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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: Township Rd. to E Grant St.

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Inline

Skating,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible,Cross
Country Skiing

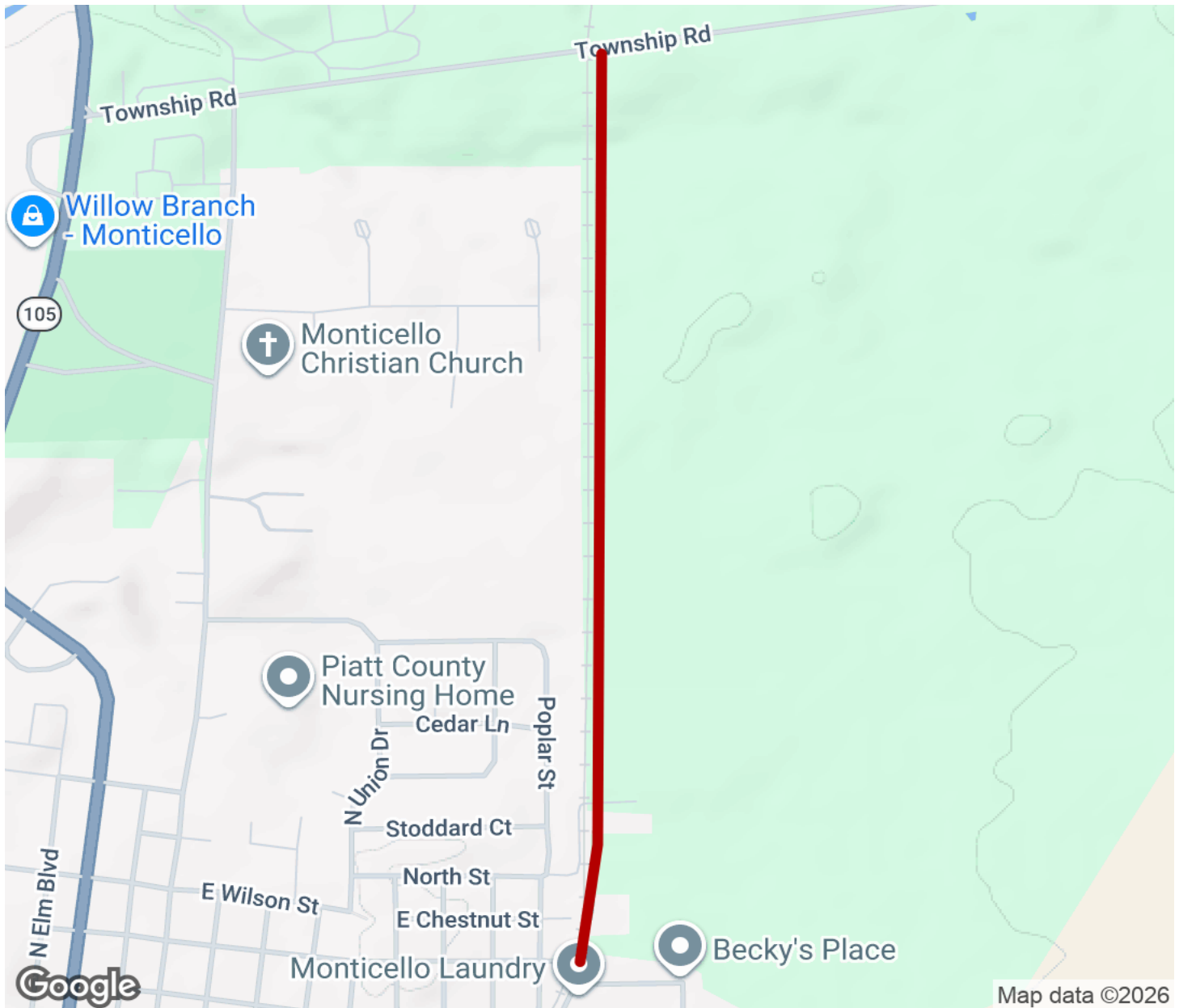
Parking & Trail Access

Just west of the north end of the trail, there is parking at nearby Valentine Park.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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