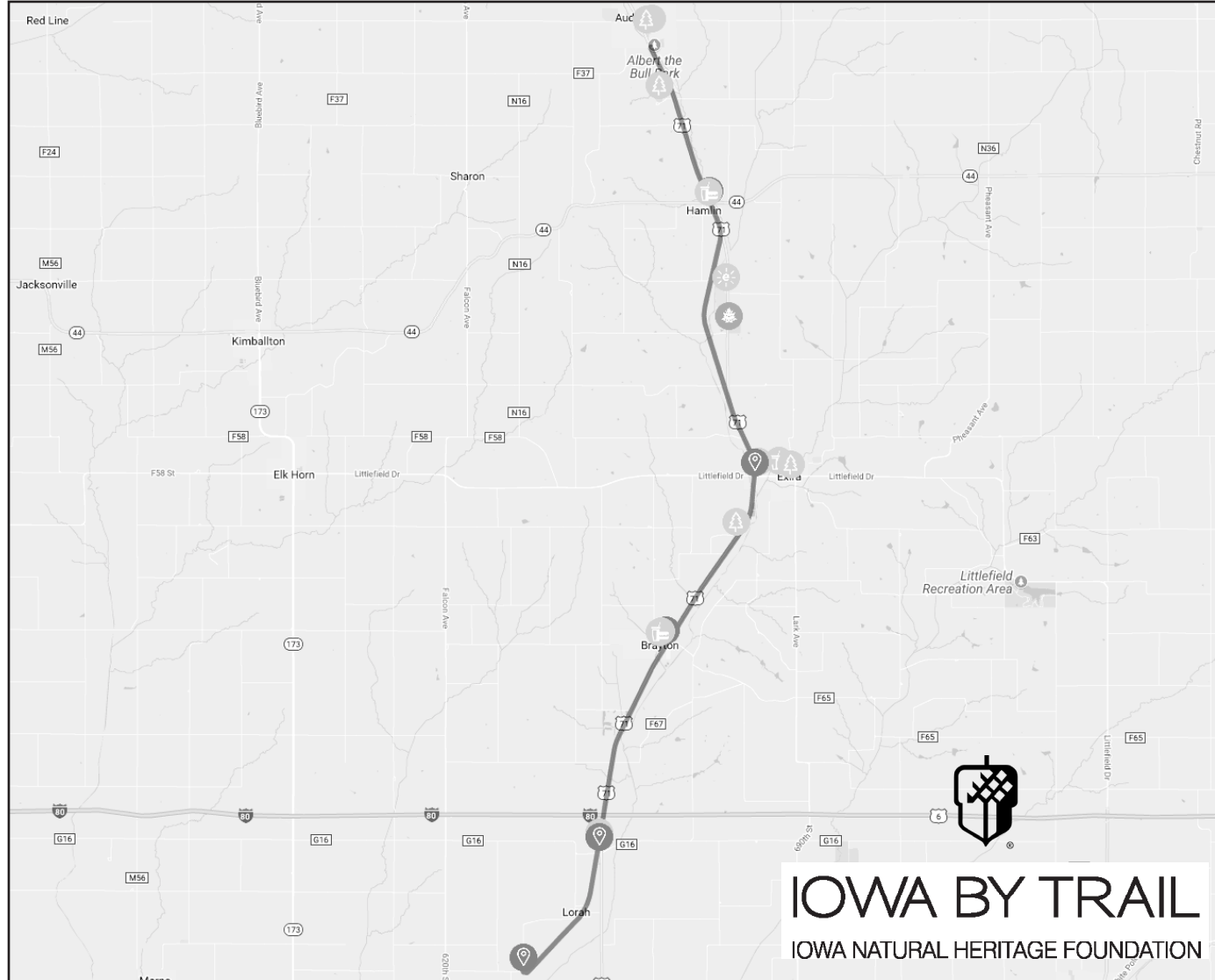


T-Bone Trail



MILES: 21.2

TRAIL SURFACE: Asphalt, concrete

CITIES: Audubon, Hamlin, Exira, Brayton, Atlantic

DIFFICULTY: Easy

TRAIL DESCRIPTION:

The T-Bone Trail is a 21+-mile trail running through farmland and timber in the valley of the Nishnabotna River. The trail's name arises from a project of area cattle producers and business people in the early 1900s by which beef cattle were assembled and shipped on a special train to markets in Chicago, in Operation T-Bone. This trail passes through a number of small communities with varying amenities including local restaurants. Just south of Exira, a short spur trail connects to the Plow in the Oak park, where a horse-drawn plow leaned against a young tree in the 1860s has been gradually absorbed into a large oak tree. Several wooden bridges donated by local businesses provide easy passage down the partially-tree-lined trail for bicyclists, walkers, rollerbladers, and cross-country skiers. The north end of the trail begins in Audubon in Albert City Park, home of Albert, the Bull, a huge concrete sculpture of a Hereford bull, an icon of Operation T-Bone. At the south end, the trail terminates at a trailhead on Dunbar Road, in the country 5 miles northeast of Atlantic. Local efforts to complete the trail into Atlantic are underway.

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