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Guides



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Trail**
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The DeKalb Nature Trail provides a pleasant, tree-lined route in northern DeKalb. Near its western trailhead, it crosses the Kishwaukee River and passes through the Nehring Forest Preserve. Further on, it crosses the golf course of the Kishwaukee Country Club. And, closer to the eastern trailhead, there is a short loop through County Farm Woods on the Forest Preserve Path. Here the trail winds through dense woods and twice crosses a small creek.

Close to the eastern trail end, there are connections to two other popular area trails: the [Kishwaukee-Kiwanis Trail](#) that heads southwest along the Kishwaukee River, and the [DeKalb-Sycamore Trail](#) that goes northeast between these two communities.



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States: Illinois

Counties: De Kalb

Length: 1.6miles

Trail end points: N. 1st Street to Sycamore Road (SR 23)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

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

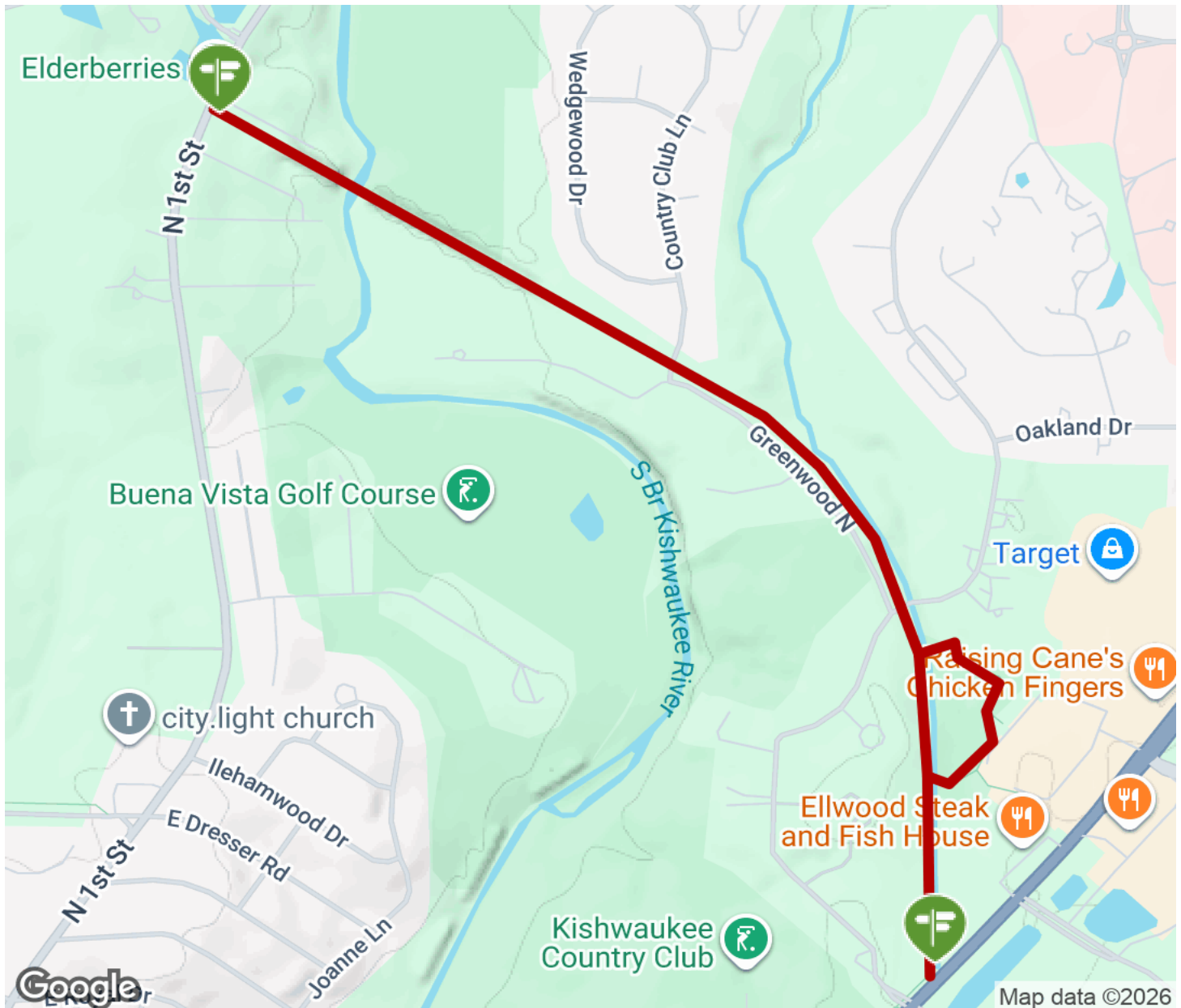
Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available in Hopkins Park, a half mile southwest from the trail's eastern end on Sycamore Road. Trail access is at its endpoints and two neighborhood cross streets.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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