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Guides



# Fermilab Trail

*Illinois*



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The trail also offers a bit of a shortcut between the Aurora Branch and the Batavia Spur of the 61-mile [Illinois Prairie Path](#). The Fermilab Trail meets the Aurora Branch in the east; in the west, travel less than 1 mile south on Kirk Road to reach the Batavia Spur.

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The trail extends from near both the Warrenville Grove Forest Preserve and Blackwell Forest Preserve in Warrenville to neighborhoods on Batavia's eastern edge. The campus of Fermilab, which occupies a large plot of land between the two towns, is open to the public from dawn to dusk, and the Fermilab Trail cuts directly through its heart.



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**States:** Illinois

**Counties:** Du Page, Kane

Length: 5.7miles

**Trail end points:** Pine St & Kirk Rd (Batavia) to Illinois Prairie Path at Batavia Rd & Butterfield Rd (Warrenville)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Concrete

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

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

Parking for the Fermilab Trail can be found at the Urban Stream Research Center in the Blackwell Forest Preserve in Warrenville. A large parking lot is located on Slim Beach Road. From there, take the short connector trail over the West Branch of the DuPage River to meet the Fermilab Trail at Batavia Road.

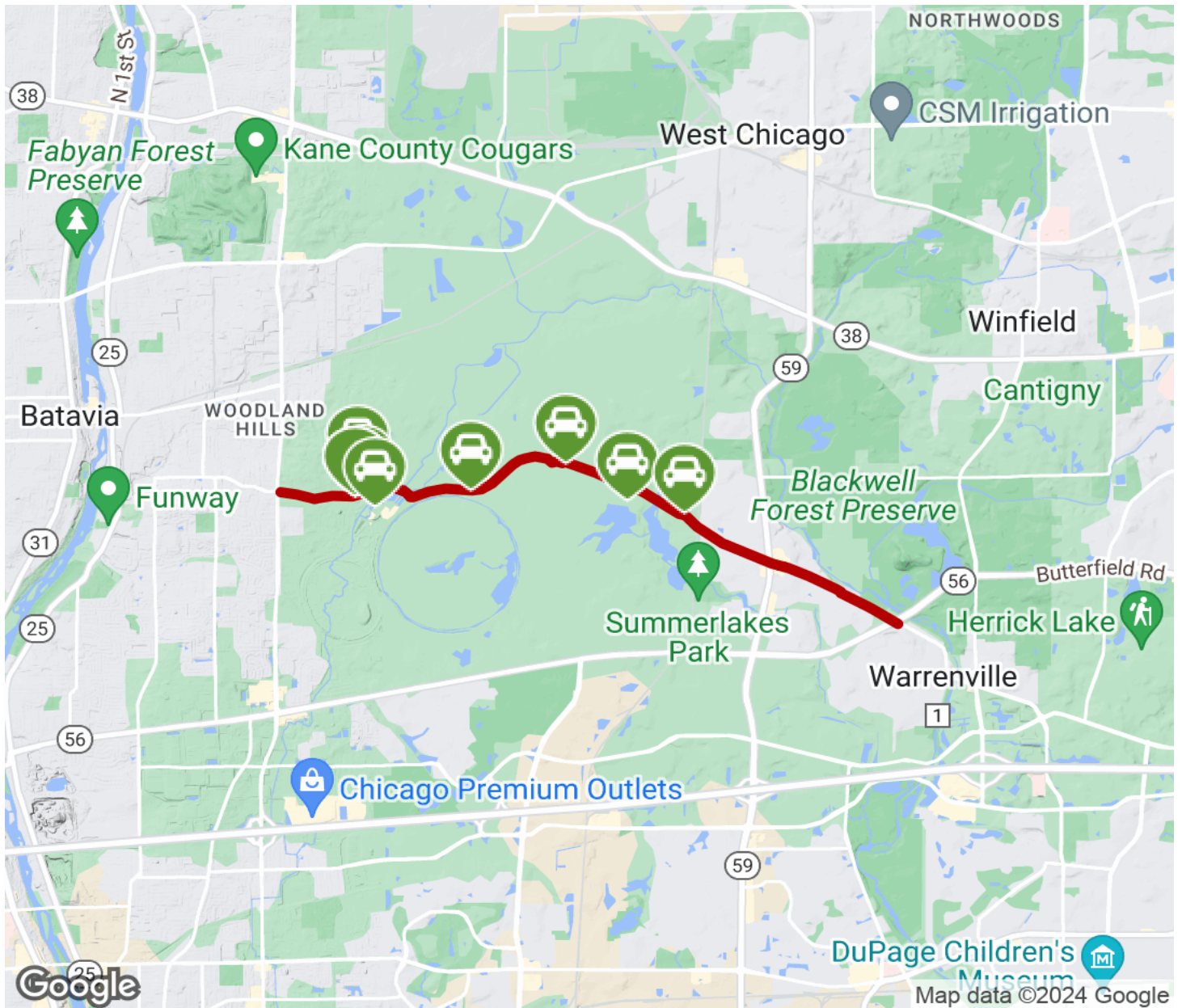
Parking is also available within Fermilab's campus. Enter from Batavia Road in Warrenville or from Pine Street in Batavia. Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for detailed directions.

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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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