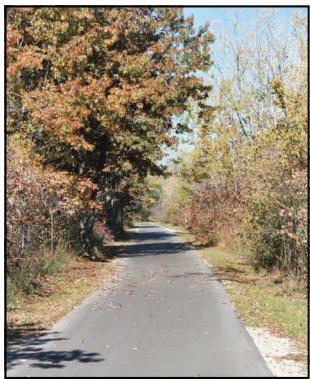




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Welcome to Illinois' Mississippi River Trail!

The Mississippi River Trail (MRT) is a 10-state bicycling route in the process of development. It travels over 2000 continuous miles, on each side of the river, between the headwaters at Lake Itasca, Minnesota and the Gulf of Mexico. When complete, the route will consist of trails and bike-friendly roads, with "MRT" signs identifying the way.



In Illinois, the MRT route traverses some of the state's most diverse landscapes. Steep bluff lands in the "un glaciated" northwest region around Galena provide picturesque scenic beauty amidst small towns and wooded areas. Beyond the industrial communities of Moline and Rock Island, the topography flattens out, and the MRT traverses areas of rich farming country. South of the metropolitan St. Louis area, riders will enter the Delta, where flat river bottom lands provide miles of great cycling.



The MRT in Illinois is a historically-rich corridor as well as offering broad natural diversity. To the north, Galena was the home of General and President Ulysses S. Grant. Nauvoo, settled by the Mormons in 1839, features many buildings from that era and a reconstruction of the impressive temple, completed in 2002. Quincy was the site of one of the famed "Lincoln-Douglas" debates that captured the nation's attention just before the Civil War. Farther south, communities such as Cahokia and Kaskaskia speak to the important French presence in the landscape. Perhaps most important, the site of the pre-Columbian settlement of Cahokia, east of St. Louis, is a World Heritage Site now

managed by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.



Partners working on the Illinois MRT include government agencies such as the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois Department of Transportation, and Bi-State Regional Commission, and citizen groups such as MRT, Inc. and Ride Illinois. Check www.mississippirivertrail.org — MRT Inc.'s website — for information about other states' routes and activities.



About This Guide

The Illinois' Mississippi River Trail User Guide was produced by Ride Illinois with the assistance of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. It is intended to promote bicycle touring along the Mississippi River on a route suggested by Ride Illinois. Route selection was based on factors including proximity to the river, availability of off-road trails, roadway "bike-friendliness," accommodations, and points of interest. Over time, the route will change as more off-road trails are built and improvements made to other roads.



Using This Guide

This booklet is divided into 11 segments of distances averaging 50-60 miles—possibly a day's ride. Segment endpoints are chosen based on mileage and accommodations.

Each segment includes an overall map (with inset maps at the back); major attractions; accommodations fairly close to the route; towns with food and drink; bike repair; emergency information, and a detailed north-to-south cue sheet with turns, road names, and mileages. Contact local tourism or convention & visitor bureaus for further information.



The cue sheet makes note of roads with more traffic. In general, "very heavy traffic" means over 12,000 vehicles per day on the road. "Heavy" means 12,000 to 6,000, and "Moderate" means 6,000 down to 3,000 or sometimes 2,000. Be safe out there—learn more about bike safety education at www.rideillinois.org.

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Illinois' Mississippi River Trail

Wisconsin border to Savanna - 41 miles

Major Attractions

Historically, this area – spurred on by river transportation and lead mining – was one of the earliest growth areas in Illinois. It also produced nine Civil War generals and a President – Ulysses S. Grant. The city of Galena, draped in history and beautifully restored old buildings, has transformed itself into a vacation mecca of recreation, shopping, and small town living.

Galena – Main Street is a treasure, but also check out the surrounding hills. DeSota House Hotel; Dowling House – Built in 1826; two history museums; Old Market House State Historic Site; Ulysses S. Grant Home; Vinegar Hill Historic Lead Mine and Museum

Blackjack Road – Chestnut Mountain Resort; sweeping views

Hanover – Mallard Duck capital of the world

Savanna – Mississippi Palisades State Park

Accommodations fairly close to the trail

Lodging

East Dubuque: Timmerman's Hotel, 7777 Timmerman Dr, 800-336-3181; Captain Merry Guest House B&B, 399 Sinsinawa Ave, 815-747-3644

Galena: This city has over 100 lodging facilities, including major motels and hotels plus over 50 B&B's. Visitor's Information Center, Old Train Depot, 101 Bouthillier St, 877-464-2536, www.galena.org

Hanover: The Artful Lodger B&B, 815-591-2365; Cabins on the Lake, 6807 Batey Hollow Rd, 888-801-3111

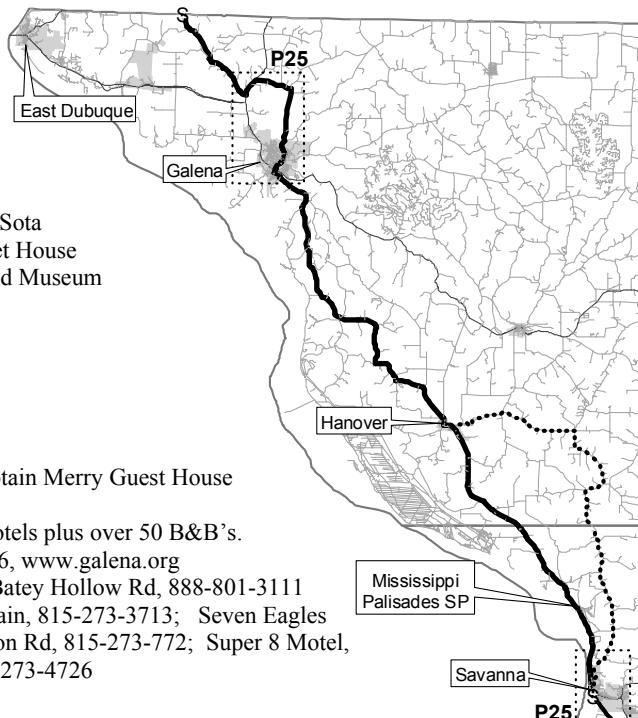
Savanna: Indianhead Motel, 15161 IL 84, 815-273-2154; Radke Hotel, 422 Main, 815-273-3713; Seven Eagles Campground & Resort, 9734 IL 84, 815-273-7301; Savanna Motel, 2000 Oakton Rd, 815-273-772; Super 8 Motel, 101 Valley View Dr, 815-273-2288; Granny O'Neill's River Inn, 31 – 3rd, 815-273-4726

Camping

Galena: Palace Campground, 11357 US 20, 815-777-2466

Hanover: Blanding's Landing Recreational Area, S. River Rd, 815-591-2326

Savanna: Lakewood Resort, 6577 Mill Hollow Rd, 815-273-2898; Mississippi Palisades State Park, 16327A IL 84; 815-273-2731; Seven Eagles Campground, 9734 IL 84, 815-273-7301; Winter's Spring Lake Resort, 8048A IL 84, 815-273-4595



