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Guides



**Great Western  
Trail (DuPage)**  
*Illinois*



## Great Western Trail (DuPage)

Illinois

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It is possible link the east and west segments of this trail—in a long, roundabout way—by continuing on the [Illinois Prairie Path](#) where it meets the Great Western Trail (just west of Prince Crossing Road). Take the Illinois Prairie Path north and west to Elgin, where it meets the [Fox River Trail](#). Cross the river and take the Fox River Trail south and west to the [River Bend Trail](#) (a.k.a. Silver Glen Trail), which meets up with the [Randall Road Bike Path](#). Head south to LeRoy Oakes County Forest Preserve, where it joins the [western segment](#) of the Great Western Trail.

### Trail History

The Chicago Great Western Railway (later Chicago and North Western) was called the Corn Belt Route because it linked Chicago, Minneapolis, Omaha and Kansas City.

The eastern segment of the Great Western Trail in Illinois follows almost 13 miles of an abandoned railway corridor through DuPage County, between Villa Park and West Chicago.

### About the Route

The crushed limestone trail provides access for cyclists, walkers, joggers, equestrians and cross-country skiers.

From its western end on Sassafra Drive in West Chicago, the primarily wooded rail-trail runs east to its eastern end on S Villa Avenue in Villa Park.

### Connections



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**States:** Illinois

**Counties:** Du Page

Length: 12.7miles

**Trail end points:** Sassafras Dr (West Chicago)  
to S Villa Ave (Villa Park)

**Trail surfaces:** Crushed Stone

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Horseback  
Riding, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

The Great Western Trail (DuPage) runs between Sassafras Dr (West Chicago) and S Villa Ave (Villa Park).

Parking is available at:

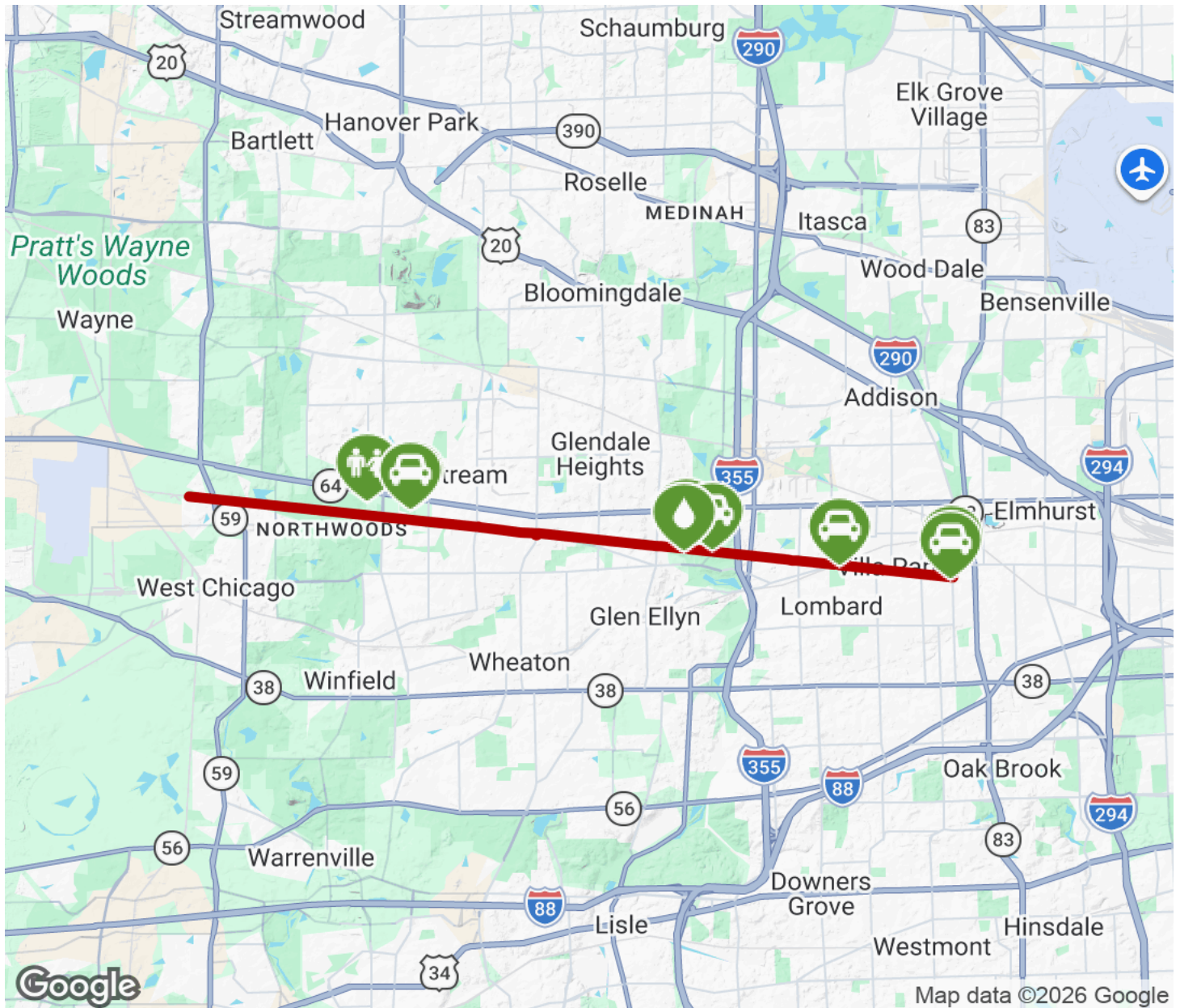
- Red Hawk Park, 651 St Charles Rd (Carol Stream)
- Ackerman Park, 800 St Charles Rd (Glen Ellyn)
- Lombard Common, 433 E St Charles Rd (Lombard)

Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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