



The number one destination in Madrid is the new **High Trestle Trail (12)** and its **bridge (13)**, which opened to the public this spring. A "crown jewel" of the trail system in Iowa, it provides a safe and unique experience for residents, as well as increased tourism for the area. Two newly developed parking lots are associated with the trail. The **Madrid Trailhead (7)** is just east of where the trail crosses Highway 17. A smaller **parking lot (11)** is being developed west of where the trail crosses QF Lane to offer quicker access to the bridge. Because the trail and bridge are so new, there are lots of opportunities yet to be realized with trail access points and informational signage.

Other destinations in Madrid are the two city parks, **Edgewood Park (10)** and **Jensen Park (9)**. Edgewood Park is in the process of being expanded by several acres on the east side of the road. It contains picnic grounds, ball diamonds, soccer fields, tennis courts, a disc golf course and a large playground. Jensen Park is located beside City Hall and close to the High Trestle Trail. It has play equipment for younger children and a bocce ball court, as well as a gazebo, benches and picnic tables. An old-fashioned clock and flower gardens adorn Jensen Park.

The **elementary (4)** and **high school (3)** are both frequent destinations, with playground equipment outside the elementary school and many sports activities taking place at the high school. The football field, track and ball diamonds are at the high school. Across Highway 17 from the high school, there is a walking path that runs from **Cedar's Assisted Living Facility (2)** north to the **Evangelical Free Church (1)**. The walking path also contains a veterans memorial with trees and benches. There is a desire for more trees around the memorial.

The **downtown area's (5)** main destinations are the Filling Station Ice Cream Shop, which serves ice cream in the summer, and the **Madrid Library (8)**. Other downtown destinations also include the Madrid Historical Museum, Yoga & Spin Studio, and Dance Studio. A downtown building was recently removed by the city, leaving a space for a small bike park. Plans call for a green space with bike racks, a table and a bench to sit on.

Residential areas are favored by walkers in Madrid. Although there are no sidewalks, the town's quiet streets provide opportunities for residents to take their daily walk.

Madrid is proud of its coal mining roots, and celebrates its history with a statue of a coal miner and a map of the area **coal mines (6)** near the Madrid entryway sign, just north and west of the new trail head.

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