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About the Route

With a northern endpoint in Rochester, the northern segment runs for 21 miles through a shifting landscape of trees, cultivated fields, and small-town neighborhoods. The route passes through the communities of Macy, Birmingham, Deedsville, Denver, and Courter before entering the outskirts of Peru, home to the International Circus Hall of Fame, which hosts a Circus City Festival every summer. The southern end of this segment is located at the small country road Lovers Lane.

The official Nickel Plate Trail website provides a recommended on-road route to connect to the southern section from Lovers Lane. After the gap, the southern section, spanning more than 15 miles, picks up in Peru at Walnut Street, just north of downtown. However, the more convenient way to access the trail is at one of the various parking lots off Main Street, where a trailside gazebo and signage can be seen from the road.

From Main Street heading south along the path, the trail immediately crosses the trail's iconic trestle bridge over the Wabash River. The original bridge structure, embellished with bright blue guardrails, offers scenic views of the river rock formations that comprise the bed of Little Pipe Creek. Historical markers on either side of the bridge share some history along this former rail corridor, including a tragic train accident in January 1893 when the train jumped the tracks at the bridge, plunging passengers and crew 30 feet off the bridge into the icy waters below.

From the bridge, the trail passes through the towns of Bunker Hill, Miami, and Cassville, offering a bounty of dense forests, water views, and wildlife. Trail users will find themselves in a forest thick with willows and maple trees. It may seem quiet here in the forest, but you are not alone: deer, rabbits, squirrels, and chipmunks are likely to cross the path. Many different species of birds make their homes in these trees. When cross-country skiing here in winter, this path is nothing short of a snowy wonderland. A spur trail leads trail users between Bunker Hill and the town of McGrawsville to the east.

The trail continues through the forest canopy, passing small farms and rural homesteads that periodically pop into view as it passes through the small farming community of Cassville until reaching Kokomo, where the southernmost endpoint of the trail is located.

Connections



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States: Indiana

Counties: Fulton, Howard, Miami

Length: 43.8 miles

Trail end points: Race St. (Rochester) to
County Rd. 300N (Kokomo)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross
Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Nickel Plate Trail runs between Mitchell Dr & Wabash Ave (Rochester) and County Rd. 300N (Kokomo), with parking at the northern end.

Parking is also available at:

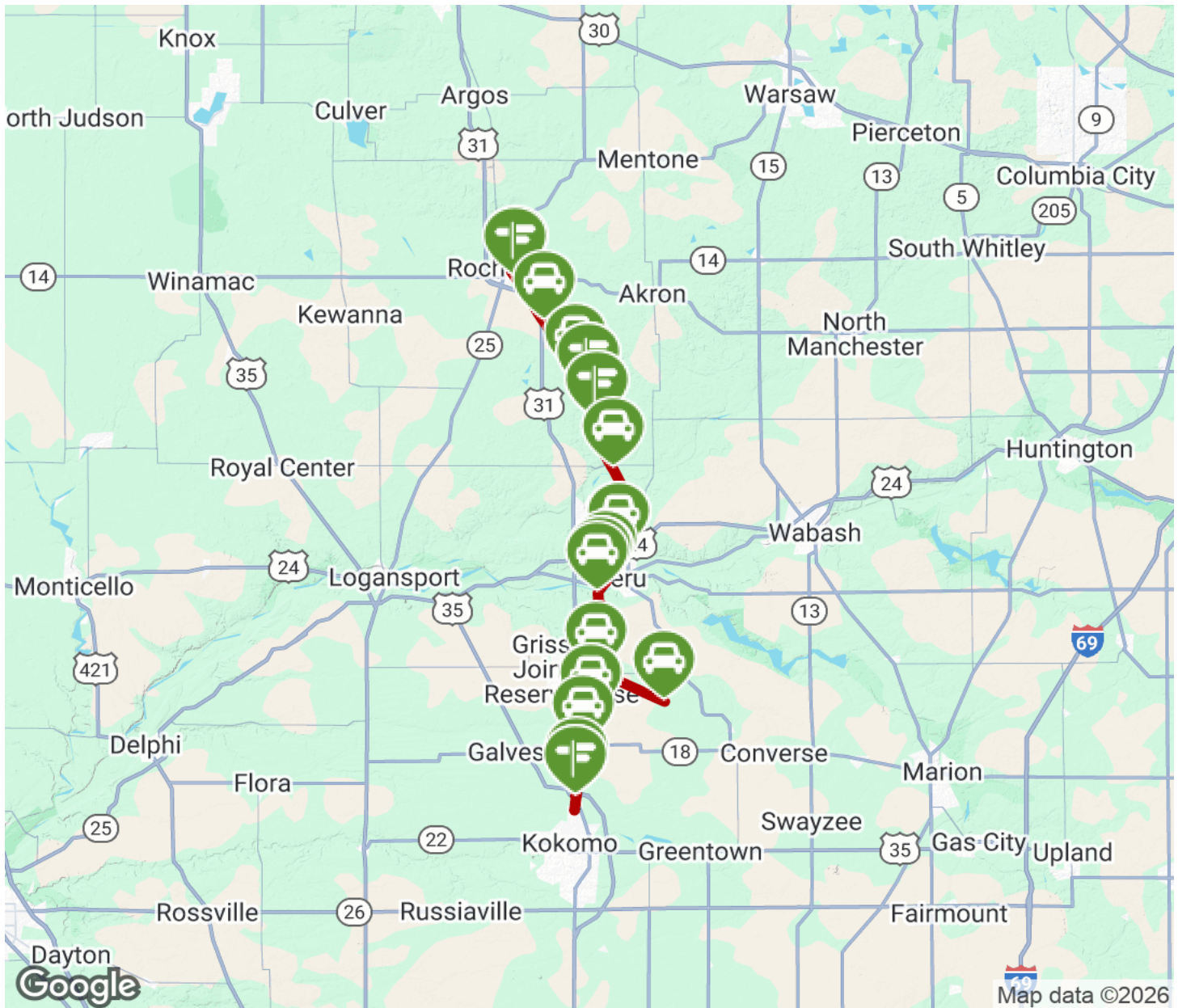
- Denver Community Building, S Emmons St (Denver)
- 117-121 W North St (Peru)

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



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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