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Guides



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Trail (The 606)**  
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other points of interest along the journey too.

Twelve ramps down to street level allow for ample neighborhood use. The paved trail is 14 feet wide with a sleek, modern look featuring steel railings, bike parking, benches, and landscaping along its entire length. Currently, there are no restrooms along the trail, but both the eastern and western trailheads have bike repair stations and water fountains.

### Trail History

Plans for the rail trail began in the late 1990s, but the freight line remained operational for several more years. By 2003, neighbors and fans of the idea began to gather and advocate, forming the Friends of Bloomington Trail (FBT), a nonprofit community involvement group. FBT partnered with the Chicago Park District and The Trust for Public Land, among others, to design and develop ideas for the park. After years of discussions, final plans for the new trail were revealed in 2013, and the trail opened in 2015.

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### About the Route

The trail has a very neighborhood character to it, as you will share the trail with cyclists, strollers, runners, people walking their dogs, and children riding their bikes. Numerous coffee shops, bars, restaurants, and shopping districts are also all within a few blocks of the route. The trail passes five trailside parks, many historical sites, and



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**States:** Illinois

**Counties:** Cook

Length: 2.7miles

**Trail end points:** 1805 N Ridgeway Ave.  
(Chicago) to Walsh (John) Park, 1722 N Ashland  
Ave. (Chicago)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Concrete

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline  
Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

## Parking & Trail Access

The Bloomington Trail runs between 1805 N Ridgeway Ave. (Chicago) and Walsh (John) Park, 1722 N Ashland Ave. (Chicago).

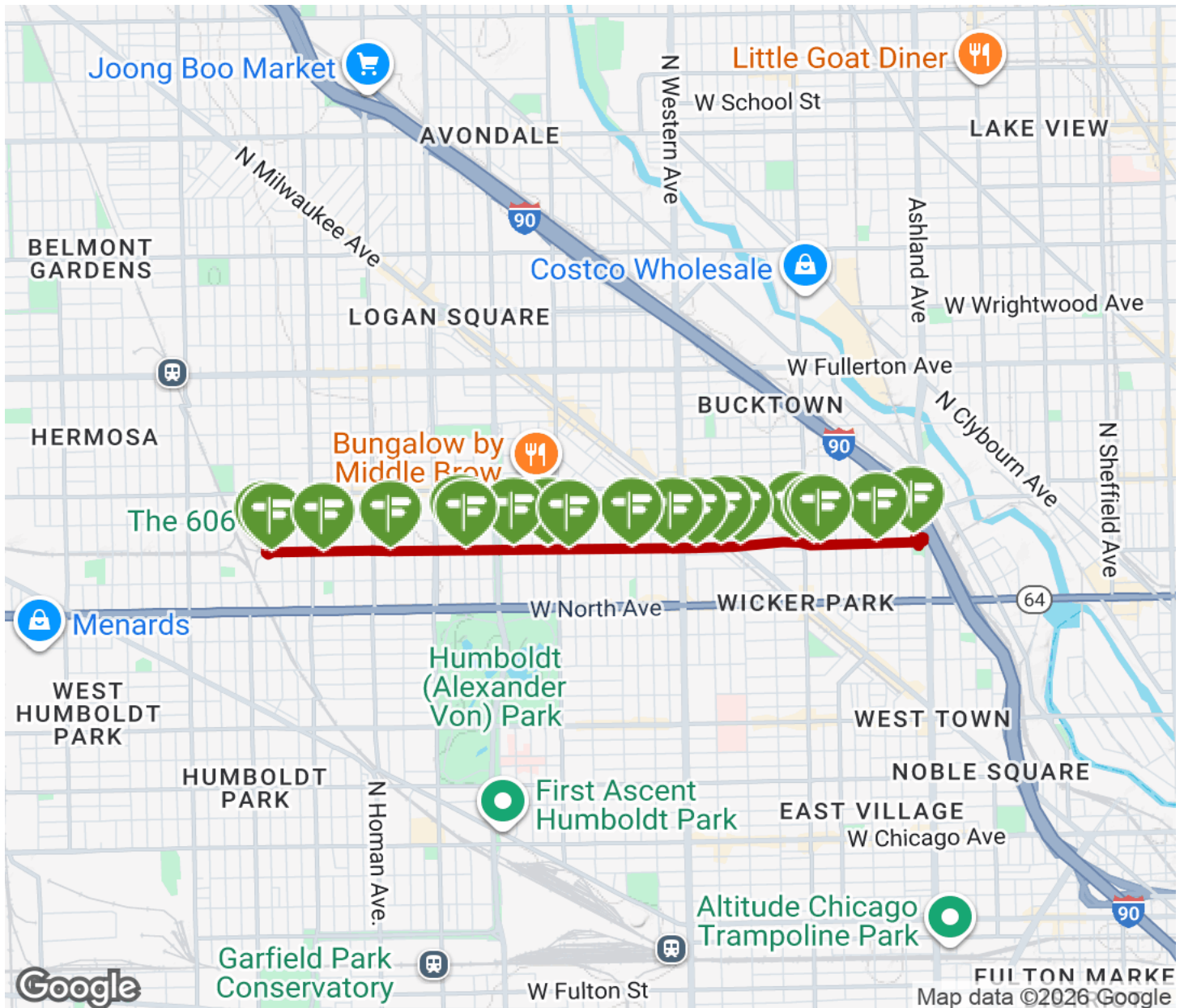
While there are no designated parking areas for the trail, street parking is available nearby. Multiple Metra and CTA train and bus routes also have stops close to the trail, and there are Divvy bike-sharing stations close by as well.

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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