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The trail offers good birdwatching opportunities; keep a look out for red-tailed hawks, Canada geese, and red-winged blackbirds. It continues along Southeast Community Park, past a few small ponds, and under the busy US 20 Bypass. From the tunnel, you can follow street signs to connect to the [Baumann Park Recreation Path](#).



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**States:** Illinois

**Counties:** Winnebago

Length: 2.4miles

**Trail end points:** Swanson Pkwy. and Swanson  
Ln. to Valley Woods Dr. just east of I-39

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

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

**Trail activities:** Bike,Inline

Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

## Parking & Trail Access



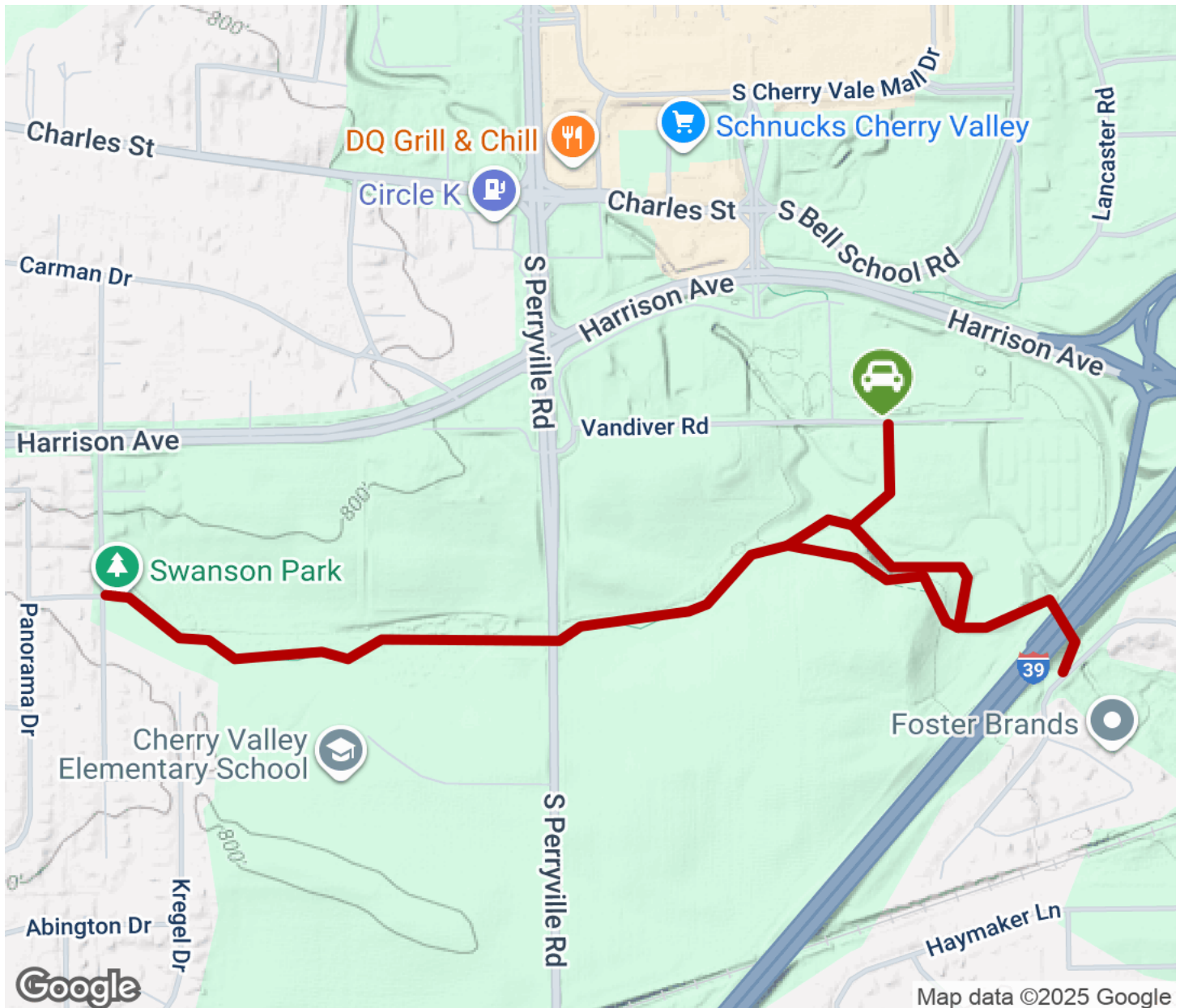
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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