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Guides



**Ruby Jack  
Trail**  
*Missouri*



## Ruby Jack Trail

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to be done to rehabilitate the building into what managers hope will one day become a trolley museum, community center, and trail-user meeting point.

There are plans to finish the remaining 4.5 miles of trail by 2022.

The Ruby Jack Trail runs for 16 miles between Carthage, MO, and the Kansas state line. The trail links the towns of Carthage, Oronogo, and Carl Junction, traversing farmland, wetland, and woodland. The section of trail from the Carthage Trailhead to the 9-mile marker is a smooth, limestone surface suitable for hybrid bikes.

From that point to State Route 171, the trail is unfinished and is suitable for mountain bikers and walkers. Three bridges have been repaired so users can cross creeks safely. A final finished portion of the Ruby Jack starting at SR 171 and going through downtown Carl Junction to the Missouri-Kansas State Line.

An important historical feature of the trail includes an old street car depot in Oronogo; however, much work needs



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**States:** Missouri

**Counties:** Jasper

Length: 16miles

**Trail end points:** KS state line to Oak St. and  
Old 66 Blvd. (Carthage)

**Trail surfaces:** Crushed Stone,Gravel

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Mountain Biking,Walking

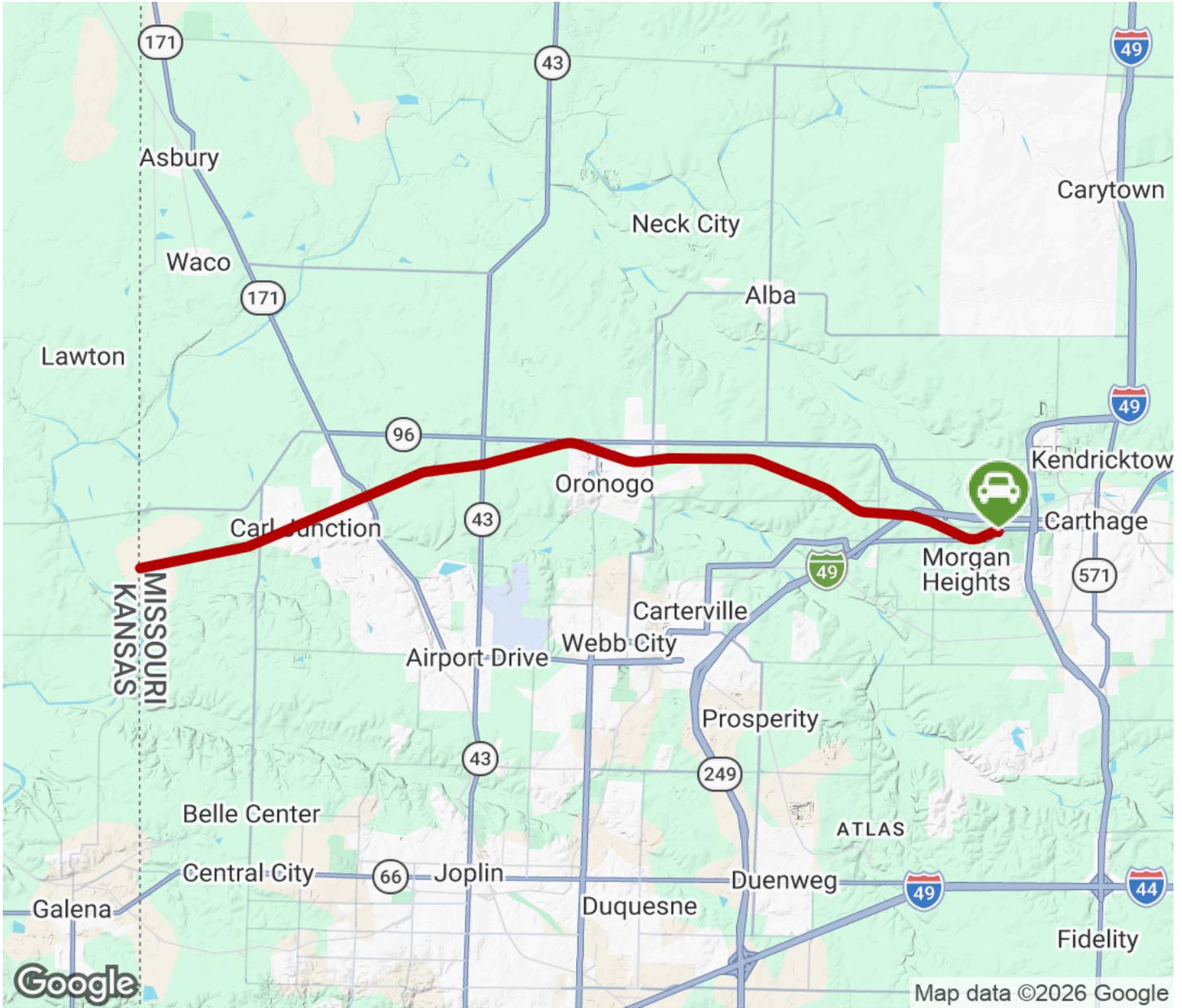
## Parking & Trail Access

Park at the northern terminus along Old 66 Boulevard just south of Oak Street. In Carl Junction park near the ball field along Pennell Street.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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