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Guides



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The trail is mostly flat with gentle inclines. It goes by woods, farmland, a college campus, and city neighborhoods. It has very nice bridges over and under all the major street, highway and railroad crossings.

Just west of the Belleville station, the MetroBikeLink Trail is intersected by the picturesque [Richland Creek Greenway Trail](#), which runs along the creek and through seven city parks in Belleville. East of the Belleville station, the St. Clair County Transit District's [Orhcard Loop Trail](#) connects to the path via Fox Valley Lane.

This trail gets its name from the MetroLink Red Line train track it parallels through eastern Belleville and (briefly) the village of Swansea. It is a classic rail-with-trail configuration, where train and trail share the same corridor. Initially, there were four MetroLink stations along the route (Memorial, Swansea, Belleville, College), with plans to extend the trail to the next station on both ends of its length. By 2018, the trail had been extended east to the Shiloh-Scott MetroLink Station. In 2020, a 3.5-mile extension was completed to connect the trail with the Fairview Heights MetroLink Station, extending the path through a picturesque and hilly corridor along the railroad lines. The stations help to divide the trail into shorter segments for some trail users, providing access and trail services to all.



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States: Illinois

Counties: St. Clair

Length: 14 miles

Trail end points: Fairview Heights MetroLink Station (N 94th St.) to Shiloh-Scott MetroLink Station

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

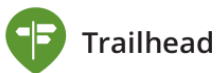
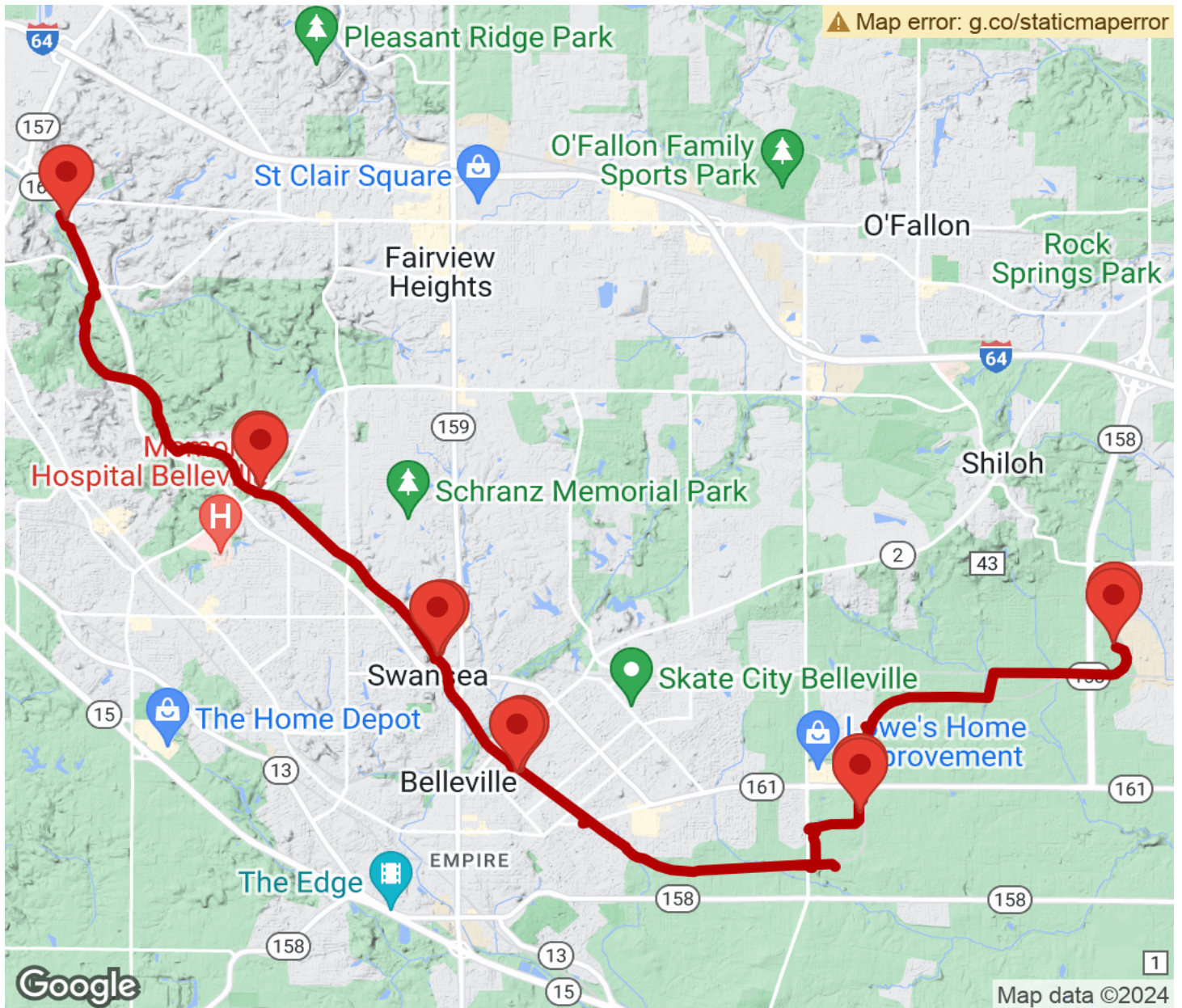
Parking & Trail Access

There is parking and trail access at each MetroLink station along the trail. To reach the largest station facility at Belleville: From I-64 take Exit 12 to State Route 159 South. Proceed 4 miles and turn left on N. Douglas Ave. Proceed 0.4 mile and turn left again onto Scheel Street. MetroLink parking is a block and a half ahead, at the end of the street.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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