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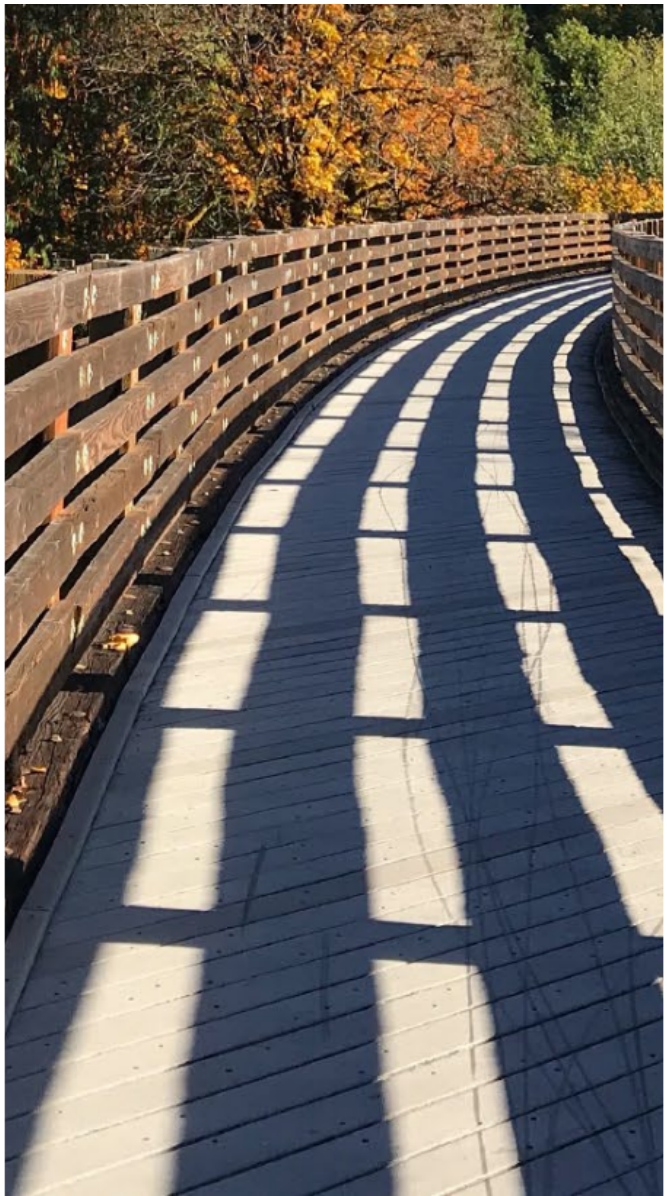

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The Perryville Path runs nearly 15 miles, connecting the communities of Loves Park and Rockford, not far from the northern border of Illinois. A pleasant place to begin your journey is Rock Cut State Park, a beautiful forested area abounding in recreational opportunities such as swimming, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, picnicking and camping.

Follow the trail north through the park to connect with the Puri Path at the corner of North Perryville Road and West Lane. Puri Path meanders east and south through the park before turning north.

Alternatively, head south on the trail to connect with the Willow Creek Path, which crosses the trail and continues east through the park and west into Machesney Park. Continue south on the trail alongside Perryville Road through residential, commercial and business areas. The trail connects to the Midway Village Museum Loop as it runs parallel to N Perryville Road. Conveniently, the trail also passes the Rockford Bicycle Company, one of the largest bike shops in city. Passing near a shopping and dining complex situated between Argus Drive and East State Street, the trail continues southward to the CherryVale Mall and connects residents to more shopping and dining amenities.

A block south of the trail's southern terminus, you can continue your adventure in Swanson Park via the Swanson Park Recreation Path, also known as the Cherry Valley Path. Find the entrance on Vandiver Road, just south of Frontage Road.

A trail extension in the Rock Cut State Park links Perryville to the Rock Cut Path. The Perryville Path connects to the Rock Valley College Path via the Spring Brook Road bike lanes that head west towards the Rockford campus of Rock Valley College.

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States: Illinois

Counties: Winnebago

Length: 14.9miles

Trail end points: Purl Path (corner of N Perryville Rd & West Ln) to N Perryville Rd & Argus Dr

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

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

Parking & Trail Access

At the northern end of the trail, there are multiple places to park inside Rock Cut State Park (7318 Harlem Road). There is a parking lot by the park's entrance on Hart Road, which sees little vehicle traffic. Continuing along Hart Road, the park's horse camp parking lot is about 200 yards east of the Perryville Path.

