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Guides



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Trail**  
*Illinois*



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athletic facilities and farmland all the way to its northern end. About half way along, the Bluff Trail is intersected by the [Delyte W. Morris Trail](#), which traverses the main university campus. From there on, the trail goes through woods, up and down short hills, with only brief glimpses of the adjacent roadway.

This trail is not as busy as many others in Madison County, making it a good one for quieter rides and walks, especially when there's not a lot of student or community activity at the athletic fields.

The MCT Bluff Trail is the shortest trail in the Madison County network, but it highlights a feature of regional topography which can be evidenced on several other trails. The American Bottom is a wide and distinct floodplain of the Mississippi River that runs south from Alton, through this area and beyond. On the east, it's bounded by a nearly continuous 80-mile long line of bluffs that are 200-300 feet high. This trail runs along the base of one the clearest examples of these.

At the southern end of the trail is a large sod farm with fertile fields in the floodplain. From there the trail goes on to meet the bluff, right at its intersection with the [MCT Nature Trail](#) and University Drive, and you can see for a bit how those two come descending from higher ground. The trail goes on to parallel Stadium Drive, with views of SIUE



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**States:** Illinois

**Counties:** Madison

Length: 2miles

**Trail end points:** New Poag Road to Country Club Road

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

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

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

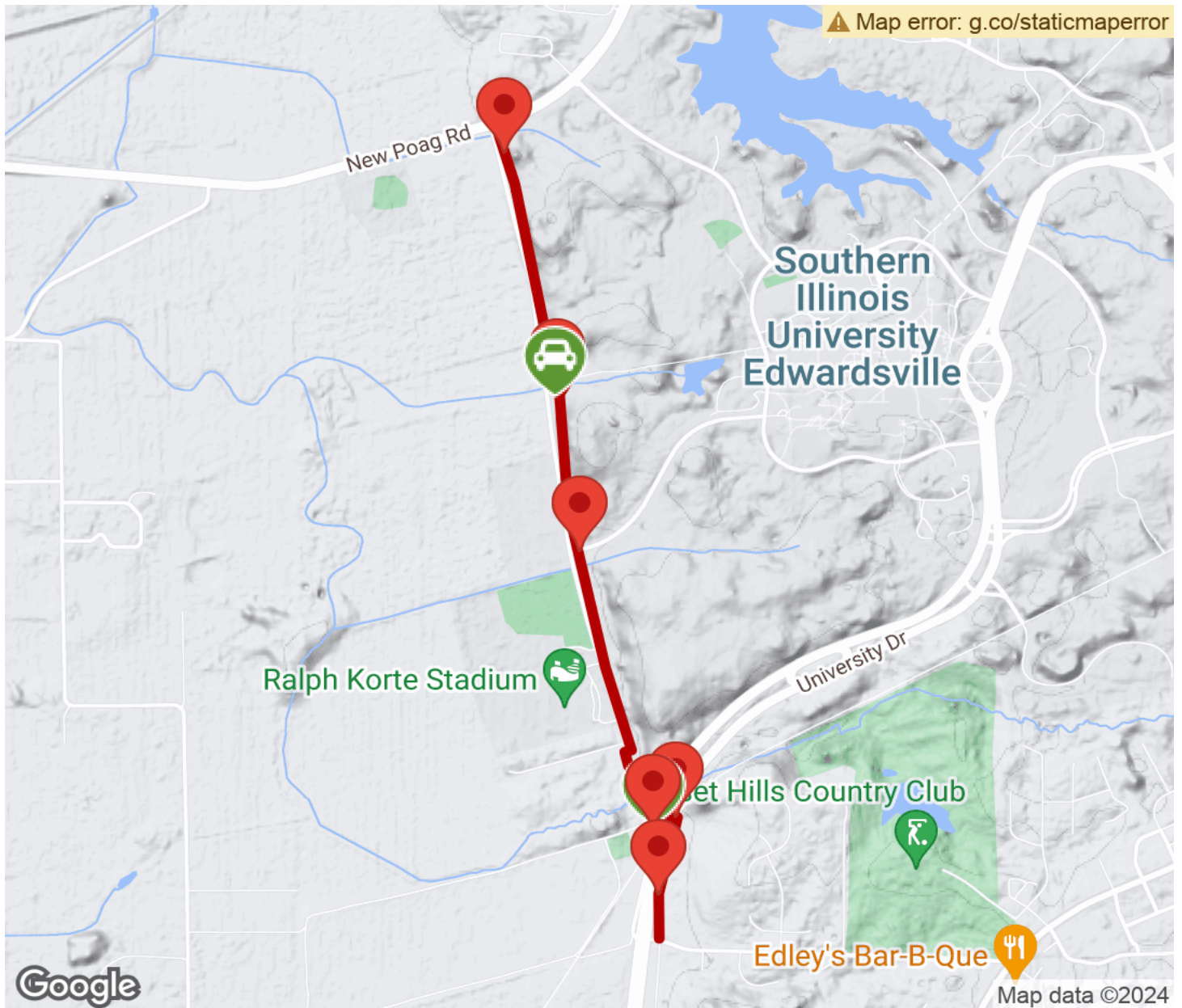
## Parking & Trail Access

To reach trail parking and access from I-270, take Exit 9 and go north on Bluff Road. At the stop light, continue straight ahead onto University Drive. Go 0.9 mile and turn left onto Country Club Road. As soon as you cross the lanes of southbound University Drive, turn back right onto Bluff Road. Drive 0.2 mile to the parking lot on the right.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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