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In the future, the trail is planned to connect to the scenic [Sangamon River Trail](#) on the west side of the city.

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Monticello was once a hub of the electric Interurban Railway of the Illinois Traction System that linked dozens of small towns and cities across central Illinois. Its miles and miles of abandoned track and right-of-way are now being used to develop multi-use recreational trails like this one built and maintained by the City of Monticello.



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**States:** Illinois

**Counties:** Piatt

Length: 1miles

**Trail end points:** E. Grant St. just north of  
Bridle Ln. to Township Rd./E 1730 North Rd.

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross  
Country Skiing

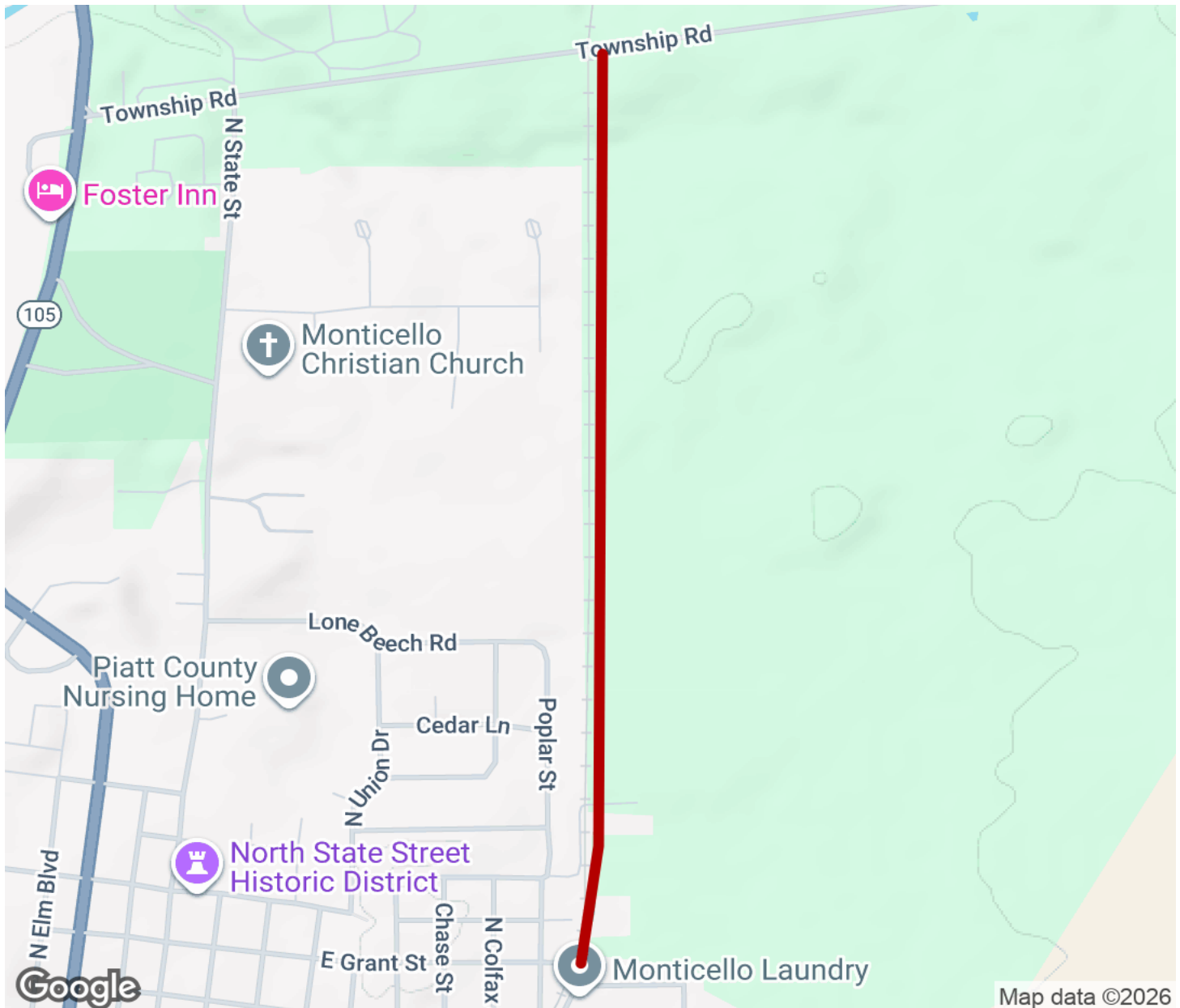
## Parking & Trail Access

Just west of the north end of the trail, there is parking at  
nearby Valentine Park (off Township Road).



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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