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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, trail users 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 Park to Valley Woods Dr.

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

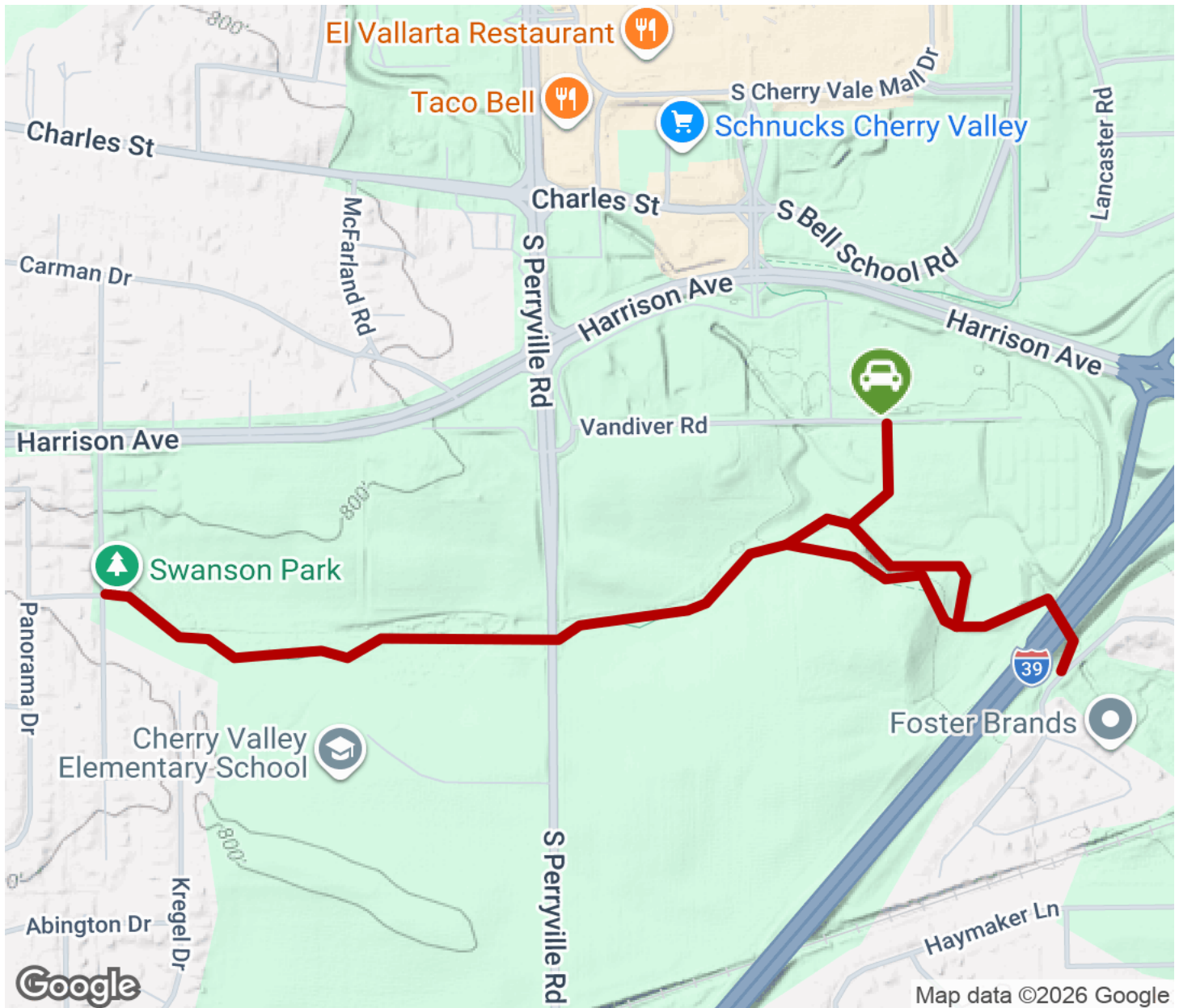
Parking & Trail Access

There is no dedicated parking available for this trail.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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