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Guides



**St. Louis
Riverfront
Trail
(Mississippi
Greenway)**

Missouri



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Closure Notice: Please be advised that the Riverfront Trail is currently subject to intermittent closures and disruptions due to construction; please see the [Great Rivers Greenway site](#) for the latest information on closures before planning your trail outing. The flood gate just north of the Gateway Arch is currently closed as a new one is constructed.

When you think of St. Louis, some iconic images likely come to mind: the Mississippi River, the Gateway Arch, and Lewis and Clark. The St. Louis Riverfront Trail lets you experience all of this and more! Starting just south of the Gateway Arch in downtown, this paved trail is a must-visit.

About the Route

Leaving off from the trail's south end at what is locally as the "graffiti wall" along the left side of the trail; its expressive colors and artwork make you want to slow down. On the east side of the trail is the majestic Mississippi River. The trail goes along the riverfront and right next to the Gateway Arch as the route passes through downtown. Multiple excursion opportunities dot the trail, from classic sternwheeler riverboat rides to helicopter tours, through this section. The Lewis and Clark statue on the river adjacent to the trail is worth a stop.

Moving north from downtown, the first well-branded trailhead emerges under the shadows of the former Union Power generating station, which is a historical and beautiful building. The transition of the trail from the bustling downtown area to a more industrial landscape is done tastefully and is an example of well-designed trail development in constricted areas. The large concrete flood walls that are a constant along the river also provide the backdrop for numerous art installations.

The trail takes a meandering path—at times on the inside of the levee, at other times outside the walls—and sometimes you get right on top for a wonderful view of both the working riverfront and the industry that still relies on the storied waterway. Multiple rest stops along the way offer bike racks, interpretive signage, and drinking water.

This stretch offers an interesting opportunity to watch the relationship between the river and industry. Large tugboats push barges with all sorts of cargo as trains run up and down the tracks to a multitude of different commodity industries ready to load or offload the barges. Leaving the heavier industry behind, a few miles of quieter trail let trail users just enjoy the river and a couple of nice parks before you emerge to one last icon at the end of the trail. The Old Chain of Rocks Bridge marks the northern end of the Riverfront Trail.

Connections



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States: Missouri

Counties: St. Louis

Length: 12.2miles

Trail end points: Chouteau Ave. (St. Louis) to
Old Chain of Rocks Bridge (St. Louis)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The St. Louis Riverfront Trail runs between Chouteau Ave. (St. Louis) and Old Chain of Rocks Bridge (St. Louis).

Parking is available at:

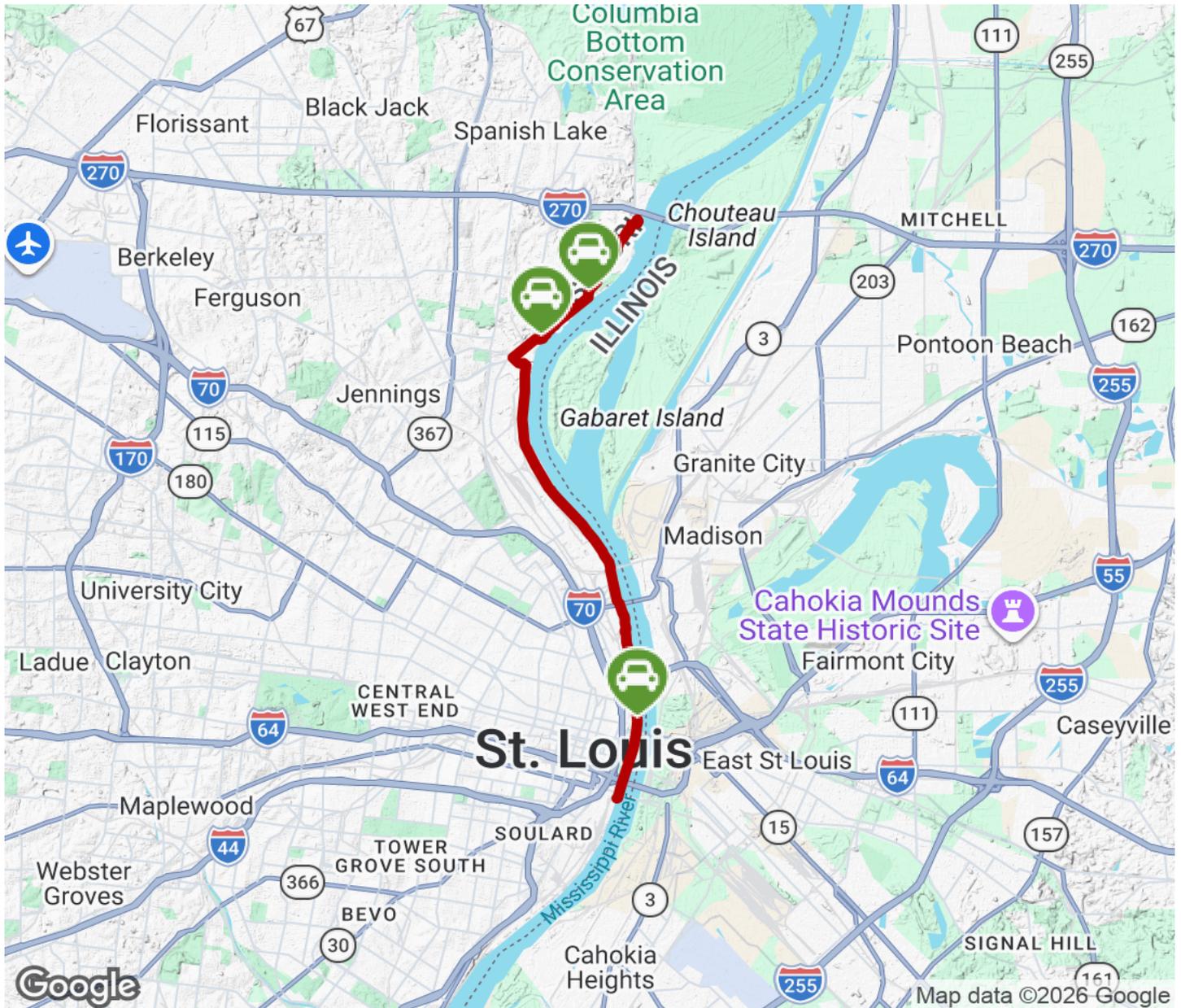
- 1200-1250 Commercial St. (St. Louis)
- North Riverfront Park, 10550 Riverview Dr

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



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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