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Guides



**Joe Stengel
Trail**
Illinois



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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.



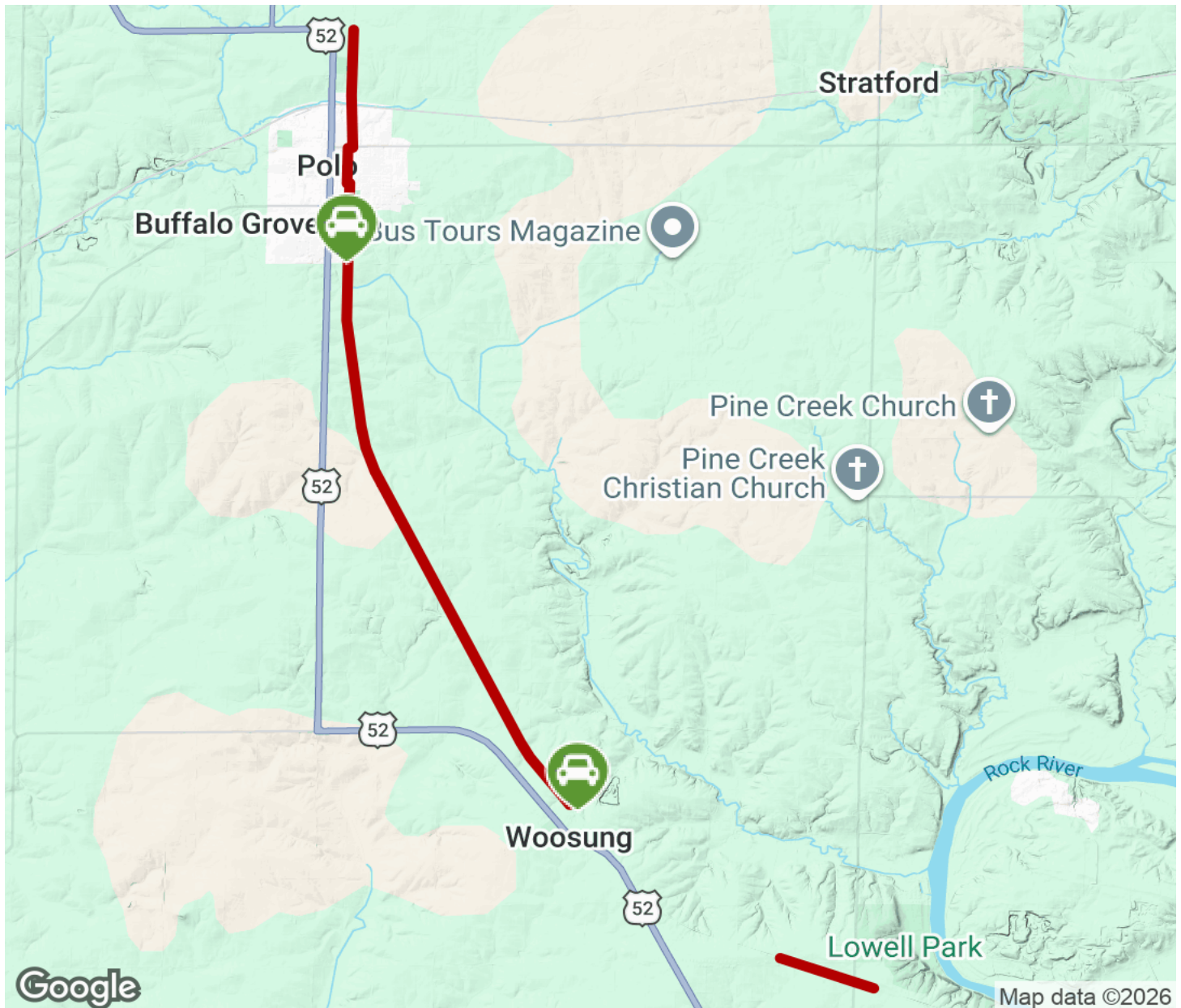
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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