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Cue Sheet - Wisconsin border to Savanna, 41 miles

Start: Wisconsin border - High Ridge Rd & Sinsinawa Rd

Go	Dir	On	Miles	Total
S/E		High Ridge Rd to W. Valley Rd intersection.....	2.3	2.3
S/E		High Ridge Rd.....	2.4	4.7
L	N	IL 84 - moderate traffic.....	0.8	5.5
R	E	W. Council Hill Rd/ Co 1.....	1.5	7.0
R	S	N. Council Hill Rd/ Co 2.....	2.3	9.3
R	S	Dewey/Broadway/Main St - downtown Galena - F&D.....	1.6	10.9
L	E	US 20 - Take care, heavy traffic.....	0.3	11.2
R	S	3rd St	0.1	11.3
L	E	Rives St.....	0.1	11.4
R	SE	Blackjack Rd/ Co 8 - scenic ridge road - very hilly.....	15.1	26.5
R	S	IL 84 - to Hwy turning left.....	0.3	26.8
L	SE	IL 84 - Hanover - to Jefferson Street - F&D.....	0.5	27.3
	SE	IL 84 - to Palisades State Park - F&D (seasonal).....	10.1	37.4
Take caution on IL 84 - moderate traffic				
S		IL 84 - to Sabula Bridge to Iowa.....	3.0	40.4
S		IL 84.....	1.0	41.4
Main St/ IL 84 - Savanna - F&D				

Alternate route - (6 miles longer) on the bluff, hilly, but avoids traffic on IL 84

Start: **Hanover** - IL 84 & Jefferson St

E	Jefferson St.....	0.2	27.5	
L	N	Plateau St.....	0.1	27.6
R	E	Monroe St/ Hanover Rd/ Co 17 - two long hills.....	5.7	33.3
R	S	Derinda Rd/ Co 7.....	2.9	36.2
R	W/S	Scenic Ridge Rte/ Co 9/ 5th St - Savanna	10.2	46.4
R	W	Webster St.....	0.1	46.5
L	S	4th St.....	0.6	47.1
R	W	Chicago Ave/ IL 84.....	0.2	47.3
Main St/ IL 84 - Savanna - F&D				

Food is available at or near the following locations:
(C-Convenience; S-Full Service)

Galena (CS), Hanover (CS), Mississippi Palisades State Park (C-seasonal), Savanna (CS)

Bicycle Repair

Galena: VeloCity Sports, 11400 US 20 W, 877-776-4386; Fever River Outfitters – bike rental, 216 - N Commerce St, 815-776-9425

Savanna: Arnold's Bicycle Repair, 319 Main St, 815-273-7789

Emergency Information

Hospital: Dial 911

State Police: Jo Daviess County, Dist. 16, 16450 W. State Rd, Pecatonica, 815-987-7156; Carroll County, Dist 1, 3107 W. Lincolnway, Sterling, 815-632-4010

Serious riders will enjoy the heart of the "Illinois Alps" in this stretch of the MRT. Geographically, much of the segment lies in the driftless, or unglaciated, area of northwestern Illinois. This is an area of crags, ravines, ridges – rugged topography not worn down and smoothed by the recent glaciers. One result is spectacular scenery – ridge-top views undulating with verdant landscapes capped by the Mississippi River in the distance. Another is challenging cycling. Derailleurs will be used. The true corridor of the MRT is, of course, right along the Mississippi's shoreline, but these routes will always offer a strong rugged and scenic alternative.

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Illinois' Mississippi River Trail

Savanna to Rock Island - 60 miles

Major Attractions

The Great River Trail itself is a real draw here, but the Illinois Quad Cities, the small towns dotted along the trail, and the views of the wide and working Ol' Man River are equally attractive.

Savanna – Mississippi Palisades State Park (see page 4 for Savanna lodging and camping)

Thomson – Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge; unique sand prairie

Fulton – Authentic Dutch windmill, open to visitors

Albany – Albany Mounds State Historical Site, prehistoric burial mounds

Cordova, Port Byron, Rapids City, Hampton – classic river towns

East Moline – Levee trail with sweeping views of the river and Iowa

Moline – Butterworth Parkway; John Deere Commons—agricultural history magnet; Sylvan Island—unique mountain biking site

Rock Island – The District—arts and entertainment site close to the river; Bike friendly crossing of river on Government Bridge – American Discovery Trail crossing

Accommodations fairly close to the trail

Lodging

Savanna: See Page 4 for Savanna lodging and camping.

Thomson: Lynn Wood Lynks and Lodge, 5029 IL 84, 800-596-6966; Thomson House Villager Lodge, 800 One Mile Rd, 800-328-7829

Fulton: Maple Lane Motel, Junction of US 30 & IL 36, 815-589-3038; Pine Motel, IL 84, 815-589-4847

Cordova: Leisure Harbor Inn B&B, 701 Main St, 309-654-2233

Port Byron: Olde Brick House B&B, 502 High St, 309-523-3236

Silvis (close to East Moline): Plaza Motel, 1320-1st Ave, 309-792-0677

Carbon Cliff (also close to East Moline): Super 8 Motel, 2201 John Deere Rd, 309-796-1999

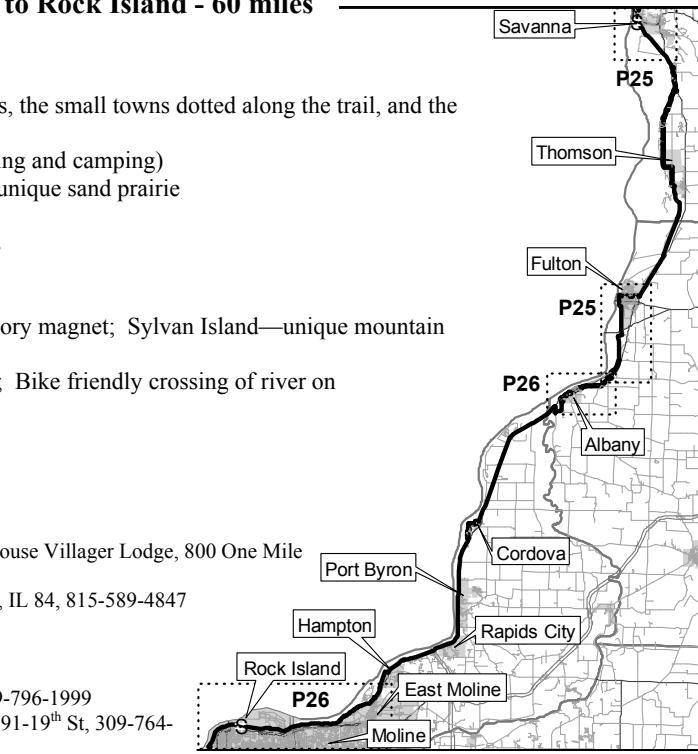
Moline: Radisson, Great River Trail and 15th St, 309-764-1000; Super 8 Motel, 1191-19th St, 309-764-9644; Modernistic Motel, 242-46th St, 309-762-0721

