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**Little Calumet
River Levee
Trail**
Indiana



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and across the river. The Erie Lackwanna Trail then pivots north, while the Little Calumet River Trail continues west through Riverside Park before ending at the [Monon Trail](#).

The Little Calumet River Trail is an off-street trail with very short on-street connections in parts. There are also street crossings along the route, and caution should be taken at these points.

The Little Calumet River Levee Trail zig-zags east-west between Gary and Munster in Lake County, bringing residents to the river and its wetlands, and offering ample opportunities for birding and wildlife watching. The trail is paved and nicely maintained, suitable for walking, jogging, biking and other non-motorized uses.

The trail exists in two sections, with a 0.6 mile gap in between. The east segment begins near Indiana University Northwest campus and heads west through Lake Etta County Park and the riverside wetlands in Griffith, up to the railroad tracks. The west segment picks up a half-mile later, on Cline Avenue and continues through the wetlands, Homestead Park to the 17-mile [Erie Lackawanna Trail](#), with which it shares right-of-way for about a mile and a half, past the Wicker Park golf course



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States: Indiana

Counties: Lake

Length: 13miles

Trail end points: Monon Trail (Munster) to
Martin Luther King Dr (Gary)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Inline Skating, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

East Segment

- Visitors can park at Indiana University Northwest campus in the north-most parking lot at Broadway and West 33rd Ave. Free parking is available on weekends (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) and it's \$2.00 for an all-day parking permit on weekdays. Pay at the Kiosk at the south-center end of the parking lots next to the buildings. More information can be found at the university [website](#).
- Users can also park at Lake Etta County Park (4801 W 29th Ave, Gary). The parking lot at the south end of the lake provides access to the Little Calumet River Levee Trail.
- Another alternative is the Park West Apartments at the north end of North Arbogast St. The Park West Apartments have good access to the trail and is well-used by nearby residents. There is ample parking for visitors; follow posted parking regulations.

West Segment

Parking options from east to west include:

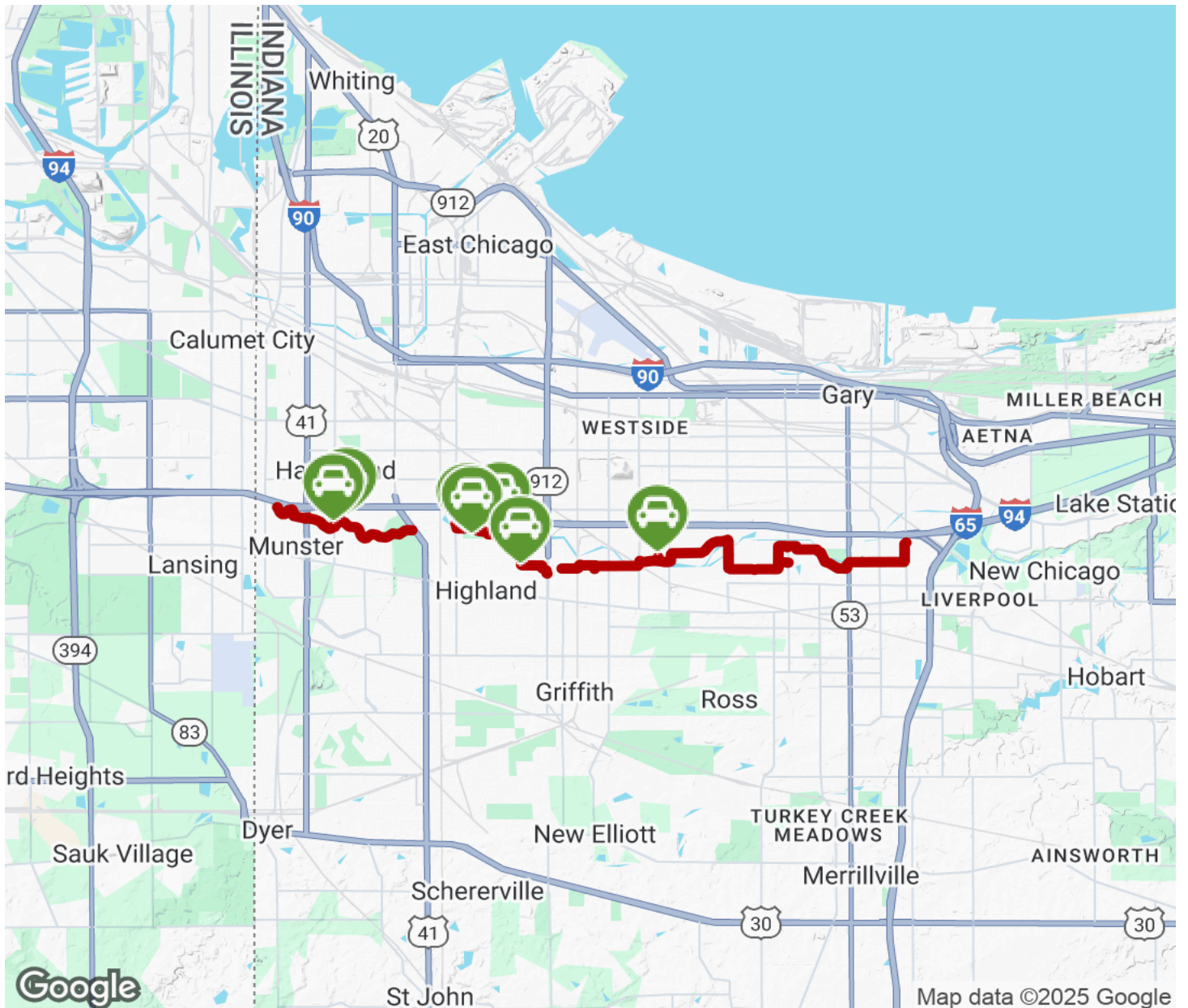
- Highland Heron Rookery (W 7th Ave, Highland)
- Homestead Park, (8099 5th St, Highland)
- Indiana Welcome Center (7770 Corinne Dr, Hammond)
- Wicker Memorial Park (8554 Indianapolis Blvd, Highland)
- Optimist Park (1245 River Dr, Hammond)

A copy of the trail map can be found at the links on the right-side of this page, or you can pick up a hard copy at the Indiana Welcome Center at Hammond.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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