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About the Route

The northern endpoint of the trail is located nearly in Illinois, in the town of Calumet, Indiana, along a wooded corridor that takes trail users south past the Hammond Civic Center. After the trail crosses under a US 94, the route bends slightly west and then directly east along the Little Calumet River Levee Trail and then south again

back on the main rail corridor.

The old rail corridor alternates between a shaded, wooded corridor and open grassy fields under full sun. In Griffith, trail users can find Griffith Historical Park. Here, the circa 1911 Grand Trunk Western Railroad depot and the 1924 brick tower that oversaw operations at the Broad Street crossing can be found. Also in Griffith, the trail passes the Oak Prairie Savannah, a 965-acre native grassland.

Just before crossing Burr Street, the trail is mowed 10 feet to the side of either trail, that ensures that wildlife stays far out from the trail.

At the southern end of the trail in Crown Point, the trail is less than a mile from the city's most famous landmark, the jail where 1930s bank robber John Dillinger escaped before he was killed in Chicago. Here the trail meets its southern endpoint at W Summit St.

Connections

At the trail's northern endpoint, the trail connects to the [Monon Trail \(Lake County\)](#).

In Hammond, the trail connects with the [Little Calumet River Levee Trail](#).

In New Elliott, the trail connects with the [Oak Savannah Trail](#) and the [Turkey Creek Trail](#).

The Erie Lackawanna Trail is part of the Great American Rail Trail, a 3,700-mile route from Washington to Washington D.C.

Trail History

The paved Erie Lackawanna Trail follows a railroad corridor that opened in the late 1800s. Conrail was the last owner,



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States: Indiana

Counties: Lake

Length: 17.6miles

Trail end points: Sibley St. (Hammond) to 299 W Summit St. (Crown Point)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Erie Lackawanna Trail runs between Sibley St. (Hammond) and 299 W Summit St. (Crown Point), with parking at the southern end.

Parking is also available at:

- 5825 Sohl Ave (Hammond)
- 739 S Arbogast Ave (Griffith)
- 4200 Wirtz Approx Ln (Merrillville)

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



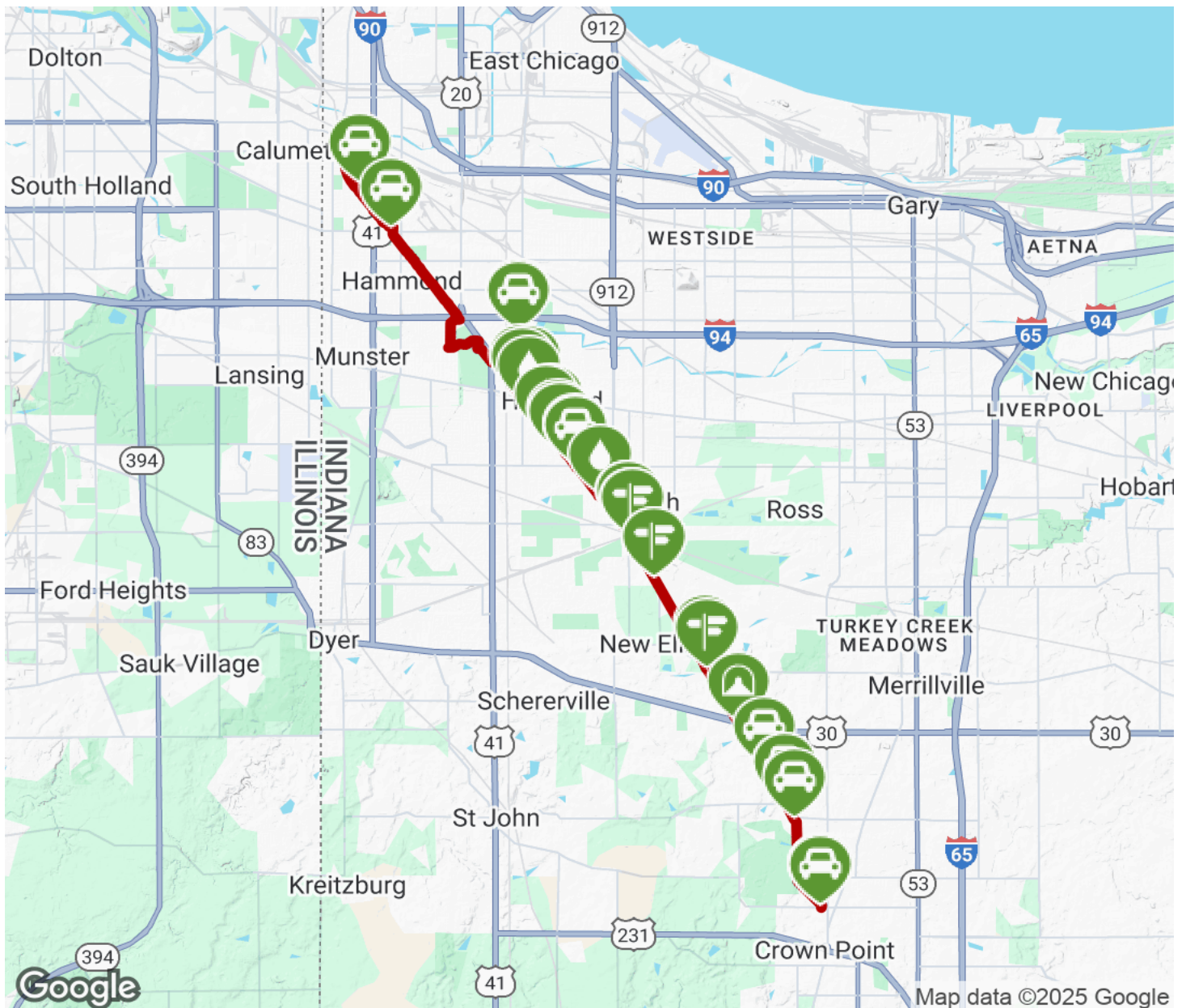
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- Restroom
- Parking
- Water Fountain
- Tunnel