Rock Island: Sheraton Four Points, 226-17th St, 309-794-1212; American Motor Inn, 4300-11th St, 309-788-7673; Hillside Inn, 4715-11th St, 309-788-0612; Top O' The Morning B&B, 1505-19th Ave, 309-786-3513; Victorian Inn B&B, 702-20th St, 309-788-7068

Camping:

Thomson: Thomson Causeway Recreational Area, Great River Trail, 815-259-362

Fulton: Lock and Dam # 13, Great River Trail, 5 primitive camp sites



Port Byron: Camp Hauberg, Great River Trail, 309-523-2168

Hampton: Illiniwek County Forest Preserve, Great River Trail, 309-496-2620; Fishermen's Corners, Great River Trail, 877-444-6777

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Cue Sheet - Savanna to Rock Island, 60 miles

Start: **Savanna** - Great River Trail & IL 84

Go	Dir	On	Miles	Total
S		Great River Trail.....	3.2	3.2
R	S	IL 84 - moderate traffic, heavy at times.....	1.4	4.6
R	W/S	Riverview Rd.....	4.5	9.1
* Visit the Fish & Wildlife interpretive center				
L	E	Sandpatch Rd.....	0.5	9.6
R	S	Sandridge Rd.....	1.0	10.6
L	E	Main St - Thomson (straight ahead) - F&D.....	0.1	10.7
R	S	Lewis Ave (unmarked).....	0.4	11.1
L	S	enter Thomson Sand Prairie Trail.....	2.0	13.1
R/L	S	Unmarked road - after quick right & left.....	2.1	15.2
L/R	S	Great River Trail - after quick left and right.....	2.7	17.9
* Watch for Great River Trail signs from here to Rock Island.				
R	W	9th Ave - Fulton - F&D.....	1.1	19.0
R	N	2nd St.....	0.1	19.1
L	W/S	Levee path.....	0.8	19.9
* IL 136 Bridge to Clinton, Iowa				
R	S	Path next to road.....	1.4	21.3
S		On-road - cross RR tracks - follow signs to levee path..	0.7	22.0
L	S	Levee Path.....	0.8	22.8
R	S	Ebson Rd (some gravel).....	1.3	24.1

L	E/S	Kennedy Rd/ Co 30 - cross IL 84 - keep to right.....	0.6	24.7
R	S	Ufkin Rd - some gravel.....	0.5	25.2
R	W	Palmer Rd.....	0.9	26.1
L	SW	Waller/ Bluff/ Church - Albany - F&D.....	1.6	27.7
L	SE	11th Ave.....	0.2	27.9
R	S	Path through Albany Mounds Historical Site.....	0.7	28.6
The path meanders through burial mounds made by prehistoric people				
R/R	N	Meridiosia Rd.....	0.3	28.9
L	S	Great River Trail to Nuclear Plant exit.....	6.1	35.0
S		Trail - (path & road) to Kiosk - Cordova - F&D.....	2.9	37.9
S		Trail - (on road) - to path entrance south of Cordova....	1.0	38.9
S		Trail - to Kiosk at riverfront - Port Byron - F&D.....	4.6	43.5
S		Trail - to Kiosk at riverfront - Rapids City - F&D.....	1.8	45.3
SW		Trail - to Kiosk at Illiniwek Park - D (seasonal).....	3.5	48.8
SW		Trail - to Kiosk at Hampton - F&D.....	1.1	49.9
SW		Trail - to Kiosk at Empire Park - East Moline - F&D (seasonal).....	1.0	50.9
SW		Trail - to Campbell's Island Rd.....	0.6	51.5
SW		Trail - to Moline/East Moline border - F&D to south... 2.5	54.0	
W		Trail - to Kiosk, Butterworth Pky - Moline - seasonal D..	1.1	55.1
W		Trail - to Kiosk at John Deere Commons Area - F&D.....	2.2	57.3
W		Trail - to Government Bridge - Rock Island - F&D.....	2.7	60.0
Great River Trail & Government Bridge - Rock Island				

Food: Savanna (CS), Spring Lake (S), Thomson (CS), Fulton (CS), Albany (CS), Cordova (C), Port Byron (CS), Rapids City (CS), Hampton (CS), E. Moline (CS), Moline (CS), Rock Island (CS)

Bicycle Repair: Savanna: Arnold's Bicycle Repair, 319 Main St, 815-273-7789

Clinton, Iowa – across from Fulton: River City Bike Shop, 131-5th Ave, 563-243-8000

Rock Island: Bike & Hike, 3913-14th Ave, 309-788-2092

Emergency Information:

Hospital: Dial 911

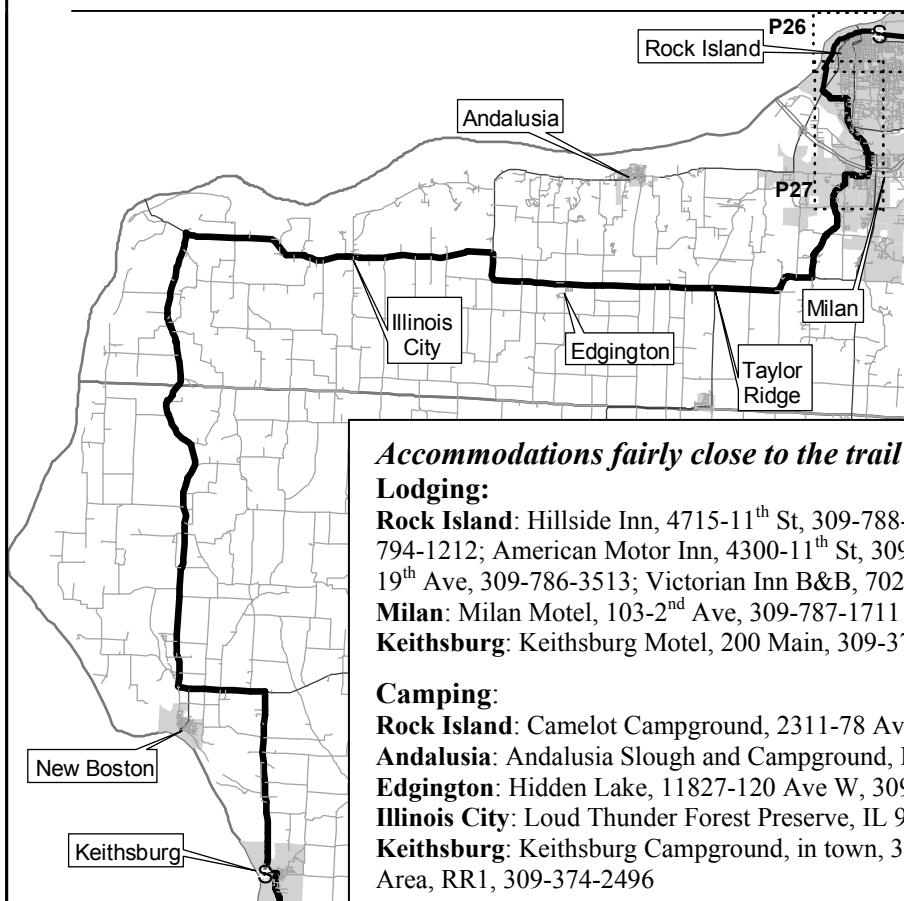
State Police: Carroll and Whiteside Counties, Dist. 1, 3107 W. Lincolnway, Sterling, 815-632-4010; Rock Island County, Dist. 7, 800 Hillcrest Rd, East Moline, 309-752-4915

