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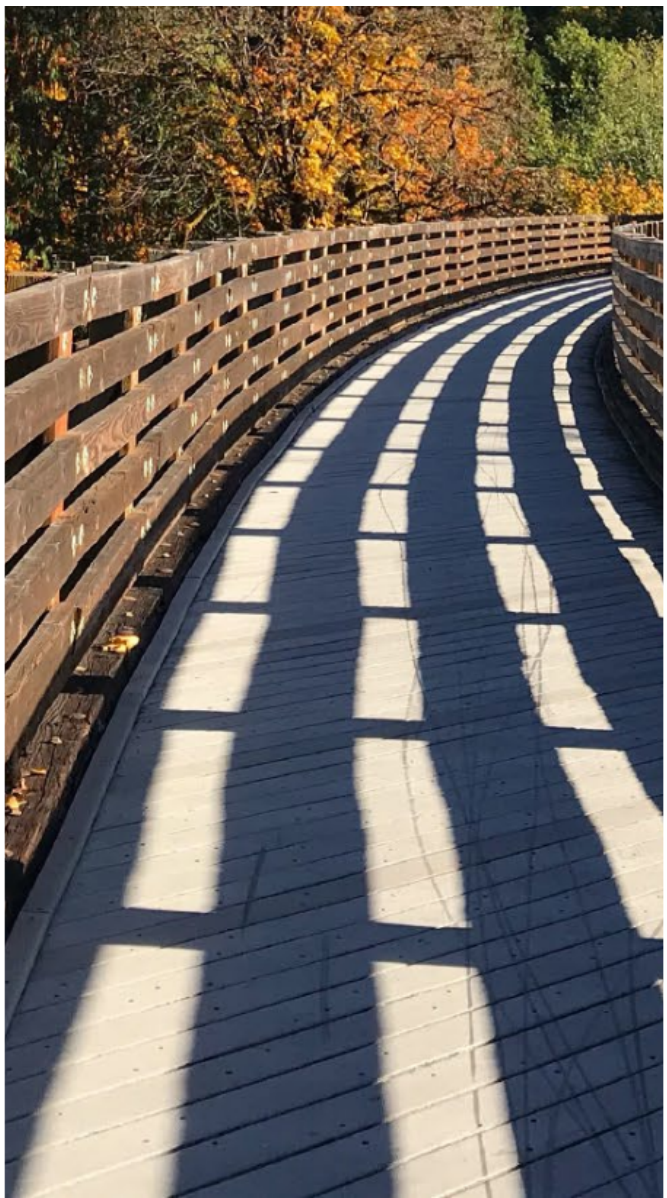

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The Joliet Junction Trail is a paved path that travels north–south through the west side of Joliet. It occupies an abandoned Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway corridor that in its last years was known as the Joliet Junction Railroad. The trail is entirely at railroad grade. Now under the management of the Forest Preserve, the trail is mostly tree-lined and provides frequent sightings of wildlife.

To the north, the trail connects with the 11-mile Rock Run Greenway Trail in Theodore Marsh, a nature preserve in the city of Crest Hill. The Joliet Junction Trail begins by running through city neighborhoods, making it convenient to thousands of residents. Trail users should exercise caution at the number of at-grade street crossings along this section of the trail.

About half way along the trail, the adjacent land use becomes increasingly industrial. The trail goes on to tunnel under I-80 and bridge over an active rail line.

From the endpoint in the village of Rockdale, trail users can continue south on the shoulder of S. Larkin Avenue/State Route 7 for 900 feet to reach the 62-mile Illinois & Michigan Canal State Trail. The Joliet Junction Trail, Rock Run Greenway Trail and I&M Canal Trail combine to make a popular 16-mile loop through western Joliet.

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States: Illinois
Counties: Will
Length: 4.3miles
Trail end points: Theodore St. near Edgerton Dr. (Joliet) to S. Larkin Ave./SR 7 and Mound Rd. (Rockdale)
Trail surfaces: Asphalt
Trail category: Rail-Trail
Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available midtrail at Walmart (2424 W. Jefferson Street); in the northeast corner of the parking lot, look for the spaces marked with “Reserved Parking for Trail Users” signs. A short concrete connector will take you from the parking lot to the trail.

