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The northern portion of the trail, under East Peoria's jurisdiction, lies between Main Street and Hawthorn Avenue. The Morton portion of the trail is 2 miles long and begins near the intersection of W. Jackson Street and Detroit Avenue. A 0.5-mile extension spur leads to Westwood Park.



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States: Illinois

Counties: Tazewell

Length: 9miles

Trail end points: Bob Michael Bridge (East Peoria) to Detroit Ave. nr. W. Jackson St./US 150 (Morton)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross Country Skiing

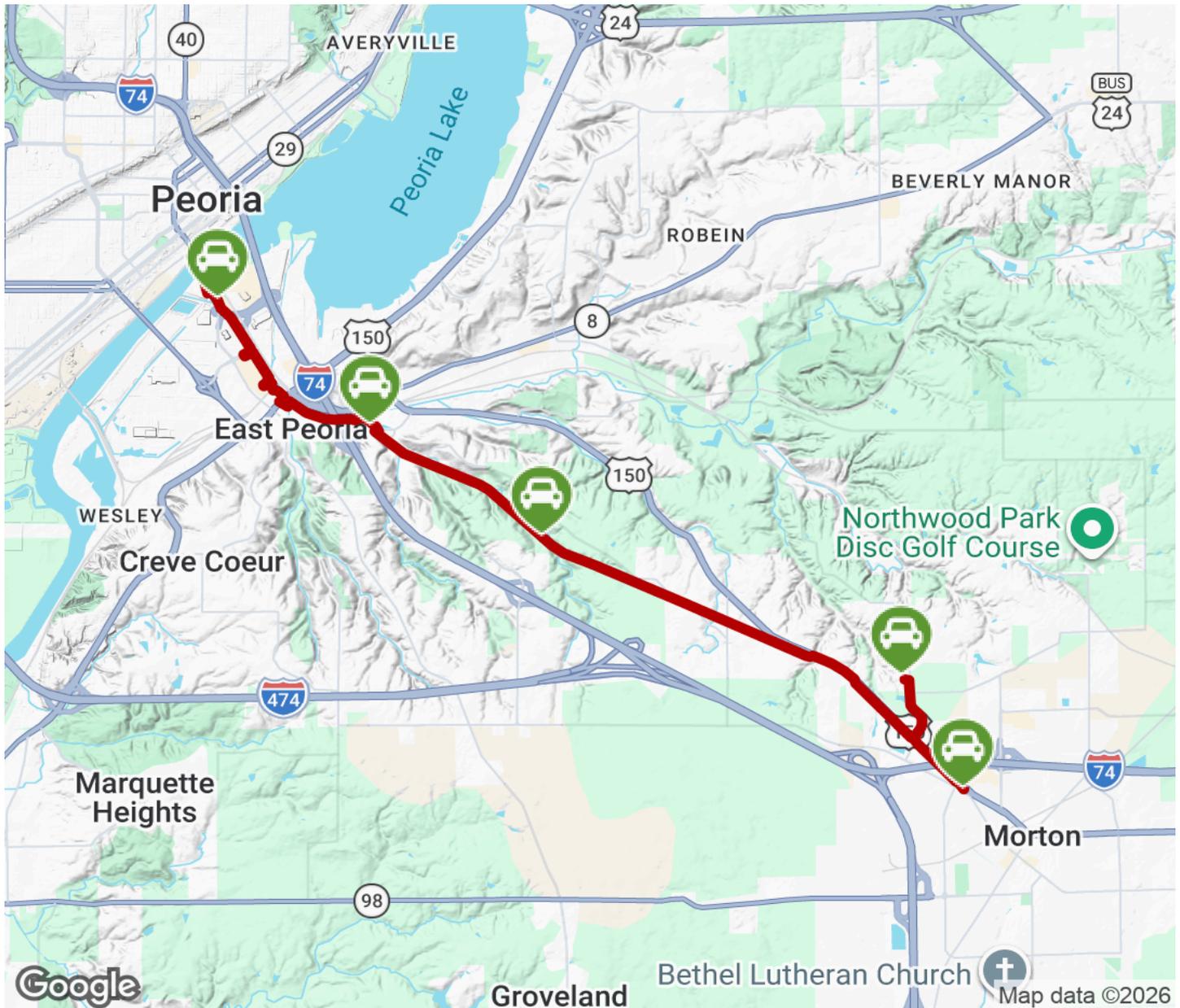
Parking & Trail Access

In Peoria, you can access the River Trail of Illinois from the Fondulac Park District headquarters at 201 Veterans Drive. In Morton, you can access the trail from Westwood Park (Veterans Road north of Jackson Street/US 150) or from West Jefferson Street southeast of its intersection with Detroit Avenue.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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