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Guides



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Trail**  
*Illinois*



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The Joe Stengel Trail follows an old railroad corridor for 7 miles between the town of Polo and the much smaller community of Woosung. The trail corridor traces farm country along a route scattered with trees. The natural surface can be rough going in places. In Polo the trail follows city streets, ending at a small cemetery north of town.

Another shorter piece of the trail is found farther south by Dixon. The segment is connected to the [Lowell Parkway Trail](#) at Lowell Park and passes through Penrose Prairie. There are plans to link the two segments one day.



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**States:** Illinois

**Counties:** Lee, Ogle

Length: 7.9 miles

**Trail end points:** Woosung Rd./Co. Hwy. 8  
(Woosung) to Fairmont Rd. nr. the cemetery  
(Polo)

**Trail surfaces:** Ballast, Grass, Gravel

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Horseback Riding, Mountain  
Biking, Snowmobiling, Walking, Cross Country  
Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

There's a small parking area south of Polo off Wilson Street west of US 52/CR 26/Division Ave. On-street parking is available in town. In Woosung, park off Central Street.



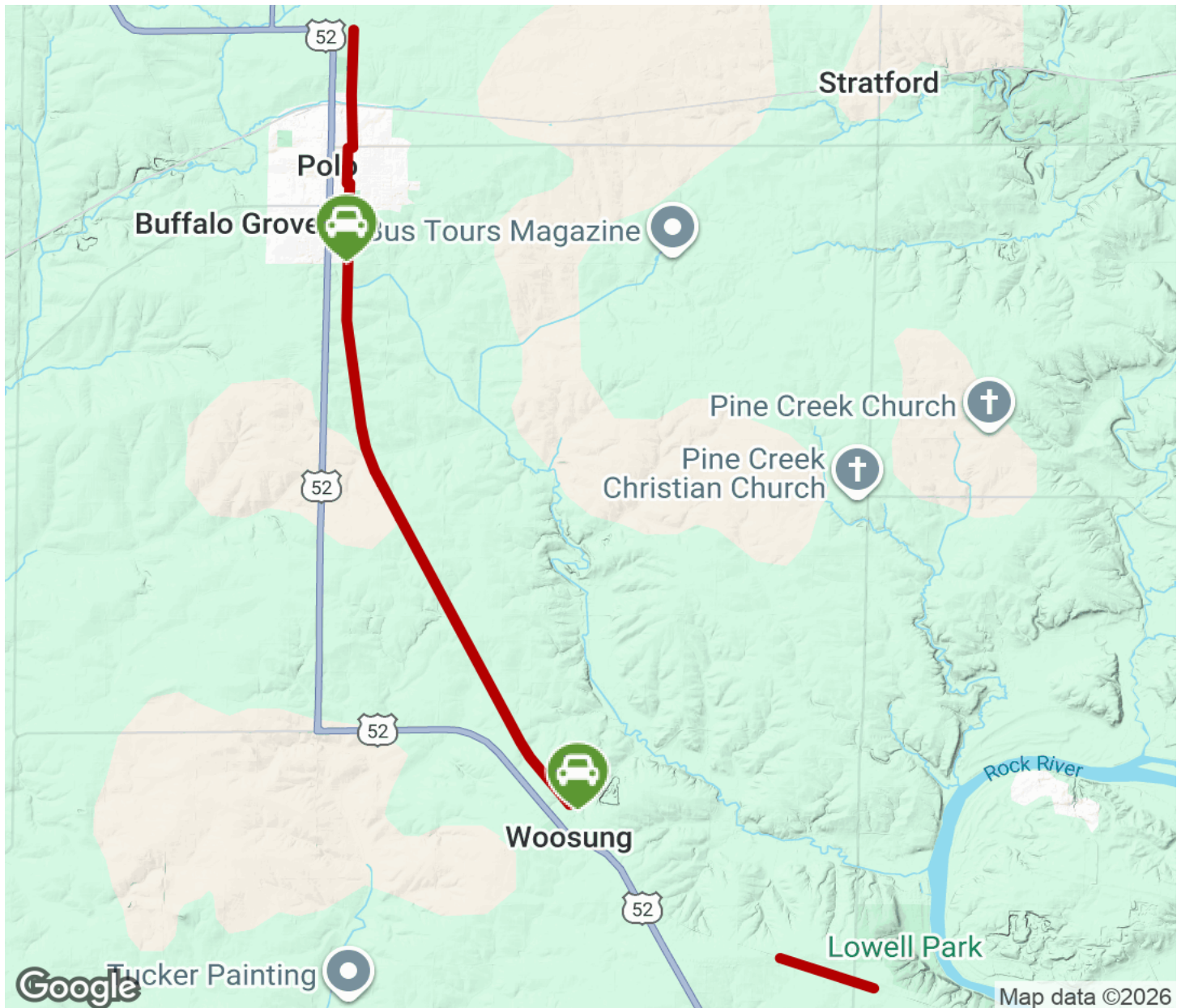
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- Trailhead
- Restroom
- Parking
- Water Fountain
- Tunnel