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Running through the City of East Moline and Silvis, this trail is composed of a 2.4-mile paved pathway and about half a mile of bike lanes. From the intersection of 7th Street and Beacon Harbor Parkway, the route heads southeast through East Moline 21st and ends at 10th Street

in Silvis. It provides increased connectivity between neighborhoods and offers new ways to navigate popular areas like the Rust Belt, downtown East Moline, and the Bend.

The trail passes residential homes, local businesses, schools, offices, restaurants, and community facilities. In East Moline, it runs along the western edge of Butterworth Park (1400 23rd Ave), which has a lagoon with the opportunity for fishing, a playground, pavilions, picnic tables, basketball courts, and lots more. Just south of the park, the trail also passes by the Soule Bowl Stadium. Near the southern end of the trail in Silvis, Friendship Park (14th Street & Crosstown Ave) has a playground, restrooms, picnic tables and shelters, tennis courts, pickleball courts, and softball fields.

For those who want a longer adventure, the northern endpoint connects to Beacon Harbor Parkway Trail (aka 7th Street/The Quarter Trail). Heading north for 1.3 miles, the paved trail ends by the Mississippi River and connects to the Great River Trail. Plans are underway to continue the trail from East Moline and Silvis through Carbon Cliff to Colona.



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**States:** Illinois

**Counties:** Rock Island

Length: 2.9miles

**Trail end points:** 7th St & Beacon Harbor Pkwy  
(East Moline) to Crosstown Ave & 10th St (Silvis)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

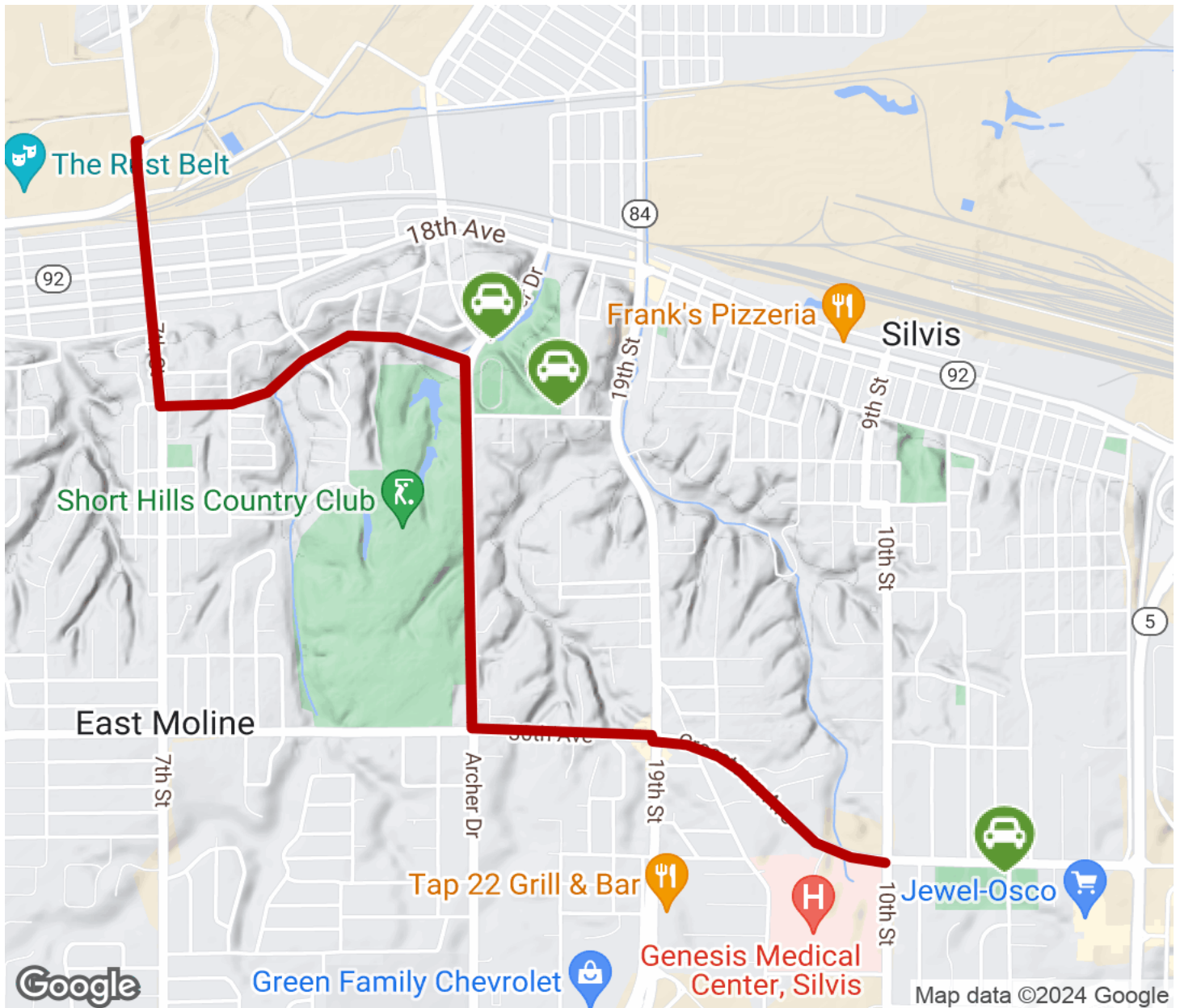
The MetroLINK bus system provides access to the trail. To plan your trip, visit the [MetroLINK website](#).

For those driving, parking is available at Butterworth Park (1400 23rd Ave, East Moline), Friendship Park (on 14th Street and around the corner from Crosstown Ave in Silvis), and street parking may be available as well.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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