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The trail starts at the junction with the [MCT Goshen Trail](#). Then it's on to a scenic overlook of the Watershed Nature Center and finally downtown Edwardsville. The trail is short and lends itself to leisurely enjoyment. It's flat and mostly tree covered, with just a handful of quiet roads and streets to cross.



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States: Illinois

Counties: Madison

Length: 1.3miles

Trail end points: MCT Goshen Trail to High St.
(Edwardsville)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

Parking is at the Watershed Nature Center, 1591 Tower Avenue.



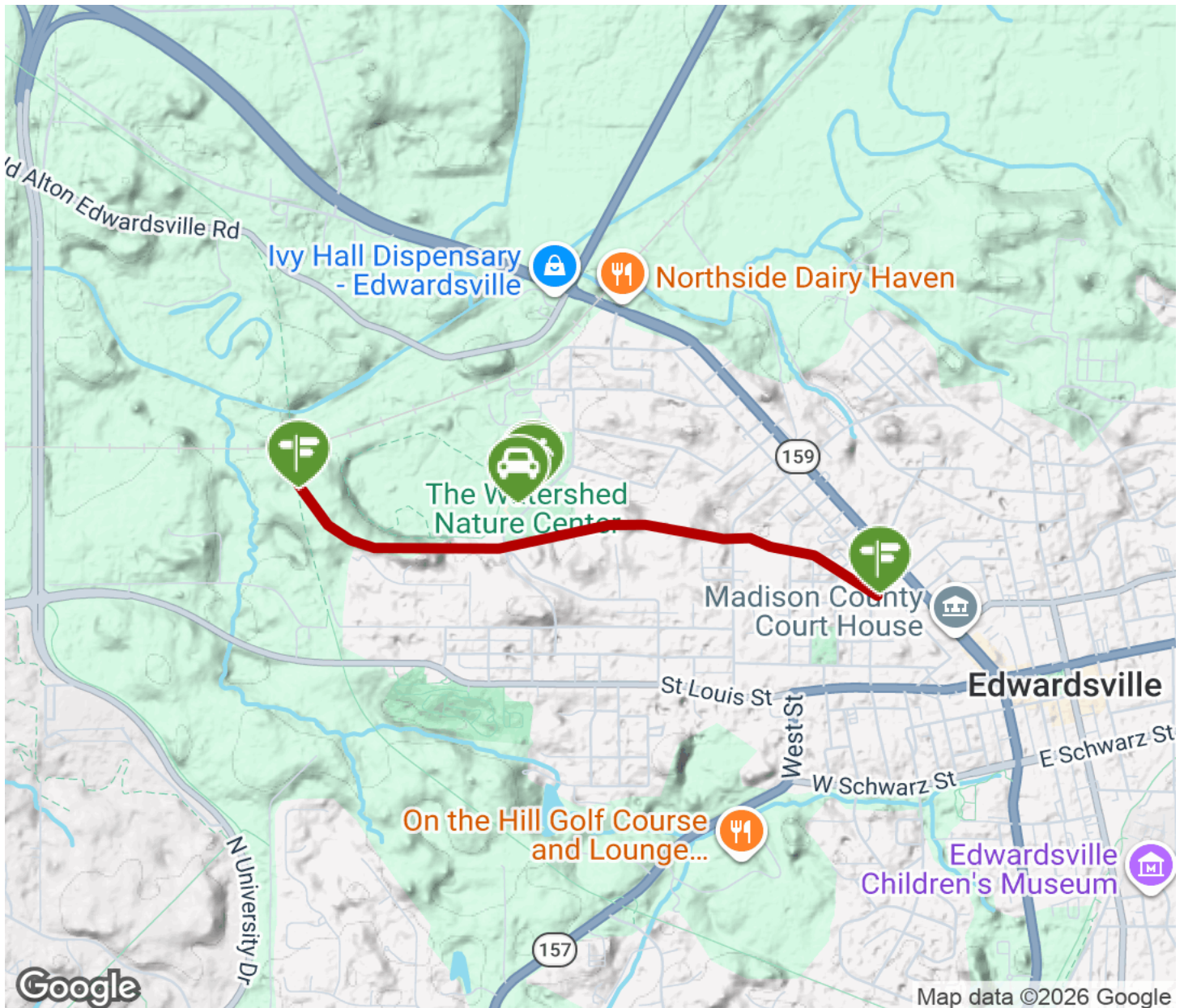
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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