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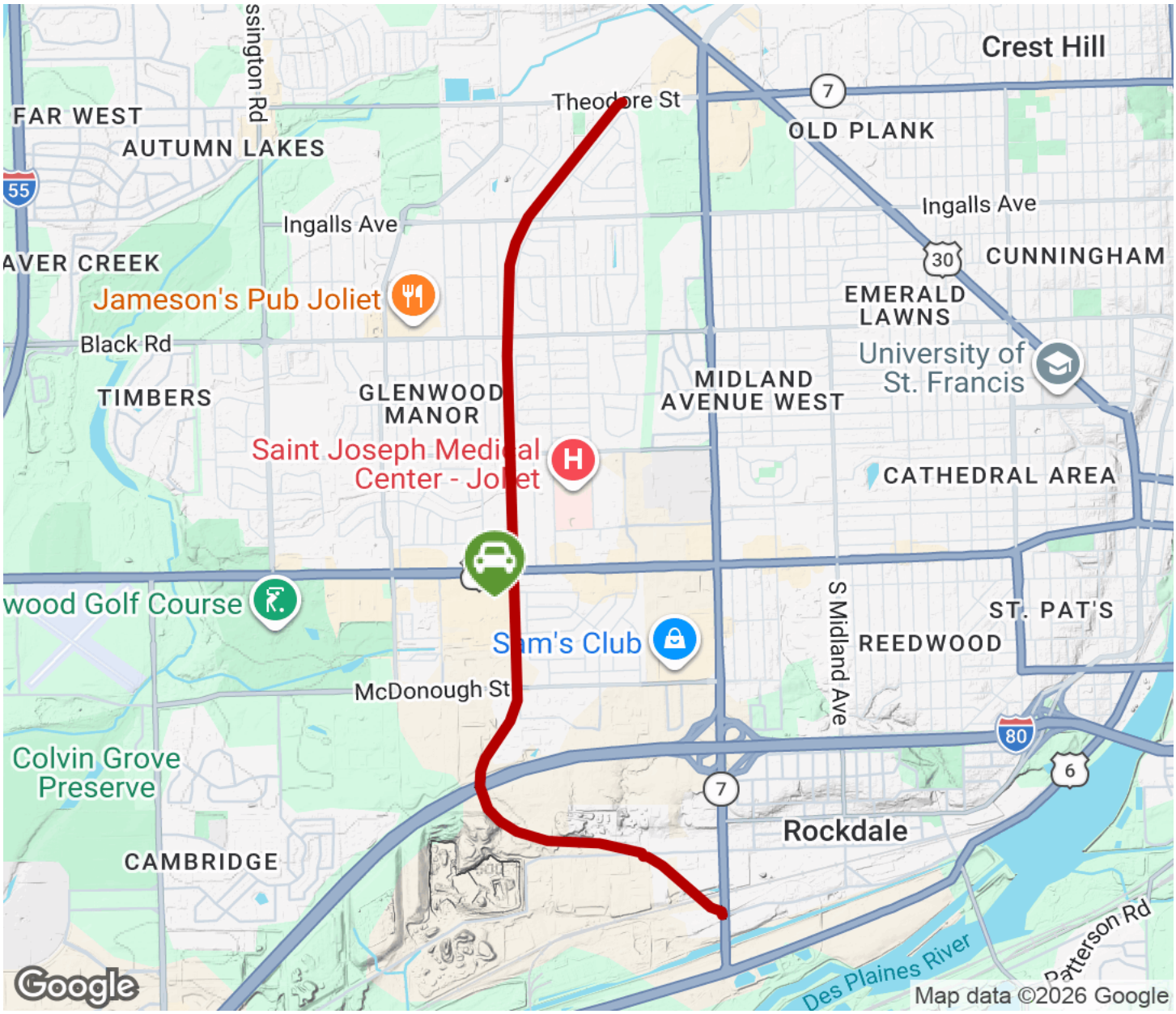

Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel

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