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Guides



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**Heritage Trail**  
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## GM&O Heritage Trail

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The GM&O Heritage Trail maintains the legacy of the railroad that once ran through the municipality of Columbia. The right-of-way was first built by the Cairo & St. Louis Railroad, which by another railroad, which in one iteration was known as the Gulf, Mobile & Ohio Railroad. The railroad changed hands several times before the line fell into disuse and was converted into a walking and biking trail.

The asphalt trail currently extends over a mile-and-a-half, and it is envisioned to be double that length when complete. Walking, bike riding and other non-motorized uses are welcome on the trail.



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**States:** Illinois

**Counties:** Monroe

Length: 1.7miles

**Trail end points:** Quarry Road to Cherry Street  
& Legion Street

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

## Parking & Trail Access



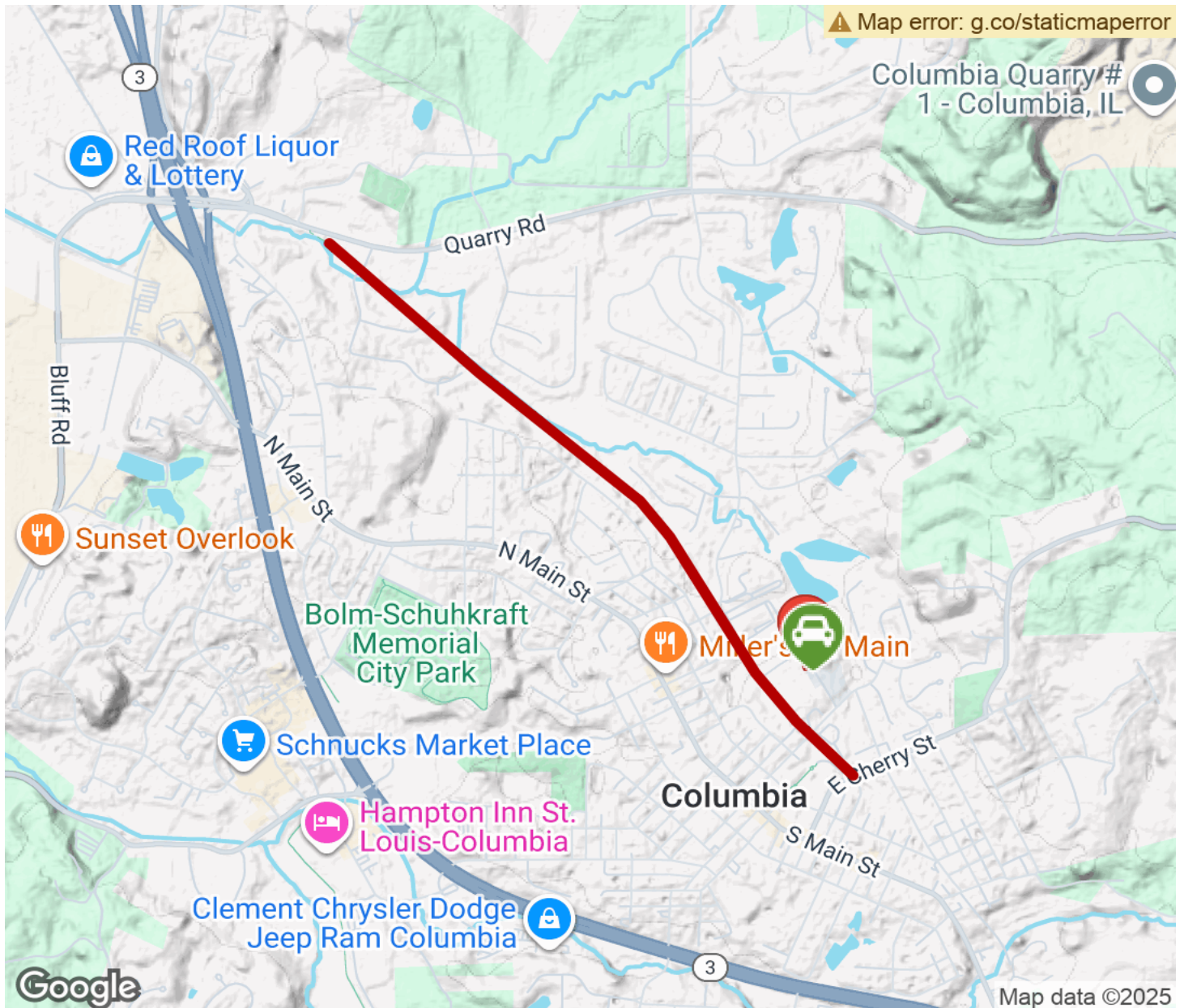
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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