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Guides



**Rock Run  
Greenway  
Trail**  
*Illinois*



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areas in the northern section of the trail; one, near the southern trail end.

At its northern end, the Rock Run Greenway Trail connects with the [Joliet Junction Trail](#); at its southern end, with the [Illinois & Michigan Canal State Trail](#). Together these three trails form a popular 16-mile loop.

The popular Rock Run Greenway Trail is a balanced mix of natural areas and cityscapes that alternate over the length of the trail. The natural areas are frequented by recreational users. The cityscapes provide a pleasant and safe link between neighborhoods, schools and businesses.

The principal natural areas are Theodore Marsh (at the northern end), Rock Run Preserve (between the street crossings at Essington Road and Black Road), and Colvin Grove Preserve (between the airport and junior college). The principal cityscapes are at the small Joliet Airport, the Joliet Junior College, and alongside a few city streets.

The main trail is entirely paved, although there are short alternate sections of crushed rock at Theodore Marsh and Rock Run Preserve. There are four small parks and rest



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**States:** Illinois

**Counties:** Will

Length: 12.3miles

**Trail end points:** Theodore Rd. to Hollywood Rd. at I&M Canal Trail

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Concrete, Crushed Stone

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Fishing, Wheelchair

Accessible, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

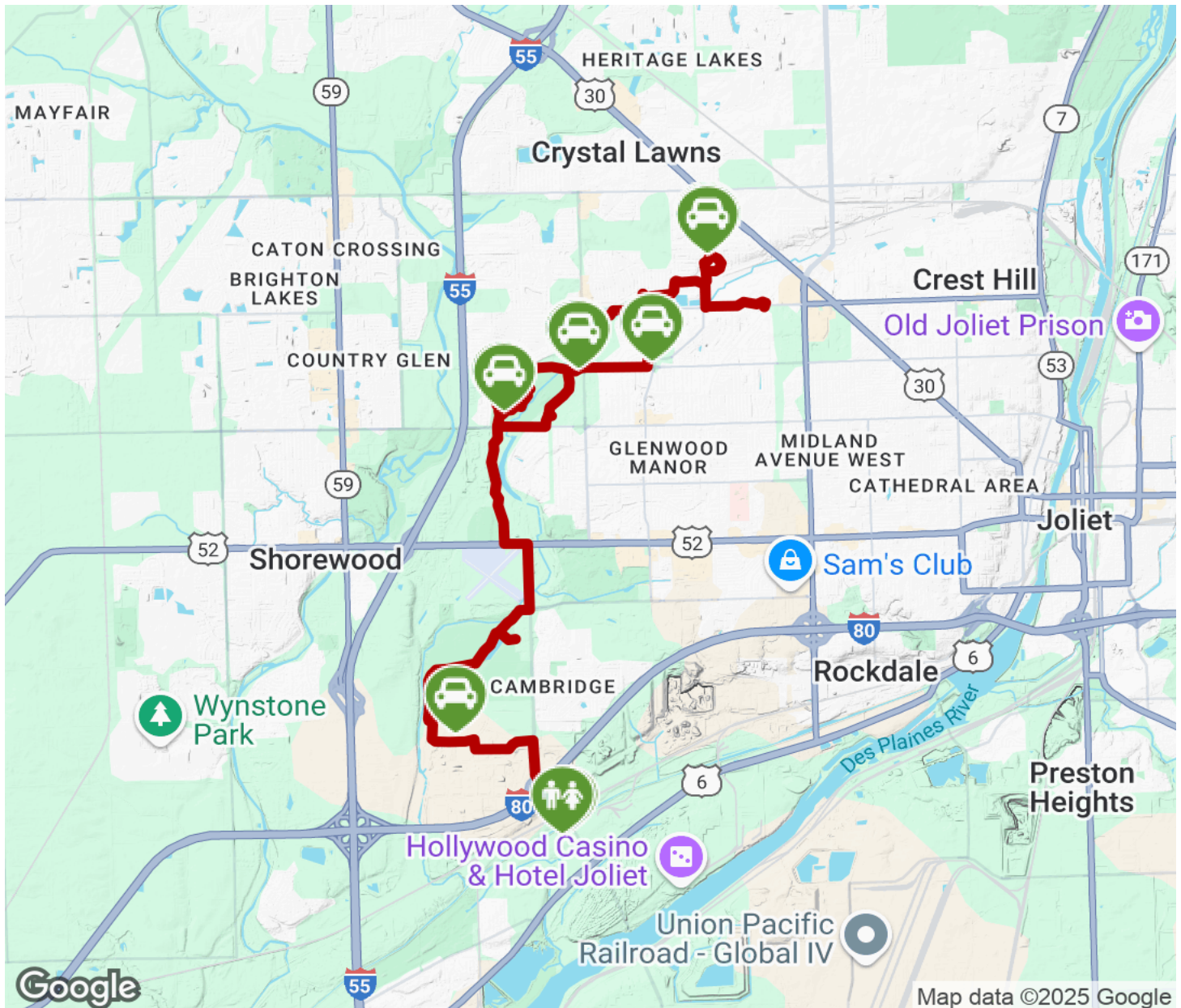
Parking is available at several locations along the trail (from north to south):

- Theodore Marsh, Gaylord Rd. at Fox Meadow Dr.
- Paul E. Brieese Park, Ingalls Ave. at 129th Infantry Dr.
- Paul V. Nichols Access, Essington Rd. at Ingalls Ave.
- Black Road Access, Black Rd. near Addleman St.
- Joliet Junior College South Lot
- Lower Rock Run Preserve, Hollywood Rd. at I&M Canal Trail



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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