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States: Illinois

Counties: Whiteside

Length: 2miles

Trail end points: Hoover Park to Broadway Ave. & 2nd St.

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike,Fishing,Inline Skating,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible

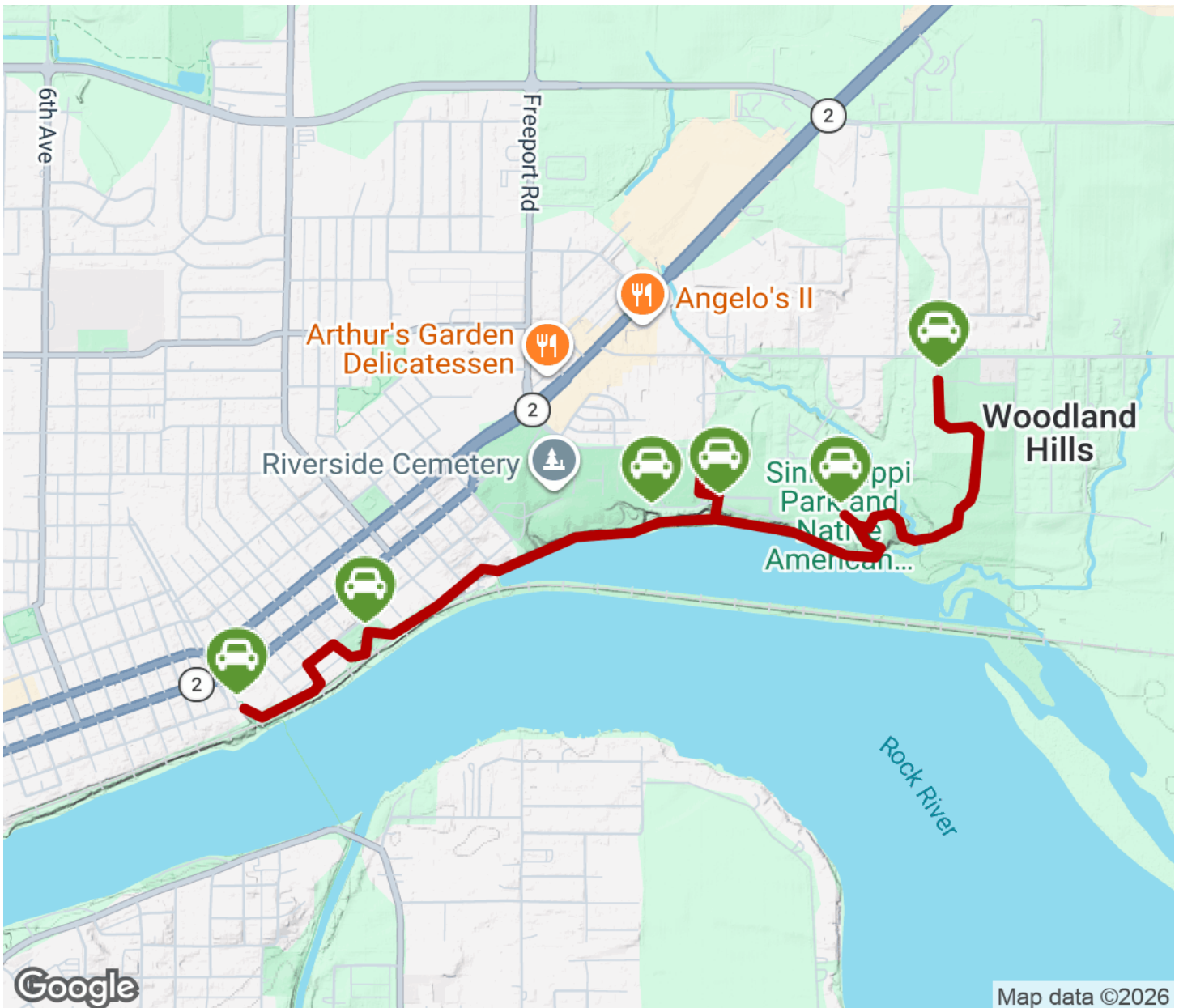
Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available at several locations along the trail. The trailhead at Hoover Park has a limited number of spaces. There is also a large parking lot at the far east end of Sinnissippi Park and the trail is handicap accessible from both of these lots. The Dillon Home Museum also offers some parking in its brick-lined lot to the west of the building. All of these areas can be easily accessed from IL Rt. 2 (3rd Street) in Sterling. The Dillon Home will be found at the intersection of Broadway and 3rd Street. Sinnissippi Park can be accessed by turning south at the Freeport Rd off of IL Rt. 2 and then turning right on Sinnissippi Park Road into the park. Hoover Park can be found by turning onto Woodlawn Road (at the McDonald's) and traveling about a mile to the Park on your right side.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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