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In addition to the paved bike path, there are also hiking trails (for walkers only) available throughout Blackhawk Springs Forest Preserve, which spans more than 600 acres and is heavily wooded.



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States: Illinois

Counties: Winnebago

Length: 2.5miles

Trail end points: S Perryville Rd. to Blackhawk Rd.

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Inline Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

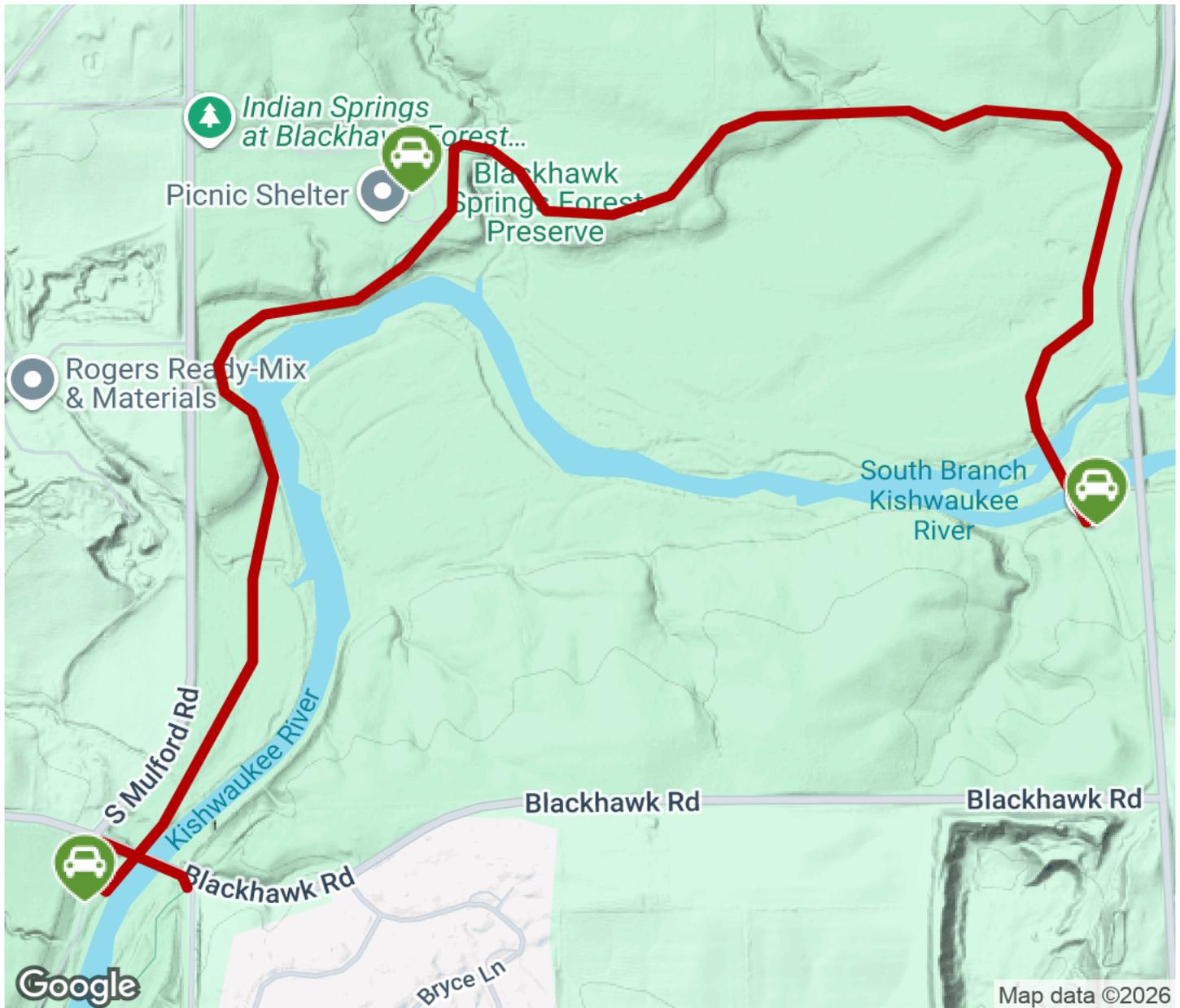
The southern trailhead of the Kishwaukee River Trail has parking on both sides of the river.

There is also parking and access at the Blackhawk Springs entrance north of Blackhawk Road on Mulford Road near the midpoint of the trail.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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