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Future phases of the trail will continue its eastward trajectory into Vermilion County to Danville (near the Indiana border) for a total of 24.5 miles. Along the way, the trail will connect the small towns of Ogden, Fithian, and Oakwood, and include a trestle bridge over the Middle Fork River, as well as provide access to Kickapoo State Park.

A second, three-mile segment of the trail was constructed in Vermilion County, linking the small town of Oakwood

to the Vermilion County Fairgrounds complex. This stretch of trail includes a beautifully restored steel railroad trestle, which spans almost a quarter-mile over the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River and features a gorgeous Brazilian walnut wood surface, making it an ideal spot for some scenic photos.

A third, 1.5-mile stretch of the Kickapoo Rail Trail opened in eastern Champaign County. Running through Ogden between County Roads 2650E and 2800E, this off-road section of trail is paved with asphalt through town that switches to crushed gravel as the trail heads out of town.



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States: Illinois

Counties: Champaign, Vermilion

Length: 9.7 miles

Trail end points: E Main Street Spur (Urbana) to N Main St (St. Joseph) to S Seymour Street

(Oakwood) to Vermilion County Fairgrounds (CR 1180 E)

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

Near the western endpoint of the trail in Urbana, there is parking available in the northwest corner of the Walmart parking lot, at the intersection of U.S. Route 150 (University Avenue) and IL Route 130 (High Cross Road). A short section of sidewalk connects the trail with the parking lot.

Near the eastern endpoint of the trail in St. Joseph, there is parking available in Kolb Park, off S. Elm St. at W. Sherman St. Trail access is a half block north from the park, along Market St.

Parking for the Vermilion County segment of the trail is available to the west of the trestle bridge over the Vermilion River, at the end of Pollock Lane off of US-150. Trail users are instructed to utilize this lot and not park at the fairgrounds site, which is reserved for event use.



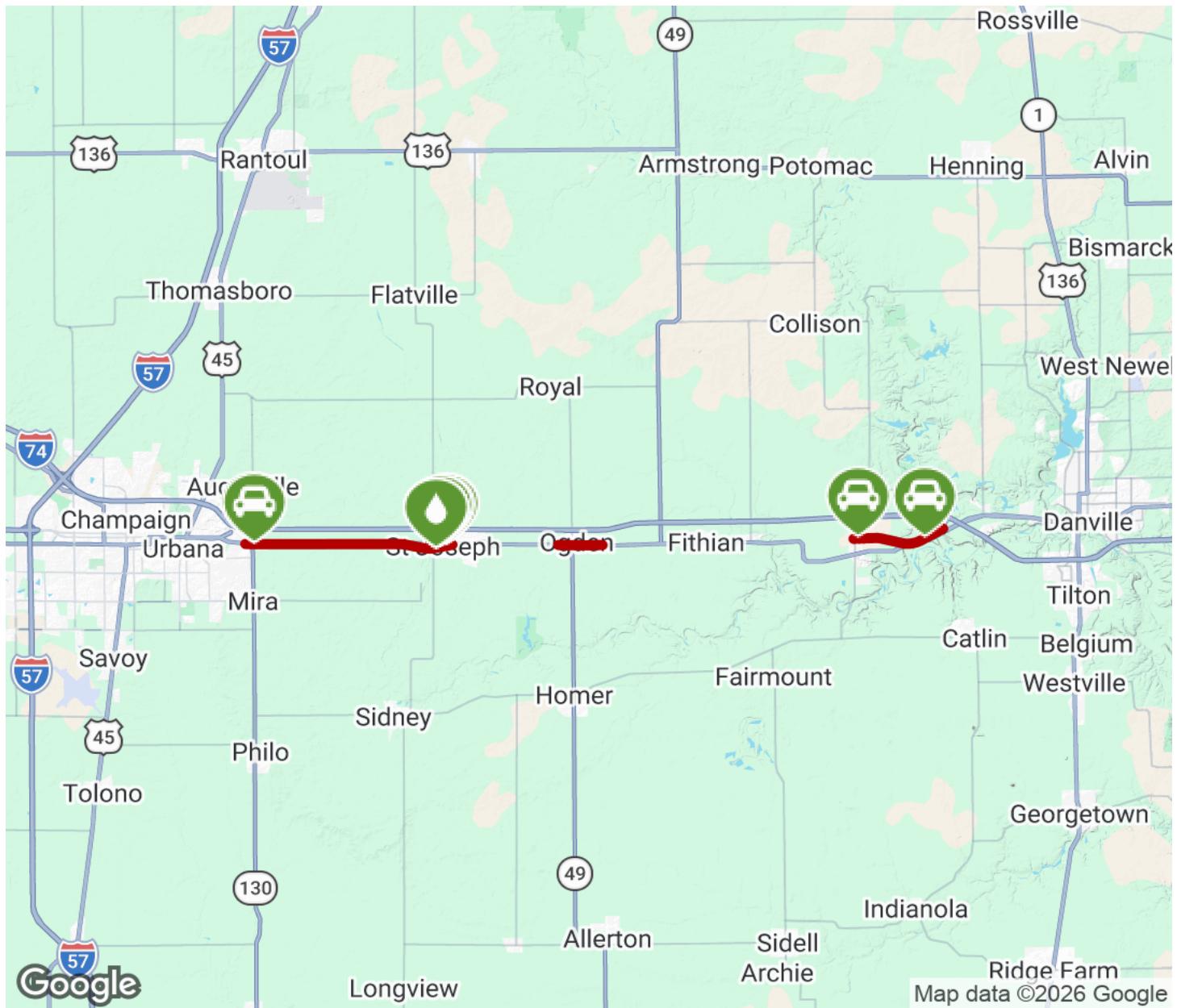
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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