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Guides



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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

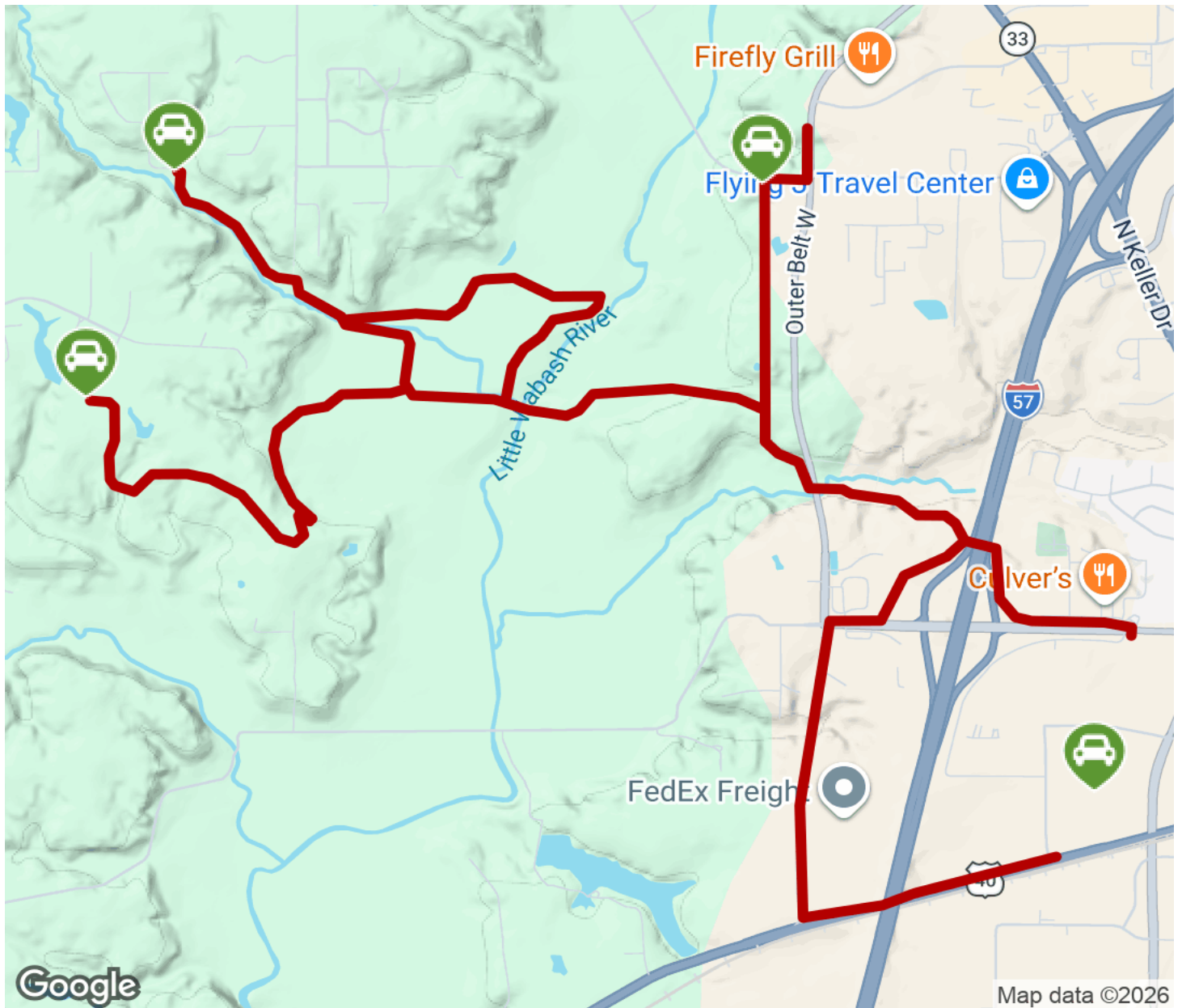
There are three large parking lots near the north trail end:
One at the Firefly Grill and two at the Effingham Performance
Center, all at the western end of Avenue of Mid-America.

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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