The vision of the MRT is an uninterrupted off-road trail as close as possible to the banks of the Mississippi – and in this segment that vision approaches reality. Most of the 60 miles are on the well-marked Great River Trail, with numerous food and drink stops, and it's just about as flat as a floodplain can get.

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Illinois' Mississippi River Trail

Rock Island to Keithsburg - 59 miles



Accommodations fairly close to the trail

Lodging:

Rock Island: Hillside Inn, 4715-11th St, 309-788-0612; Sheraton Four Points, 226-17th St, 309-794-1212; American Motor Inn, 4300-11th St, 309-788-7673; Top O' The Morning B&B, 1505-19th Ave, 309-786-3513; Victorian Inn B&B, 702-20th St, 309-728-7068

Milan: Milan Motel, 103-2nd Ave, 309-787-1711

Keithsburg: Keithsburg Motel, 200 Main, 309-374-2659; Pine View Cabins, PO Box 102, 61442

Camping:

Rock Island: Camelot Campground, 2311-78 Ave W, 309-787-0665

Andalusia: Andalusia Slough and Campground, IL 92, 563-263-7913

Edginton: Hidden Lake, 11827-120 Ave W, 309-795-1138

Illinois City: Loud Thunder Forest Preserve, IL 92 & Loud Thunder Rd, 309-795-1040

Keithsburg: Keithsburg Campground, in town, 309-374-9090; Henderson County Conservation Area, RR1, 309-374-2496

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Cue Sheet - Rock Island to Keithsburg, 59 miles

Start: **Rock Island** - Great River Trail & Government Bridge

Use the Government Bridge to go across the Rock Island Arsenal to Iowa.
At this point the east-west American Discovery Trail meets the MRT.

Go	Dir	On	Miles	Total
SW		Great River Trail - downtown left one block - F&D.....	0.4	0.4
SW		Great River Trail	3.0	3.4
L	E	31st Ave - moderate traffic.....	1.0	4.4
R	S	9th St - moderate traffic - F&D.....	1.0	5.4
* Black Hawk State Historical Site, half mile to the left on Black Hawk Rd				
R	S/E	IL 67/ 1st Ave - Milan - F&D.....	1.1	6.5
Go over Rock River Bridge - Very heavy traffic - Take caution				
R	S	4th St (a one-way street) - heavy traffic.....	0.8	7.3
R	W	10th Ave/78th Ave/Andalusia Rd - Use caution, very busy...0.7	8.0	
L	S	Ridgewood Rd/ Co 62 (cross 92nd Ave/Milan Beltway).....4.0	12.0	
R	W/S	IL 94/ IL 192 - to Taylor Ridge	3.5	15.5
	W	IL 192 to Edginton - F&D.....	5.0	20.5
	W	IL 192 to hard right.....	2.4	22.9
R	N	IL 192.....	0.9	23.8
* Scenic Loud Thunder Co. Forest Pres. - F&D (seasonal) - further N on IL 192				
L	W	IL 92 - to Illinois City	4.7	28.5
	W	IL 92.....	5.8	34.3
* Mississippi River bridge to Muscatine, Iowa - 2 miles further W on IL 92				
L	S	Co 11/ Co 14.....	15.9	50.2
L	E	Co 17 - New Boston 1.5 miles south on Co 17 - F&D.....	0.3	50.5
	E	Co 17.....	2.5	53.0
R	S	Keithsburg Rd/ 76th St/ 4th St - Keithsburg - F&D.....	6.0	59.0

4th St & Main St - **Keithsburg**

Food:

Rock Island (CS), Milan (CS), Edginton (CS),
New Boston (CS), Keithsburg (CS)

Bicycle Repair:

Rock Island: Bike & Hike, 3913-14th Ave, 309-788-2092

Muscatine, Iowa – across bridge: Harper's Cy-
cling, 1106 Grandview Ave, 563-263-4043

Emergency Information:

Hospital: Dial 911

State Police: Dist. 7, 800 Hillcrest Rd, East Mo-
line, 309-752-4915

*Much of this segment is ideal biking territory:
low trafficked country roads that are flat and
scenic. The Rock River crossing and the sections
through Milan, however, are somewhat
demanding because of high traffic and minimal
shoulders. Be very cautious. Be also cautious
about water and food, since there are no services
between Edginton and New Boston, about 30
miles, unless you go across the river to Muscat-
ine, Iowa.*

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Illinois' Mississippi River Trail

Keithsburg to Nauvoo - 62 miles

Major Attractions:

Keithsburg - Big River State Forest

Oquawka - Delabar State Park, County Courthouse, Covered Bridge, Museum.

Gladstone - Lock and Dam # 18, conservation area

Dallas City - Burg House

Nauvoo - Joseph Smith Center, Nauvoo Restoration, Nauvoo Temple, Nauvoo State Park, museums.

Accommodations fairly close to the trail:

Lodging:

Keithsburg: Keithsburg Motel, 200 Main St, 309-374-2659

Oquawka: Riverbed Inn, IL 164, 309-867-4321

Dallas City: 1850s Guest House, 1550 E. IL 96, 217-852-3652

Nauvoo: Hotel Nauvoo, 1290 Mulholland St, 217-453-2211; Motel

Nauvoo, 1610 Mulholland St, 217-453-2219; Nauvoo family Motel, 1875 Mulholland St, 217-453-6527; White House Inn, 1475 Mulholland St, 217-453-6734 (day), 217-543-6646 (night); B&Bs

