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the [Illinois & Michigan Canal State Trail](#), which invites the local trail visitor to do a bit more exploring of this historic landmark.

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To the west, the trail begins at the historical downtown area with its several nice restaurants and other interesting locations. It continues northeast, passing athletic fields and going through Fox River Park, where there are playgrounds, a public boat launch, several favorite fishing spots, and a 9-hole disc golf course.

Approaching the northern trail end, one can catch views of Ottawa's famed Fox River Aqueduct, built in the 1840s to carry the I&M Canal traffic over the river below. The Ottawa Riverwalk goes on to end at its direct junction with



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**States:** Illinois

**Counties:** La Salle

Length: 0.9miles

**Trail end points:** E. Jefferson St. to Illinois & Michigan Canal State Trail near E. Superior Street crossing

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

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

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

## Parking & Trail Access

Parking and trail access are available at these locations:

- At the end of E. Jefferson Street in downtown Ottawa;
- Off E. Superior Street at the I&M Canal Trail junction; and
- Off Hudson Street at the two lots in Fox River Park (717 Hudson St., Ottawa).



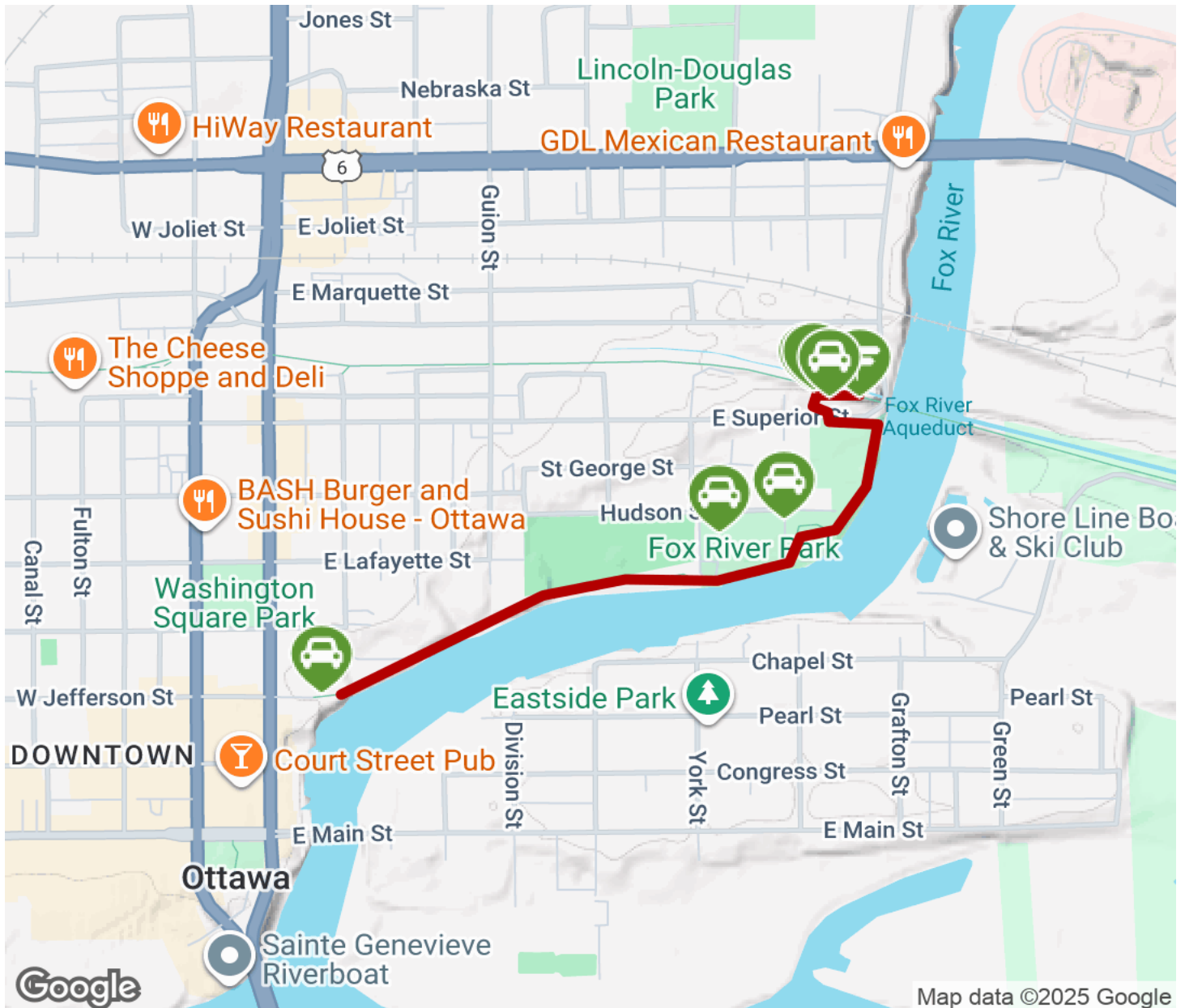
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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