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**Northerly
Island Trail**
Illinois



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art. You can also easily connect to the [Chicago Lakefront Trail](#) to head into the city.

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The Northerly Island Trail offers access to a vast, natural oasis in one of the largest cities in America. Chicago's Northerly Island—actually a 91-acre peninsula—was designed by Daniel H. Burnham, the architect of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. Formerly Meigs Field airport, this park-like setting is now home to a world-class music venue, sculpture installations, bike and foot paths, and some postcard-worthy views of the Chicago skyline.

The paved pathway winds along Lake Michigan, Burnham Harbor, and Daphne's Garden, which offers unique public



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States: Illinois

Counties: Cook

Length: 1 miles

Trail end points: E. Solidarity Drive to
Southern tip of Northerly Island

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Concrete

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

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

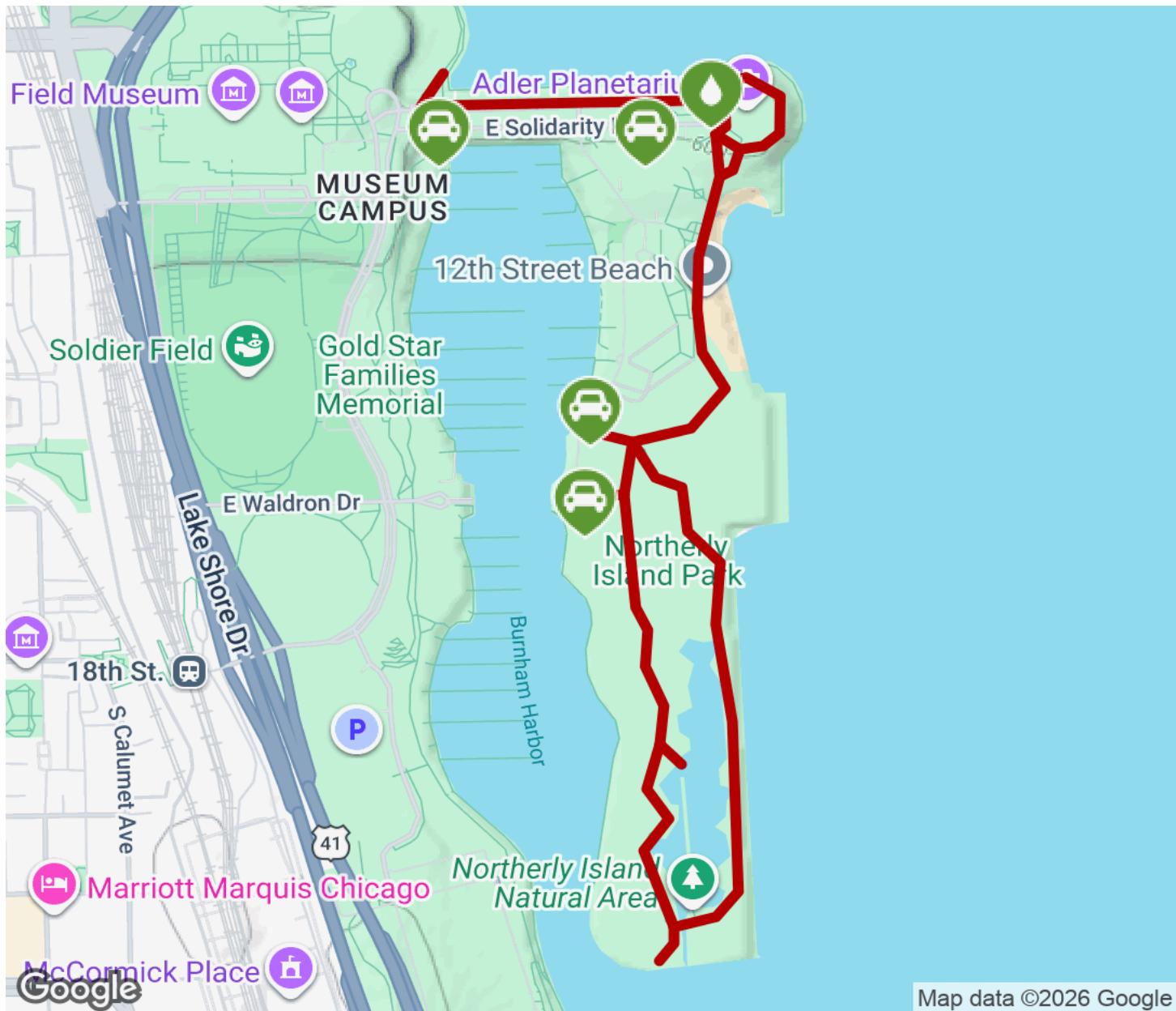
Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available at Adler Planetarium (1300 S Lake Shore Dr.) and along the eastern shoreline of Burnham Harbor.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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