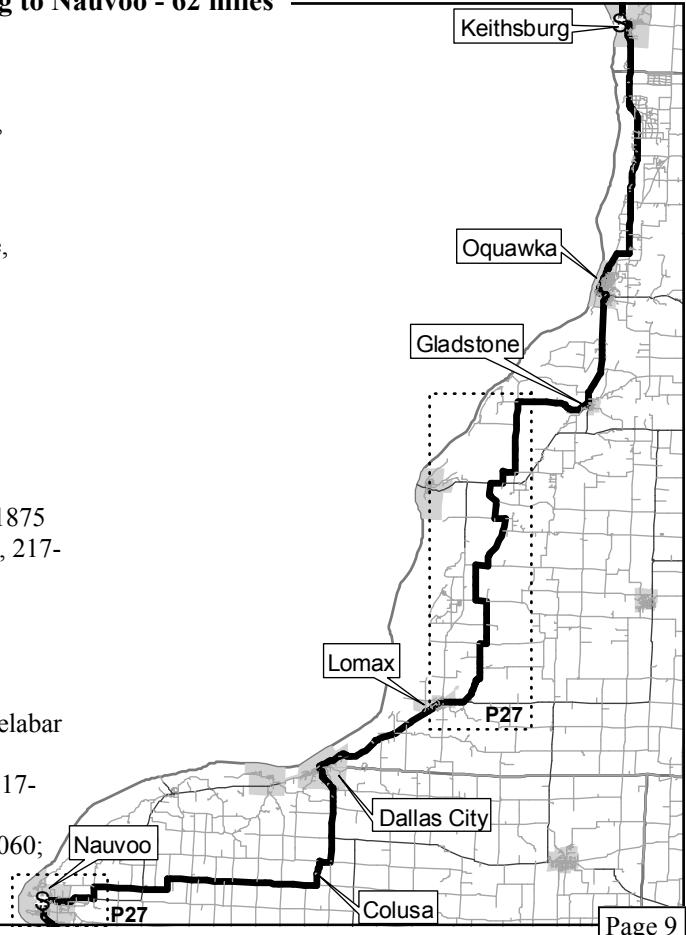
Camping:

Keithsburg: Keithsburg Campground, 309-374-9090; Sandy Oaks, Keithsburg Rd

Oquawka: Big River State Forest, Keithsburg Rd, 309-374-2496; Delabar State Park, Keithsburg Rd, 309-374-2496

Dallas City: Riverview Campground (3 miles west), 971 W. 1st St, 217-852-6662

Nauvoo: Bonfire Retreat and Cabin Rentals, IL 96 south, 800-233-0060; Nauvoo State Park, IL 96 & Durphy St, 217-453-2512



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Cue Sheet - Keithsburg to Nauvoo, 62 miles

Start: **Keithsburg** - 4th St and Main St

Go	Dir	On	Miles	Total
L	E	Main St, Keithsburg	0.3	0.3
R	S	10th St/ Co 25/ Keithsburg Rd/ Co 3	10.0	10.3
R	W	2225N toward Delabar State Park	0.5	10.8
L	S	3rd St	1.8	12.6
* Mississippi River two short blocks to right				
L	E	Schuyler - Oquawka - F&D	0.4	13.0
R	S	IL 164/ 8th St	4.8	17.8
* Henderson Covered Bridge 2.5 mi. south				
R	W/S	To Lock and Dam/ Co 15/ 1600N - Gladstone - no services	3.2	21.0
L	S	900E/ Co 15	3.0	24.0
R	W/S	1300N	1.0	25.0
R	W	US 34 - Take care: heavy traffic, including some trucks	0.5	25.5
Many turns next 12 miles, but low traffic				
L	S	800E	0.9	26.4
R	S	825E	0.7	27.1
L	E	1100N	0.4	27.5

R	S	870E.....	2.2	29.7
R	W	900N.....	0.5	30.2
L	S	750E.....	1.5	31.7
L	E	750N.....	0.5	32.2
R	S	800E.....	1.8	34.0
R	W	575N.....	0.2	34.2
L	S	775E.....	2.7	36.9
R	W	300N/ IL 96.....	0.9	37.8
Junction IL 522 - Lomax - F&D				
SW		IL 96/ 2nd St.....	4.8	42.6
R	W	Toward Dallas City Park.....	0.2	42.8
L	W/SW	1st St - Dallas City - F&D	1.1	43.9
* Bridge to Ft. Madison, IA, at Niota, 6 mi west of Dallas City				
L	S	Oak St/ IL 9.....	3.1	47.0
	S	E 1800 (not marked).....	1.0	48.0
R	W	N 2600.....	0.5	48.5
L	S	E 1760 - Colusa - no services.....	1.0	49.5
R	W	N 2500/ N2450/ Co 2.....	9.9	59.4
L	S	E 800.....	0.5	59.9
R	W	IL 96/ Mulholland St.....	2.1	62.0
IL 96 Mulholland St & Durphy St - Nauvoo - F&D				

Food: Keithsburg (CS), Oquawka (CS), Lomax (C), Dallas City (C), Nauvoo (CS)

Bicycle Repair: West Burlington, IA: Bickel's Fitness & Cycling, 305 E. Agency Rd W, 319-754-4410

Emergency Information:

State Police: Dist 14, 309-833-4046

The route is straight and flat in the Big River State Forest between Keithsburg and Oquawka. Between US 34 and Lomax, enjoy nice riding through farmland with many turns that provide a change from the flat, straight routes closer to the river. Between Dallas City and Nauvoo, the route again takes lower trafficked roads inland with a few hills.

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Illinois' Mississippi River Trail

Nauvoo to Quincy - 49 miles

Major Attractions:

Allow time to explore Nauvoo, where the Mormons settled in the 1840s before moving on to Utah. The scenic tour of Quincy takes you to 16th & Maine, one of the country's ten most architecturally significant corners.

Nauvoo - Joseph Smith Center, Nauvoo Restoration, Nauvoo Temple, Nauvoo State Park, museums.

Warsaw - Thomas Sharp Print Shop and Museum, Fort Edwards (overlooks river and three states)

Quincy - 16th and Maine architecture, museums, art center, Quinsippi Island, Villa Katherine (Visitor's Center)

Accommodations fairly close to the trail:

Lodging:

Nauvoo: Hotel Nauvoo, 1290 Mulholland St, 217-453-2211

Motel Nauvoo, 1610 Mulholland St, 217-453-2219

Nauvoo family Motel, 1875 Mulholland St, 217-453-6527

White House Inn, 1475 Mulholland St, 217-453-6734 (day), 217-543-6646 (night)

B&Bs

Quincy: Days Inn, 200 Maine St, 800-329-7466;

Hampton Inn, 225 S. 4th St, 800-426-7866;

Holiday Inn, 201 S. 3rd St, 217-222-2666;

Hotel Elkton, 133 S. 4th St, 217-222-5660;

Hotel Quincy, 513 Hampshire St, 217-222-2400

Camping:

Nauvoo: Bonfire Retreat and Cabin Rentals, IL 96 south, 800-233-0060;

Nauvoo State Park, IL 96 & Durphy St., 217-453-2512

Hamilton: Wildcat Springs Park, 840 N. 7th St, 217-847-2906

Warsaw: Water St.

