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A good place to begin your journey is in Riverdale—once

famous for its dairy and large herd of Holsteins. While the eastern endpoint for the trail begins at Fenno Road and State Street, you'll find parking about 1.4 miles west, past the industrial area of Riverdale, at State Street and South Bellingham Street. The trailhead is tucked next to a large aluminum factory and an active rail line. In 0.4 mile, the South Kensington Road crossing affords a connection to the Duck Creek Recreation Trail.

After winding past some waterfront facilities for river commerce for nearly 2.5 miles, the trail arrives at the shoreline in Bettendorf to reveal dazzling views of the Mississippi. Punctuated by frequent benches and the occasional sightseeing pier, the smooth route takes you past the Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center and the riverboat-style Isle Casino. Immediately following the casino is the grand sight of Memorial Bridge and Leach Park, which has both parking and a giant ship's wheel overlooking the waterfront. Across the river is the Rock Island Arsenal, the largest government-owned weapons maker and former prison for Confederate soldiers during the Civil War.

About 1.5 miles downriver you'll come to Art Park in lower Lindsay Park in the Village of East Davenport. The park serves as a companion site to a boat launch and yacht club. You'll find restrooms, a playground with whimsical arches, the bronze Watching the Ferry statue from a John Bloom lithograph, and a gazebo.

The greenway then takes you under the 1896 double-decker [Arsenal Bridge](#) and the much newer pedestrian Skybridge to downtown Davenport's waterfront at LeClaire Park. This is home to jazz and blues music festivals, as well as the colorful Rhythm City Casino and Ferris wheel. Just beyond is the Quad Cities River Bandits Minor League ballpark in Modern Woodmen Park and a large skate park in Centennial Park. Next you'll pass the meditative Veterans Memorial Park dedicated in 2011.



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States: Iowa

Counties: Scott

Length: 14.3 miles

Trail end points: Credit Island (Davenport) to S. Bellingham Rd. just off State St. (Riverdale)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Concrete

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

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

Parking & Trail Access

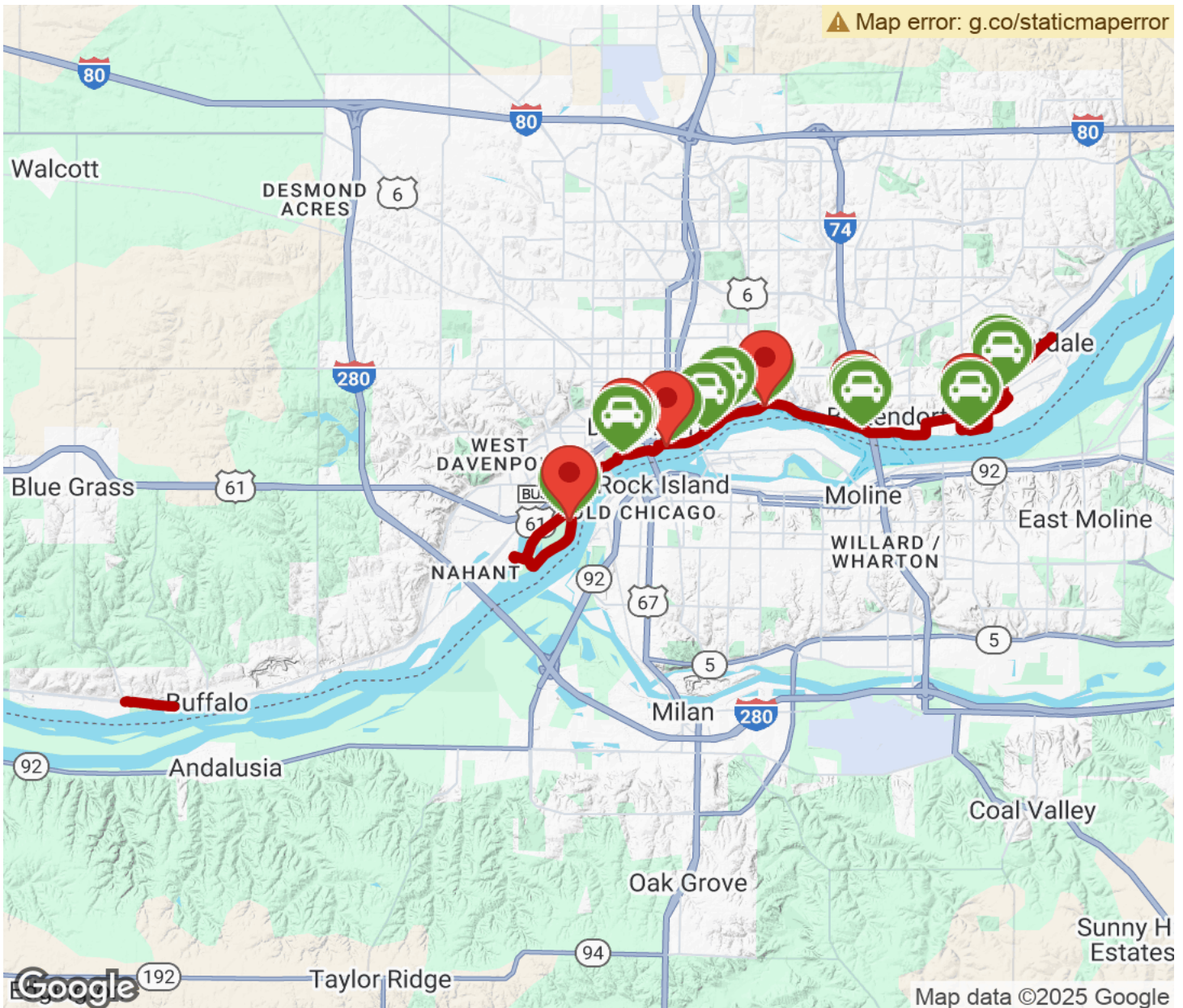
To reach the eastern trailhead in Riverdale from I-74, take Exit 4, and turn onto eastbound US 67/State St. Go 2.1 miles, and turn right onto S. Bellingham St. Look for parking on the right in 0.1 mile at the BIKE PATH PARKING ONLY sign. The endpoint is located about 1.4 miles northeast along the trail at State St. and Fenno Road.

To reach the western trailhead in Davenport from I-74, take Exit 4, and turn onto westbound US 67/Grant St. Go 5.6 miles (US 67/Grant St. becomes US 67/River Drive), and turn left onto Credit Island Road. Go 0.4 mile, and look for parking on the right. The endpoint is located about 1.6 miles southwest at S. Concord St.



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