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**Rock Island  
Swing Bridge  
Park**  
*Minnesota*



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## Trail History

The Swing Bridge was one of the few double-decker bridges to span the Mississippi. It was used for trains until 1980, and was partially demolished in 2009 before opening as a park.

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### About the Route

The trail itself is only 0.2 miles long, and while the bridge does not cross the river, it provides scenic views of the Mississippi and amenities including a restroom, picnic tables, and benches.

### Connections

Swing Bridge Park connects to the [Mississippi River Regional Trail \(Dakota County\)](#).



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**States:** Minnesota

**Counties:** Dakota

Length: 0.2miles

**Trail end points:** Swing Bridge Park to Swing Bridge Park

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Ballast, Boardwalk

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

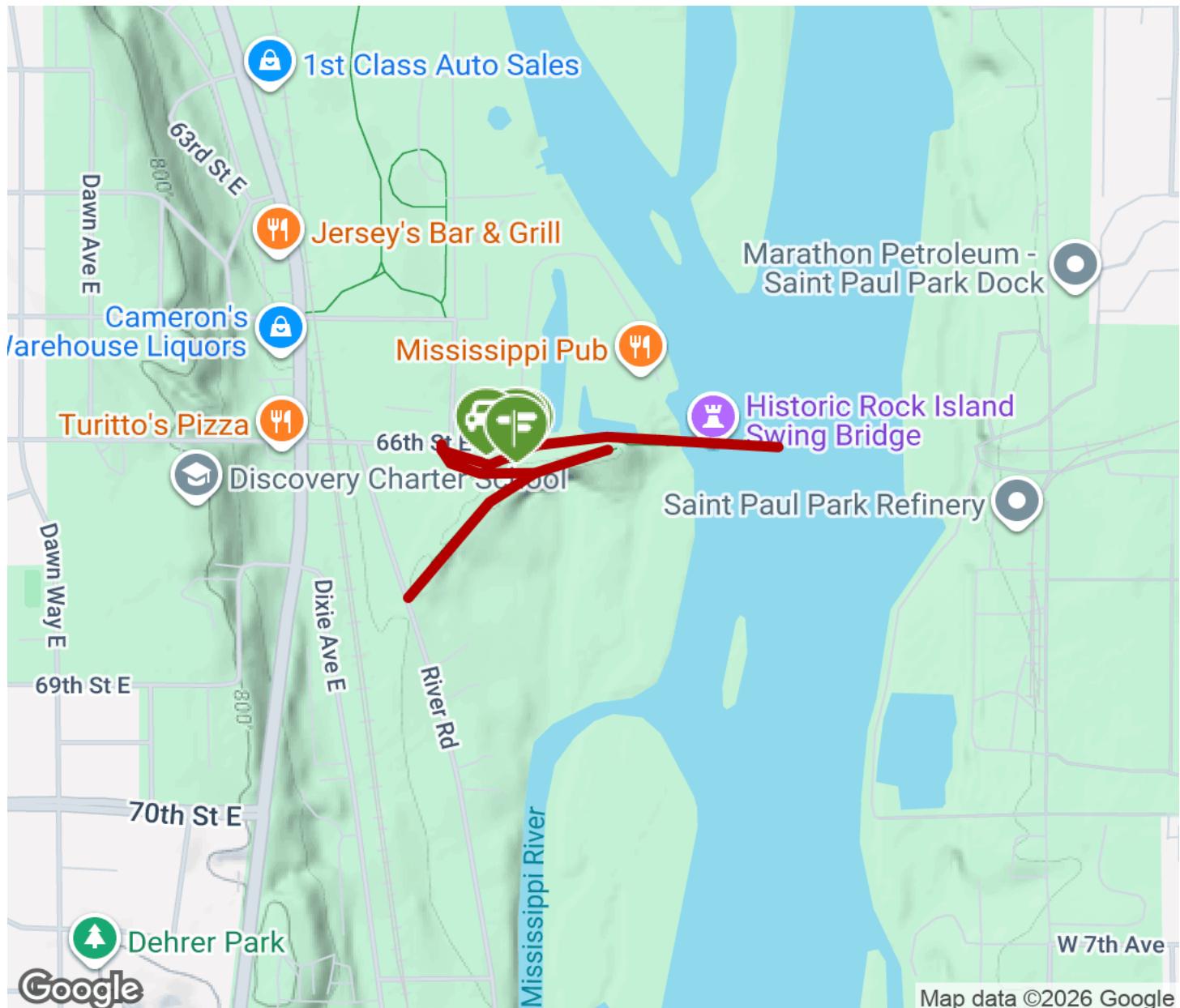
## Parking & Trail Access

Parking for the Rock Island Swing Bridge is available directly at the park. Please see the TrailLink Map for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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