Quincy: Valley View Campground: 2300 Bonansinga Dr, 217-222-7229



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Cue Sheet - Nauvoo to Quincy, 49 miles

Start: **Nauvoo**—IL 96 Mulholland St and Durphy St

Go Dir	On	Miles	Total
S	Durphy St/ IL 96 - Caution traffic, especially summer weekends	11.8 11.8
R	SW US 136 - Hamilton -F&D (off route)- heavy traffic... 0.6	0.6	12.4
* To Keokuk, IA (F&D) - Continue 1.3 miles west on US136			
L	S Co 32/ Warsaw-Hamilton Rd (stop light, no sign)..... 4.9	4.9	17.3
R	W Main St (stop light, no sign) - Warsaw - F&D..... 0.4	0.4	17.7
L	S Water/ Co 11..... 20.2	20.2	37.9
* Ferry, Meyer to Canton, MO, 6.2 miles west at 15.6 miles (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)			
L	E 2150th (no sign, stop sign) F&D off route in Ursula..... 1.2	1.2	39.1
R	S Co 7/ Bonansinga	9.8	48.9
L	E Broadway..... 0.0	0.0	48.9
	Broadway & Front - Quincy - F&D		

Scenic Tour of Quincy Route (Adds 2.5 miles to direct Route)

R	S	Front St.....	0.2	0.2
L	E	Hampshire (2nd street after bridge overhead).....	0.3	0.5
R	S	5th St - move to left lane.....	0.1	0.6
L	E	Maine.....	1.0	1.6
R	S	16th St.....	1.3	2.9
R	W	Harrison.....	0.3	3.2
W	R J Peters.....	1.0	4.2	
L	S	Gardner Expressway		

Food:

Nauvoo (CS), Warsaw (CS), Ursa (C off route), Quincy (CS)

Bicycle Repair:

Quincy: Madison & Davis Bicycle Shop, 912 S. 8th St, 217-222-7262

Emergency Information:

Hospital: Dial 911

State Police: State Police: Hancock County, 309-833-4046, Adams County, 217-285-4431

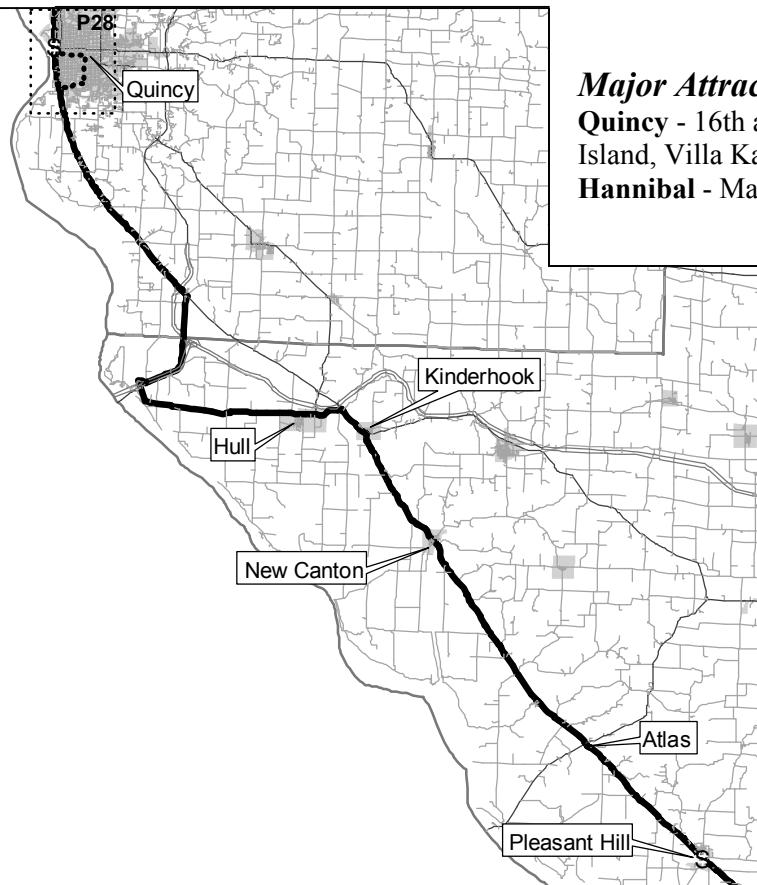
From Nauvoo to Hamilton, Route 96 gives great views of the river and has many turnoffs, which may be welcome after dealing with the hills. Narrow shoulders are fairly consistent southbound; less so northbound.

It's bottomland on the 31 miles between Warsaw and Quincy, with no services but

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Illinois' Mississippi River Trail

Quincy to Pleasant Hill - 53 miles



Major Attractions:

Quincy - 16th and Maine architecture, museums, art center, Quinsissippi Island, Villa Katherine (Visitor's Center)

Hannibal - Mark Twain Boyhood Home

Accommodations fairly close to the trail:

Lodging:

Quincy: Days Inn, 200 Maine St, 800-329-7466;

Hampton Inn, 225 S. 4th St, 800-426-7866;

Holiday Inn, 201 S. 3rd St, 217-222-2666;

Hotel Elkton, 133 S. 4th St, 217-222-5660;

Hotel Quincy, 513 Hampshire St, 217-222-2400

Hull: Railsplitter Inn Motel, IL 106, 217-432-5417

Pleasant Hill: BJ's Guest Houses, 217-734-2332

Camping:

Quincy: Valley View Campground: 2300 Bonansinga Dr, 217-222-7229

Pleasant Hill: Great River Road Campground, Co 1, Box 198, 217-734-9006

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Cue Sheet - Quincy to Pleasant Hill, 53 miles

Start: **Quincy**—Broadway and Front St

Go Dir	On	Miles	Total
(See Page 12 for scenic tour of Quincy—alternative route)			
S	Front.....	1.0	1.0
L	E Jefferson (no sign).....	0.0	1.0
R	S Gardner Expy/ IL57- Caution: heavy (N) to moderate (S) traffic, trucks.....	11.5	12.5
R	S/W Fall Creek Rd/ 1100E.....	5.2	17.7
L	SE IL 106 - Hull - F&D.....	8.3	26.0
	E IL 96.....	1.2	27.2
R	S IL 96/ IL106 - Kinderhook - F&D.....	1.6	28.8
R	SE IL 96 - New Canton - F&D.....	5.6	34.4
SE	IL 96 - Atlas - F&D..... Lodging in Louisiana, MO, 6.5 miles	11.0	45.4
SE	IL 96 - Pleasant Hill - F&D.....	7.1	52.5

IL 96 Quincy St & Main St - Pleasant Hill

To Hannibal, Missouri from Fall Creek Rd and IL106

L	E IL 106.....	0.2	0.2
R	SW I-72 (shoulder).....	1.0	1.2
R	W Off-ramp to MO 79.....	0.3	1.5
L	SE MO 79 becomes 3rd St.....	1.0	2.2

