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Guides



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The trail is well maintained and popular with residents of the adjacent community of Mahomet. At the crossing of State Route 47, this trail intersects the [Mahomet Village Bike Trail](#), which provides access to downtown and other parts of Mahomet.

This trail through the Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve shows off Central Illinois' great natural beauty. Starting from the west, the trail meanders through a wonderfully restored prairie. It passes by a beautiful botanical garden and woods, then on across a covered bridge at the Sangamon River with more river views and woods to follow. One can also go off-trail, onto the paths and roadways of the Forest Preserve, to see its other popular features: a museum, lake, bell tower, golf course and more.

Although a short stretch (0.3 mile) in the middle of the route is on-road, it's clearly marked with trail signs and the roadway is suitably wide for both car traffic and trail goers. The shared-use roadway has a hard oil and gravel surface.



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**States:** Illinois

**Counties:** Champaign

Length: 3.3miles

**Trail end points:** Crowley Rd./County Rd. 250 E  
just north of I-74 to N. Prairie View Rd./County  
Rd. 525 E and Fogel Rd.

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

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

**Trail activities:** Bike,Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross  
Country Skiing

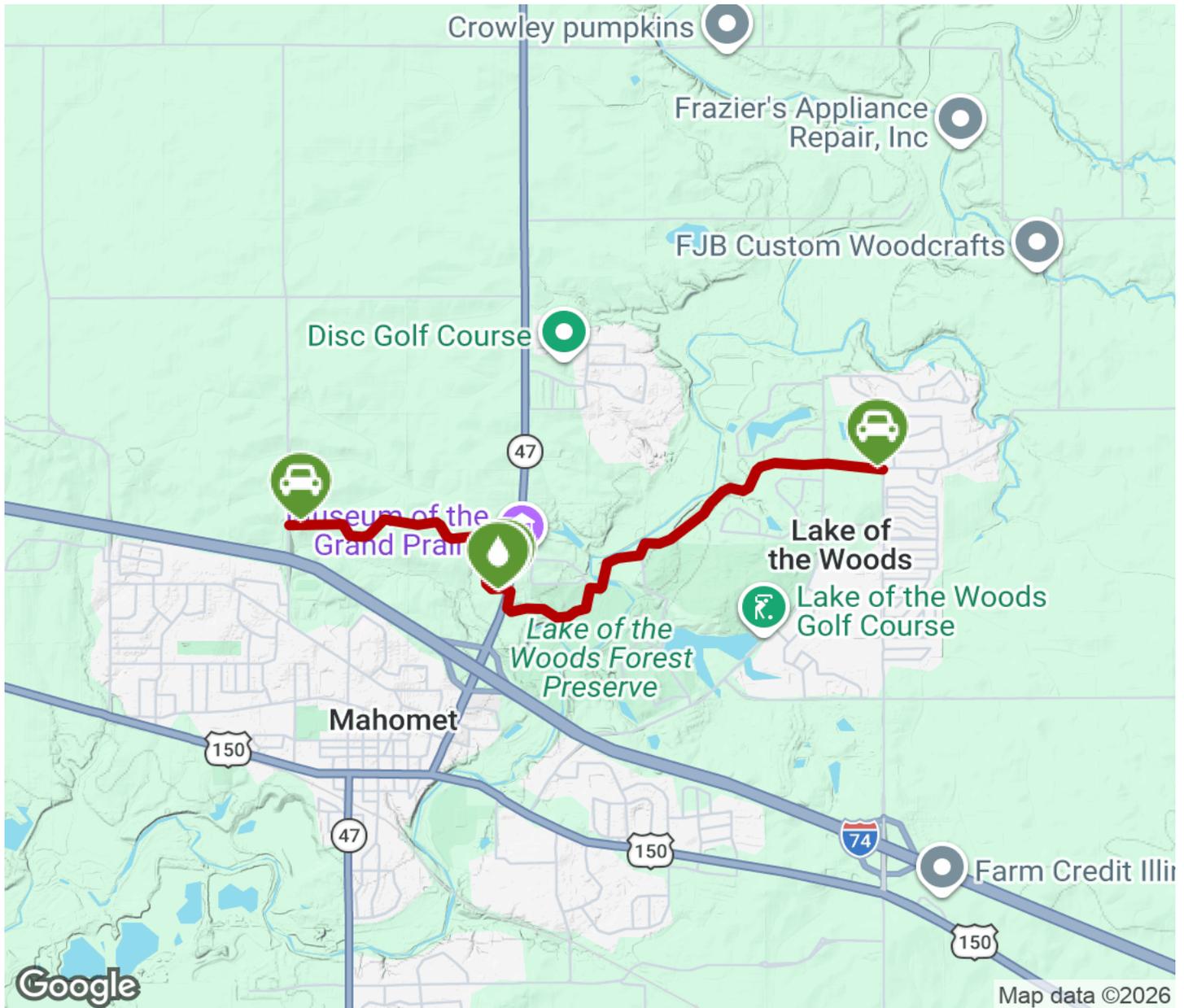
## Parking & Trail Access

From I-74, take Exit 172 to State Route 47 (N. Lombard St.) and turn north. Proceed about 1100 feet and turn left into the parking lot. The trail crosses the highway at the north end of the lot. There are smaller parking lots at the west and east ends of the trail.



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- Trailhead
- Restroom
- Parking
- Water Fountain
- Tunnel