The park's dam parking lot is about 1.5 miles east of the Perryville Path. It's located at the Lake View Trailhead and picnic area on the west side of Pierce Lake; from there, you can take the Willow Creek Path to the trail.

Note that the park closes at 10 p.m. during the spring and summer and 5 p.m. during the winter. Visit the park's website for details.

Mid-trail, there is parking available at the Peace Plaza (at E. Riverside Boulevard & McFarland Road).

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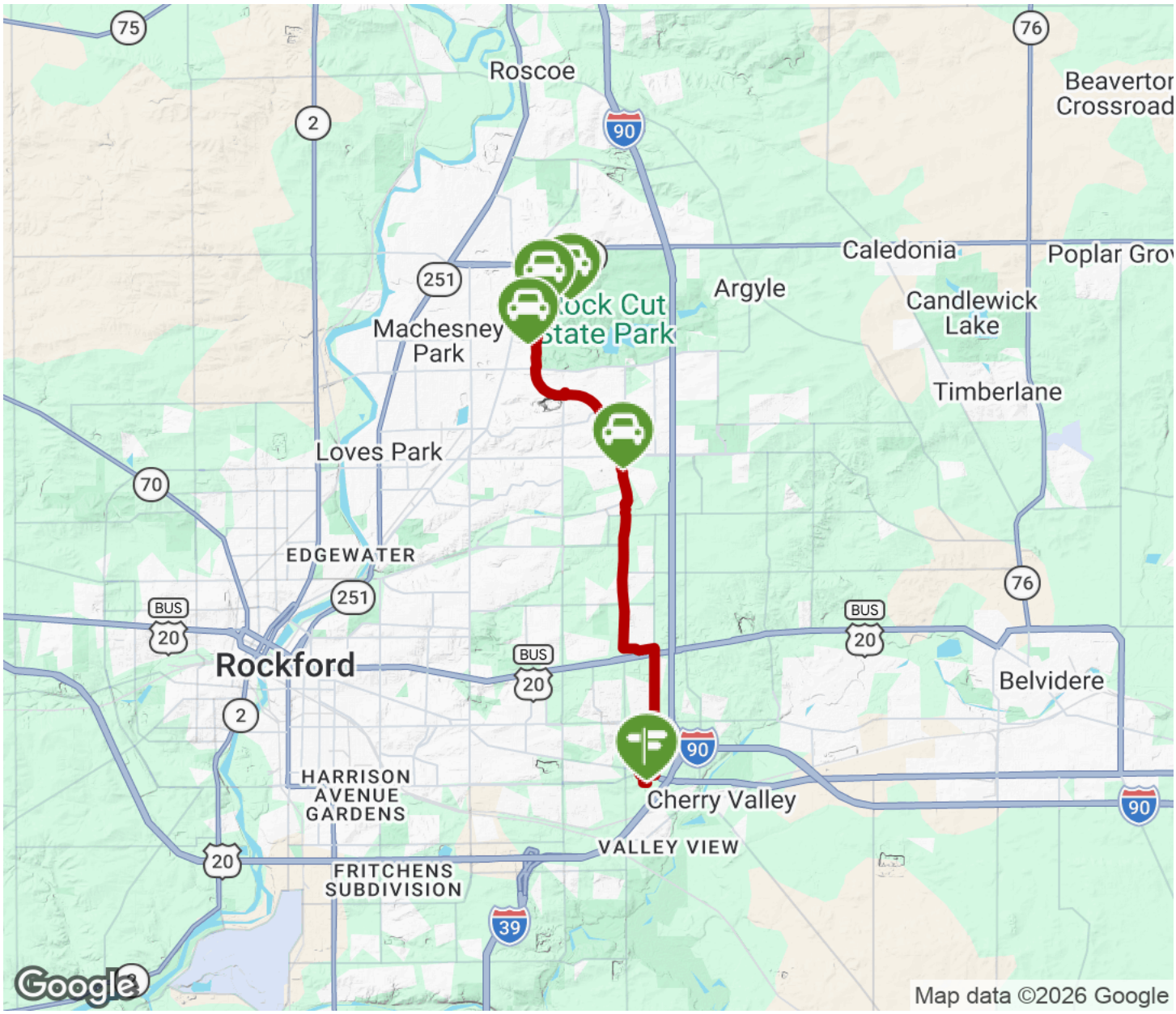

Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel

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