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Guides



**Spring Creek  
Greenway  
Trail**  
*Illinois*



## Spring Creek Greenway Trail

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The trail here takes a long loop around the outside of the park and then follows the namesake Spring Creek as it heads northeast towards Bruce Road.

The eastern end of the trail is situated within Messenger Marsh Dog Park, a 650-acre park, also part of the large Will County Preservation District. This section of the preserve is home to over 1100 bird species and is not only a dog park, but also has space for picnicking, shoreline fishing and even geocaching.

While these two sections of the Spring Creek Greenway Trail don't connect, they each provide around 4 miles of crushed limestone trail situated in pristine natural environments, the perfect escape from the suburban expanse of Northern Illinois, and are worth a visit.

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At its western end, the trail loops through the Hadley Valley, a 854 acre preserve home to forests, savannas and wetlands. The preserve is not only home to plants like the tall swamp marigold, the wahoo and the great angelica and hundreds of species of invertebrates, fish, mammals and amphibians, but is also a renowned and award-winning example of conservation. The preserve has undergone prescribed burnings, invasive species control and native species reestablishment and more that has won the preserve the 2019 Excellence in Ecological Restoration award from Chicago Wilderness and more.



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**States:** Illinois

**Counties:** Will

Length: 8.45miles

**Trail end points:** Hadley Valley Hiking Area to  
Messenger Marsh Dog Park

**Trail surfaces:** Boardwalk, Crushed Stone

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

**Trail activities:** Bike, Wheelchair

Accessible, Horseback Riding, Walking, Cross  
Country Skiing

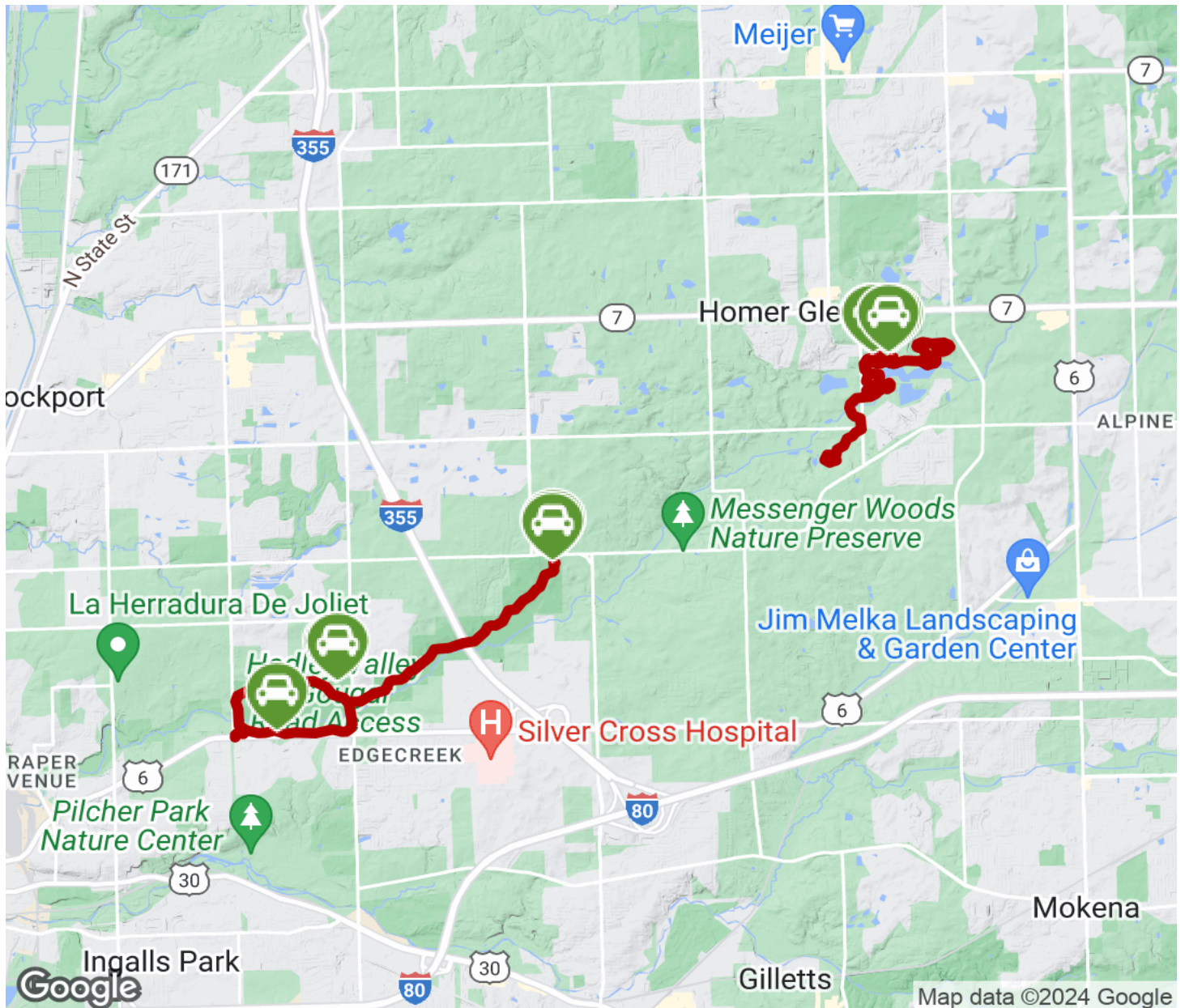
## Parking & Trail Access

There is parking (and restrooms!) available at Messenger Marsh, 16131 S Bell Rd, and at Hadley Preserve at 16504 Maple Rd. and along Bruce Road. See TrailLink Map for more information.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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