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Guides



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States: Illinois

Counties: Winnebago

Length: 1.3miles

Trail end points: Rock River Recreation Path to Victory Lane and Victory Lane to Scott Lane

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Inline Skating, Walking

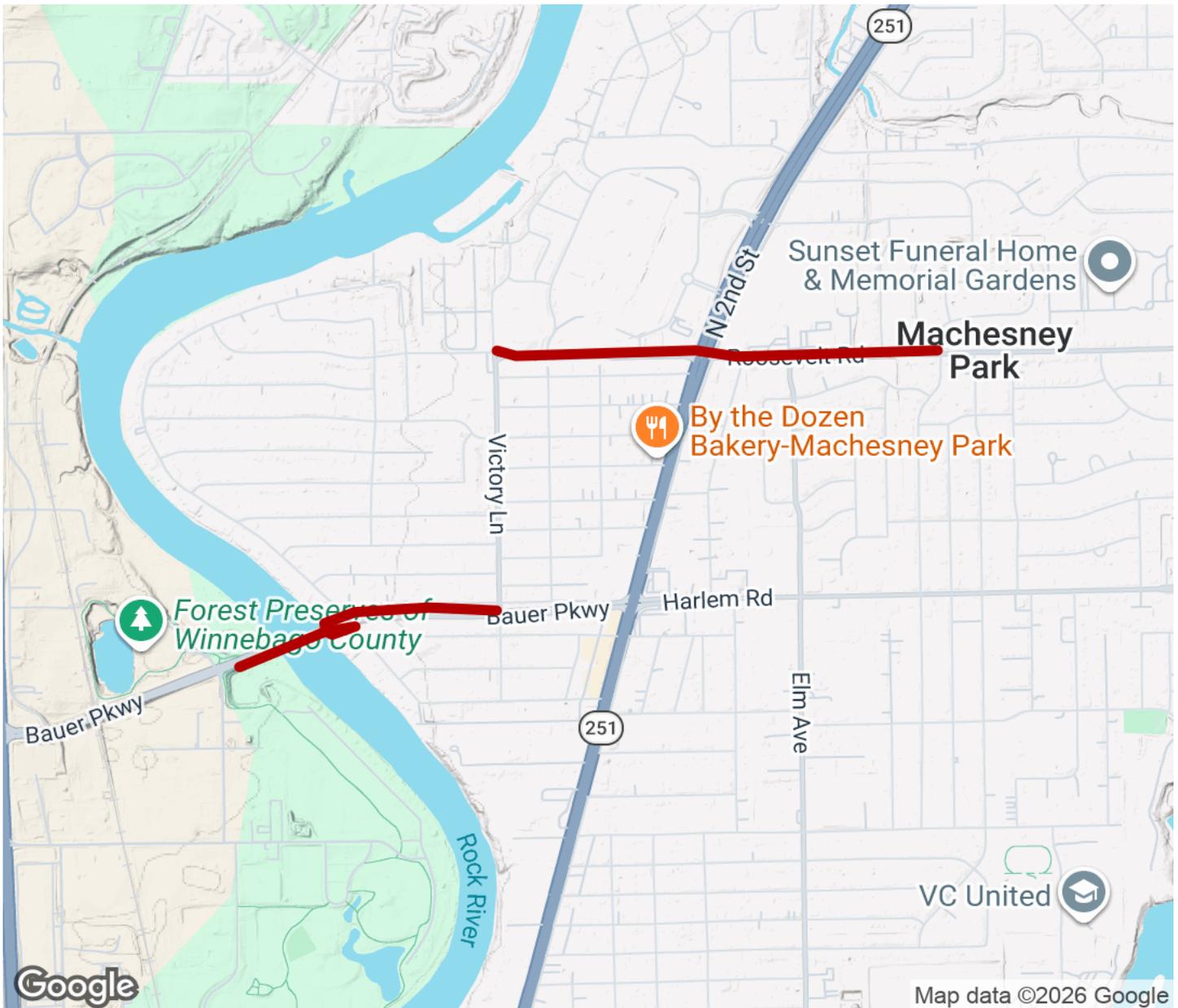
Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available on the northern end of the trail at the Harlem Community Center (900 Roosevelt Road), or at the Machesney Park Mall (8750 North Second Street). Across the bridge, on the western side of Rock River, parking is also available at the Winnebago County Forest Preserve office (5500 Northrock Drive).



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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