Hannibal - Left on Hill St, one block to Main St historic sites

Food:

Quincy (CS), Hull (C), Kinderhook (S), New Canton (CS), Atlas (CS), Pleasant Hill (CS)

Bicycle Repair:

Quincy: Madison & Davis Bicycle Shop,
912 S. 8th St, 217-222-7262

Emergency Information:

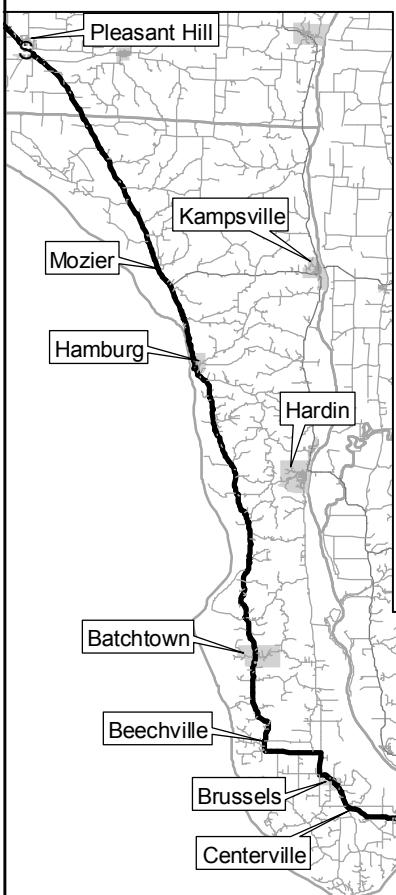
State Police: Dist 20, 217-285-4431

This segment predominately uses Illinois highways. Illinois 57 is scenic but can be busy, others have low traffic. The detour to Hannibal, Boyhood Home of Mark Twain, uses the only Interstate Highway in Illinois permitting bikes. It's hilly getting into and out of town on the Missouri side.

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Illinois' Mississippi River Trail

Pleasant Hill to Alton - 69 miles



Major Attractions:

Kampsburg - The Center for American Archeology

Brussels - Apples in fall, peaches in spring, Pere Marquette Cross - IL 100 (across from Brussels Ferry)

Grafton - Confluence of Illinois and Mississippi, Pere Marquette State Park

Alton - Alton Museum of History and Art; Confederate Cemetery; Confederate Prison; Lovejoy Monument, Alton Cemetery; Piasa Bird, On River Bluff, 1 Mile West of Alton, Visitors Center on IL 100; Robert Wadlow Monument; Lincoln-Douglas, Broadway and Landmarks; National Great Rivers Museum at Lock and Dam 26

Accommodations fairly close to the trail:

Lodging:

Pleasant Hill: BJ's Guest Houses, 202 E. Quincy St, 217-734-2332

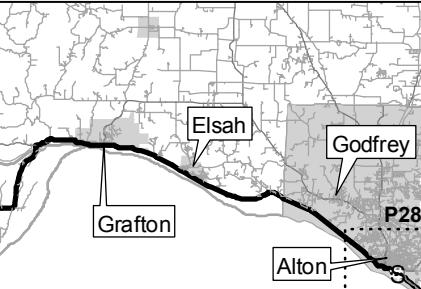
Hardin: Hardin Hotel, 206 N. County Rd, 618-576-9003

Calhoun Co Line/ Nebo: Harpoles Heartland Lodge (3.5 mi N of trail), RR1 Box 8A, 800-717-4868

Mozier: Baytown Guest House, 618-232-1223

Grafton: Pere Marquette State Park Lodge, 618-786-2332; Ruebel Hotel, 217 E. Main, 618-786-2315

Alton: Comfort Inn, 11 Crossroads Ct, 618-465-9999; Days Inn, 1900 Homer Adams Pkwy, 618-463-0800; Beall Mansion B & B, 407 E. 12th St, 618-474-9100, 800-990-2325; Holiday Inn, 3800 Homer Adams Pkwy, 618-462-1220; Jackson House B & B, 1821 Seminary St, 618-462-1426, 800-462-1426; Super 8 Hotel, 1800 Homer Adams Pkwy, 618-465-8885; Tiffany Inn B & B, 410 E. Broadway, 618-462-4145



Camping:

Pleasant Hill: Great River Road Campground, Co. 1, Box 198, 217-734-9006

Kampsburg: City Hall Campground

Beechville: Cedar Hill Restaurant Marina and RV Parking, Beech Landing Rd

Grafton: Pere Marquette State Park Campground, 618-786-2331

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Cue Sheet - Pleasant Hill to Alton, 69 miles

Start: Pleasant Hill—Quincy St and Main St

Go Dir	On	Miles	Total
S	IL 96 - Mozier - D.....	12.5	12.5
S	IL 96 to Co 2.....	0.9	13.4
S	Mississippi River Rd (unmarked) - Hamburg - F&D..3.4	16.8	
S	Mississippi River Rd - Gilead	9.2	26.0
S	Mississippi River Rd - Batchtown - F&D.....	5.2	31.2
S	Mississippi River Rd - Beechville - F&D.....	4.8	36.0
S	Mississippi River Rd	0.2	36.2
L	E Schleper Rd.....	2.6	38.8
R	S Illinois River Rd.....	1.0	39.8
L	E/SE Prosker Ln/ Main St - Brussels - F&D.....	0.7	40.5
	SE Main St/Co 1/Illinois River Rd - Centerville - F&D...1.5	42.0	
R	E/N Co 1/ Illinois River Rd to Brussels Ferry.....	6.4	48.4
* Pere Marquette St Park lodge - 3 miles W on IL 100, Vadalabene Trail			
R	E IL 100 - moderate traffic.....	1.0	49.4
L	N Graham Hollow Rd.....	0.0	49.4
R	E Sam Vadalabene Bikeway - Grafton - F&D.....	3.0	52.4
SE Sam Vadalabene Bikeway/ IL 100 - Elsah	4.5	56.9	
SE Sam Vadalabene Bikeway/ IL 100 Piasa Bird Painting parking.....	10.1	68.0	
SE IL 100 - Alton - F&D.....	1.5	69.5	
IL 100/ Broadway and Riverfront Dr (casino parking) - Alton			

Food:

Pleasant Hill (CS), Mozier (S), Hamburg (S), Batchtown (S), Beechville (S), Brussels (CS), Centerville (CS), Grafton (CS), Elsah (CS), Alton (CS)

Bicycle Repair:

Godfrey: Wild Trak Bikes, Inc., 5745 Godfrey Rd, 618-467-2453

Alton: Eddie's Bicycle Shop, 3320 Fernwood Ave, 618-465-6755

Emergency Information:

Hospital: Dial 911

State Police: Dial 911

Calhoun County is a long peninsula between the Mississippi and Illinois River, offering spectacular views of the two great rivers. Cross the Illinois on the Brussels Ferry. Then, enjoy the Mississippi River bluffs as you bike the Sam Vadalabene Bikeway—a combination of off-road trails and paved shoulders along Illinois Route 100.

