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Guides



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In Racine County, the eastern endpoint begins at Vandeen Road in Kansasville, where a stretch of unused rail corridor is clearly visible from the parking lot on the east side of the road. Heading west toward Burlington, riders will be treated to classic Wisconsin farmland along a gentle grade, crossing bridges and passing by scenic vistas and wetlands along the way. Football fans will recognize Burlington as the hometown of NFL quarterback Tony Romo. Chocolate fans will be

welcomed by the strong scent of chocolate chip cookies as they approach Burlington from the east, due to the ongoing production of a Nestlé plant in town (Burlington hosts its annual ChocolateFest every Memorial Day weekend).

The trail is open to snowmobilers, cross-country skiers, and snowshoers; however, note that the trail is not groomed. A separate trail for horseback riding runs between the towns of Springfield and Lyons (Walworth County).

After passing through Bushnell Park—which offers sports fields, walking trails, picnic facilities, a playground, and restrooms—you'll cross the Fox River and remain on an off-street section that parallels Calumet Street. Just south of Adams Street, the trail continues on city sidewalks. You'll continue for several blocks and then head right onto Fox Street and enter Wehmhoff Jucker Park, where the trail connects with the Seven Waters Bike Trail and proceeds north toward the Village of Waterford.

The 12-mile western segment in Walworth County begins on the western outskirts of Burlington where Spring Valley Road meets the Burlington Bypass in Walworth County. Lake Geneva is located approximately 5 miles south of the trail after passing the historic villages of Lyons and Springfield. The scenic trail then rolls through the glaciated landscape of southern Wisconsin, featuring woodlands, farm fields, creeks, and its namesake White River.

NOTE: A State Trail Pass (\$25 annually/\$5 daily) is required for bicyclists and horseback riders ages 16 and older. Snowmobilers must display either a Wisconsin registration or a snowmobile State Trail Pass. For information, go to [dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/trailpass.html](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/trailpass.html).



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**States:** Wisconsin

**Counties:** Racine, Walworth

Length: 19 miles

**Trail end points:** Co Hwy H (Elkhorn) to Spring Valley Rd at Burlington Bypass (Burlington) to Calumet St at State St (Burlington) to Vandeenboom Rd (Kansasville)

**Trail surfaces:** Concrete, Crushed Stone, Gravel

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Fishing, Wheelchair

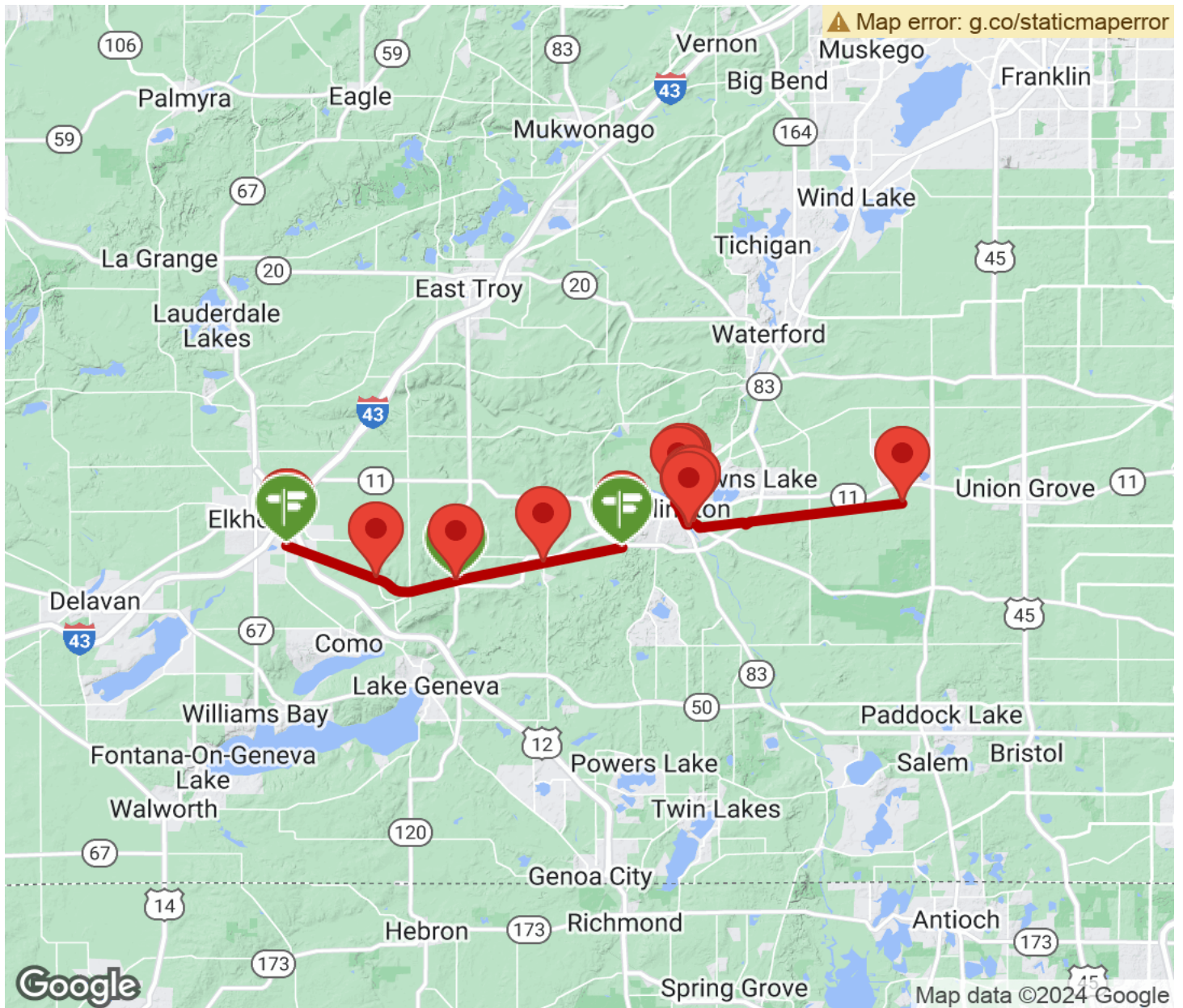
## Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available at a number of locations along the trail. View the [TrailLink map](#) for all options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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