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Guides



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You'll find access to several historical sites along the trail, including Grant's Farm, home to the 1850s four-room log cabin that the famed general and president built, as well as White Haven, another home owned by Grant and now operated by the National Park Service. While at White

Haven, Grant approved construction of the Pacific Railroad (later known as the Missouri Pacific Railroad) through his property. Ground was broken for the railway in 1851, and it was billed at the time as "The First Railroad West of the Mississippi." Grant's Trail is built on the former Kirkwood-Carondelet Branch of the rail line.

On the east end, the trail connects to the [River Des Peres Greenway Trail](#) at River City Boulevard and parallels I-55. It crosses a bridge over Bayless Avenue, then turns away from the highway to a boardwalk over a wetland area and continues past open fields to the the Mysun Charitable Foundation Trailhead at Orlando Gardens. Continuing west from Orlando Gardens, wooded areas complemented by creek crossings create a delightful experience. After 1.3 miles, you'll arrive at the former Trailnet office that sits trailside at 3900 Reavis Barracks Road. This community development organization, which took the lead in collaborating with local and state government entities to create the trail, invites you to stop at their trailside outdoor seating area, where you'll also find restrooms and drinking water.

Passing through the City of Green Park, the trail has optional paths that detour from the main route into Blake C. Snyder Memorial Park (9801 Green Park Rd). The two paths winding through the park are also known as the Bottomland Trail and the Fox Run Trail. The park (formerly known as Clydesdale Park) has a playground, sports fields, and picnic shelters.

Just over 4 miles later, Grant's Farm, featuring an animal park and the Anheuser-Busch Clydesdale pastures, will come up on your left. Just beyond Grant's Farm, consider stopping at Whitecliff Park with its wooded trails and other recreational facilities. To get there, turn left when the trail intersects Pardee Road; after only a tenth of a mile on this residential road, you'll see the entrance sign for the park.

Two miles farther down the trail, you'll cross I-44 on a bike-pedestrian bridge. If you're up for more riding, you can



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**States:** Missouri

**Counties:** St. Louis

Length: 12.14 miles

**Trail end points:** River City Blvd (Lemay) to  
Leffingwell Ave at Holmes Ave (Kirkwood)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking, Cross  
Country Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available at a number of locations along the trail. Please see the map for all the options and detailed directions.

To reach the Orlando Gardens trailhead from St. Louis, take I-55 south and exit at Union Road; then turn left onto Hoffmeister Ave. After a short distance, you will see the large parking lot on your right.

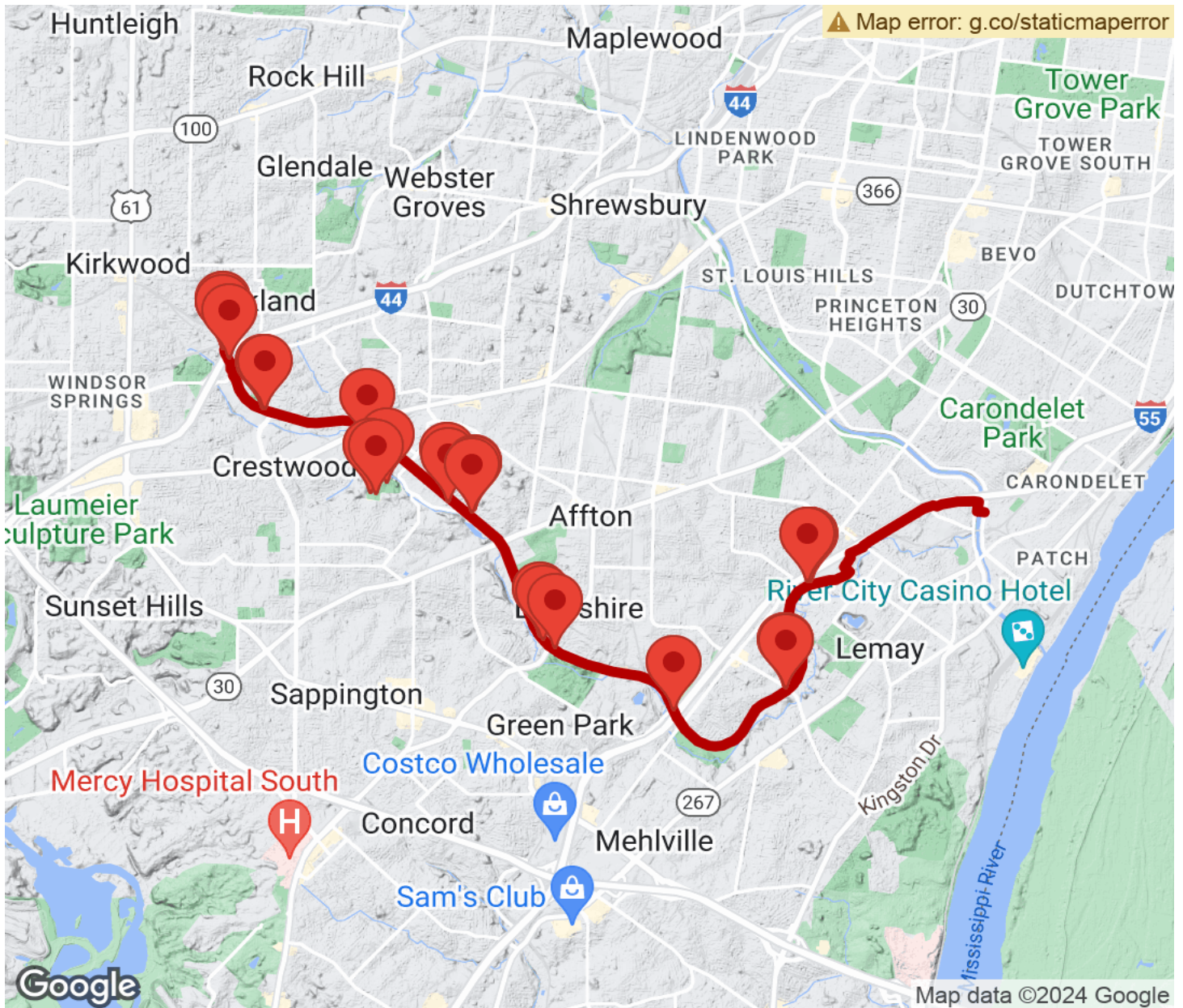
To reach the Kirkwood trailhead from St. Louis, take I-44 to Exit 279 for Berry Road; keep left at the fork to continue toward S. Berry Road. Turn left onto S. Berry Road, then right onto Big Bend Blvd. After 0.6 mile, turn right onto Melshire Ave. and, after 0.2 mile, take a right onto Holmes Ave. Very shortly thereafter, the trailhead parking lot will appear on your left.





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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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