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Guides



**TREC Trails**  
*Illinois*



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the Little Wabash River. There at Ryan's Crossing is a very elaborate wooden approach to the new bridge, with great views of the river in both directions.

The southern branch is along a major transportation roadway, passing large truck stops and shipping hub facilities.

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The densely wooded northern branch of the trail, sometimes called the Calico Trail, was previously a recreational trail for off-road vehicles. It has a challenging series of short but very steep hills, with grades marked from 10 to 14 percent.

The western branch is more varied and leisurely. It passes a scenic mix of flat woodlands and open pasture lands, and has longer grades up and down to a beautiful crossing of



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**States:** Illinois

**Counties:** Effingham

Length: 6miles

**Trail end points:** County Rd. 1500 N to W.  
National Ave.

**Trail surfaces:** Concrete

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

**Trail activities:** Bike,Inline

Skating,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible,Cross  
Country Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

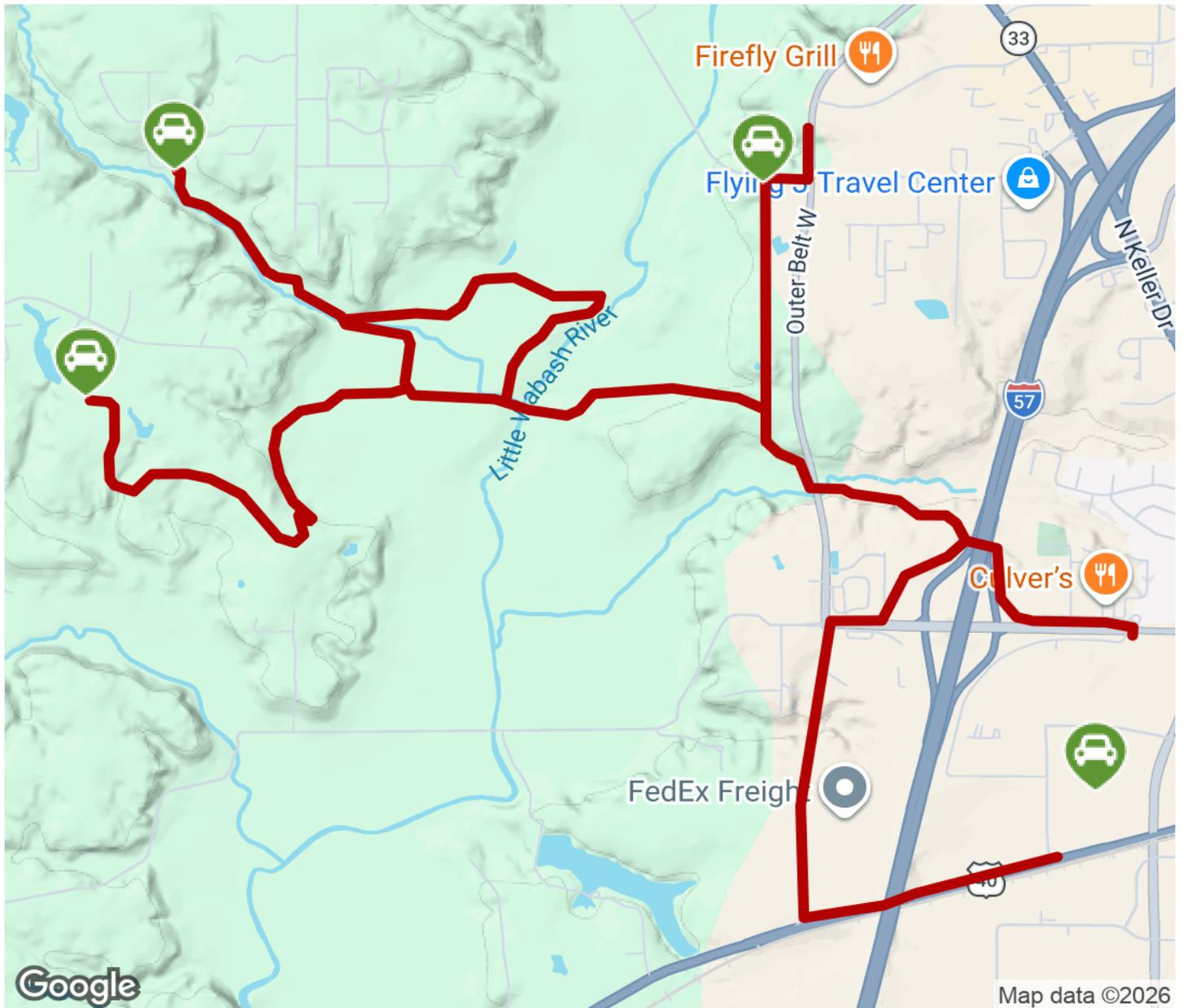
There are three large parking lots near the north trail end: One at the Firefly Grill and two at the Effingham Performance Center, all at the western end of Avenue of Mid-America.

There are numerous parking options for the Effingham TREC, please see [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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