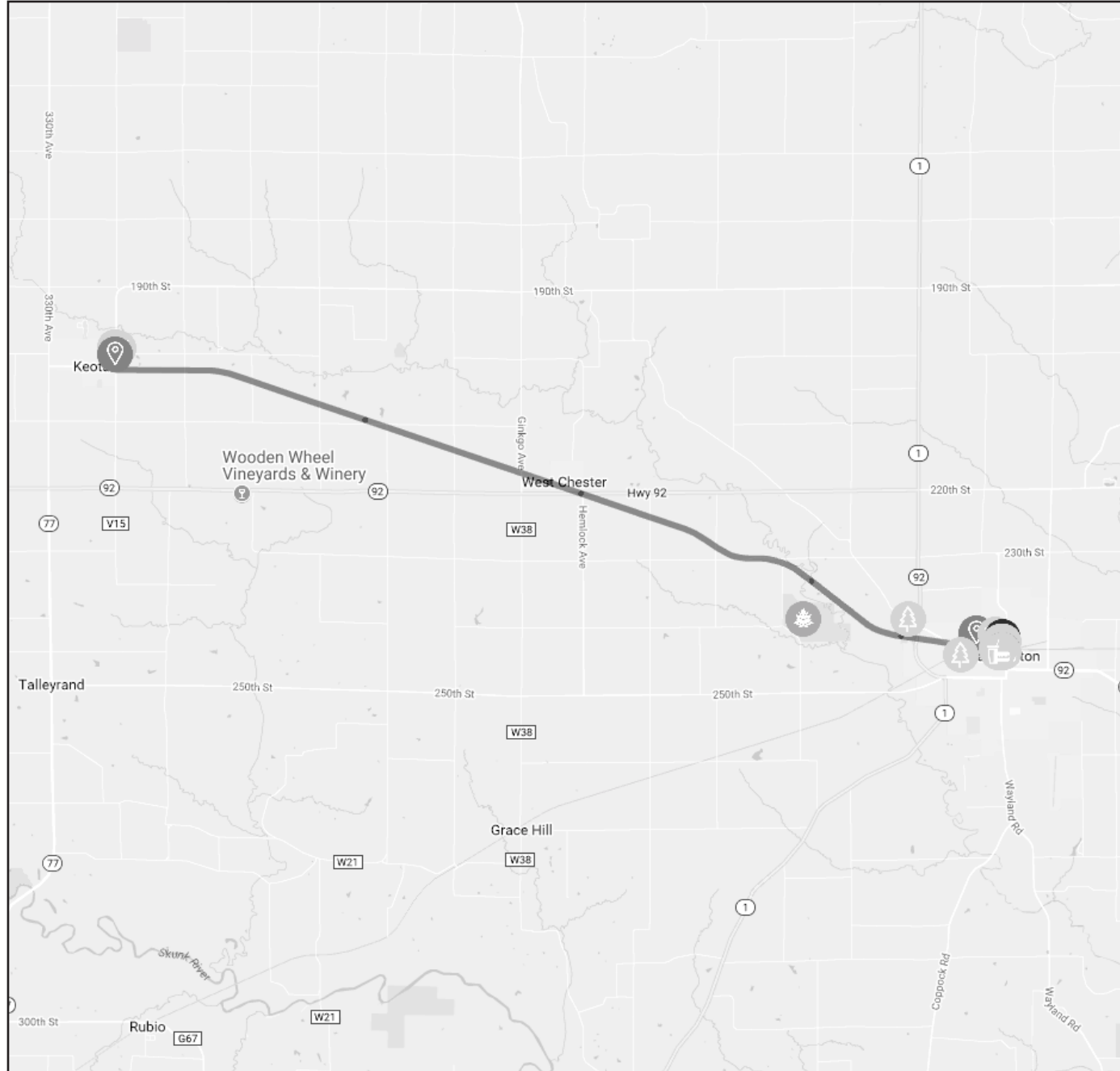


# Kewash Nature Trail



**MILES:** 13.8

**TRAIL SURFACE:** Crushed limestone, Asphalt

**CITIES:** Keota, West Chester, Washington

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy

**TRAIL DESCRIPTION:**

The Kewash Nature Trail traverses rich woodland areas and native prairie openings, providing a scenic tour of Iowa's southern valleys. From Keota to West Chester, the trail corridor contains some reconstructed prairie areas showing off such species as silver sage, rattlesnake master, gentian and blazing star. The West Chester to Washington segment is known for its beautiful woodlands, unique bridges and diverse wildlife species. The trail name is a combination of the first syllables in Keota and Washington. The Kewash Trail follows the same route as the first railroad connecting the young prairie towns.

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