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Illinois' Mississippi River Trail

Alton to Dupo (Metro East Area) - 34 miles

Major Attractions:

Alton - Alton Museum of History and Art; Confederate Cemetery; Confederate Prison; Lovejoy Monument, Alton Cemetery; Piasa Bird, On River Bluff, 1 Mile West of Alton, Visitors Center on IL 100; Robert Wadlow Monument; Lincoln-Douglas, Broadway and Landmarks; National Great Rivers Museum at Lock 26

Hartford - Lewis and Clark State Historic Site Interpretive Center, IL 3 at Poag Rd

Collinsville - Cahokia Mounds

Cahokia - Historic Cahokia Courthouse, Martin-Boismenu House / Jarrot Mansion

Accommodations fairly close to the trail:

Lodging:

Alton: Comfort Inn, 11 Crossroads Ct, 618-465-9999; Days Inn, 1900 Homer Adams Pkwy 618-463-0800; Beall Mansion B & B, 407 E. 12th St, 618-474-9100, 800-990-2325; Holiday Inn, 3800 Homer Adams Pkwy, 618-462-1220; Jackson House B & B, 1821 Seminary St, 618-462-1426, 800-462-1426; Super 8 Hotel, 1800 Homer Adams Pkwy, 618-465-8885; Tiffany Inn B & B, 410 E. Broadway, 618-462-4145

Granite City: Best Western Camelot Inn, 1240E Old Chain Of Rocks Rd, 618-931-2262; Relax Inn, 1100 Niedringhaus Ave, 618-877-7100; Land of Lincoln Motel, 3220 W. Chain Of Rocks Rd, 618-931-1414; Canal Motel, 3317 W. Chain Of Rocks Rd, 618-931-0744

East St. Louis: Casino Queen Hotel and Casino, 200 Front St, 800-777-0777

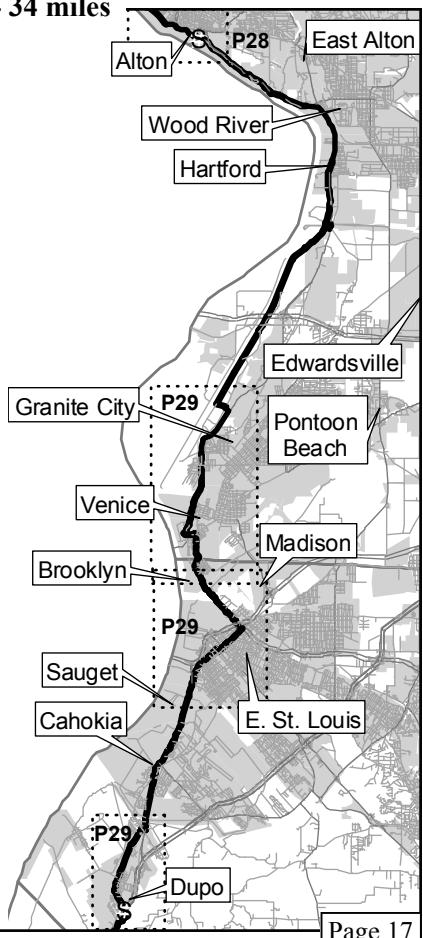
Cahokia: Trails End Motel, 600 Water St, 618-337-2010

Camping:

Granite City: KOA Campground, 3157 W. Chain of Rocks Rd, 618-931-5160

East St. Louis: Casino Queen RV Park, 200 Front St, 800-777-0777

Cahokia: Cahokia RV Park, IL 3 & IL 157, 618-332-9700



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Cue Sheet - Alton to Dupo, 34 miles

Start: **Alton**—IL 100/ Broadway and Riverfront Dr (casino parking)

Go Dir	On	Miles	Total
R	S/E Riverfront Dr/ local trails to MCT Confluence Trail (Follow "To: MCT Confluence Trail" signs).....	1.1	1.1
R	SE Confluence Trail to Lock & Dam 26, museum.....	1.6	2.7
E/S	Confluence Trail to Lewis & Clark Visitor's Center... S Confluence Trail to Chain of Rocks Bridge road.....	7.1 3.3	9.8 13.1
S	Confluence Tr to IL 3/ 20th St - Granite City - F&D.. S IL 3 to McKinley Bridge road - heavy traffic.....	5.1 2.5	18.2 20.7
L	E IL 3 - Venice	0.3	21.0
R	SE IL 3/ Lincoln Ave.....	0.1	21.1
R	S IL 3/ 4th St - heavy traffic.....	0.7	21.8
R	S/SE IL 3/ 2nd St/ St. Clair Ave - East St. Louis - F&D Caution: heavy to very heavy traffic..... SE St. Clair Ave (across interstate).....	2.4 0.3	24.2 24.5
R	SW 9th St (one-way).....	1.0	25.5
R	NW Broadway.....	0.1	25.6
L	SW 8th St/ Mississippi Ave.....	1.3	26.9
L	S IL 3 - Cahokia - F&D Take care: heavy traffic but some paved shoulders....	2.6	29.5
S	IL 3.....	2.1	31.6
R	SW Stolle Rd/ Main St - Dupo - F&D - moderate traffic... Main St and I-255/ US 50 - Dupo	2.8	34.4

Food:

Alton (CS), Wood River (CS), Granite City (CS), East St. Louis (CS), Sauget (CS), Cahokia (CS), Dupo (CS)

Bicycle Repair:

Edwardsville: The Cyclery, 244 S. Buchanan, 618-692-0070

Pontoon Beach: Breese Bikes, 3809 Pontoon Rd, 618-797-0434

Fairview Heights: Touring Cyclist, 101 Lanaghan Dr, 618-398-6800

Emergency Information:

Hospital: Dial 911

State Police: Dial 911

Beyond Alton, the 17-mile Confluence Trail provides more views of the Mighty Mississippi and its confluence with the Missouri. After trail's end, the route mostly follows Illinois Route 3 through the industrial towns of the Metro East area. Expect trucks and rough urban areas.

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Illinois' Mississippi River Trail Dupo to Chester - 61 miles

Major Attractions:

Geography is the pull here. On one side, an encompassing flood plain stretches flatly as far as the eye can see to the Missouri bluffs on the far side of the majestic Mississippi. On the other side, sometimes so close you can almost touch it, the river bluff soars to towering heights, spinning raptors and verdant vegetation from its sheer limestone cliffs.

Fults – Fults Hill Prairie Nature preserve

Prairie du Rocher – Fort de Chartres, circa 1753

Modoc – Modoc Ferry to Sainte Genevieve, MO

Modoc Rock Shelter – a cave providing shelter since 8000 BC

Ellis Grove – Fort Kaskaskia – the earthworks remain

Pierre Menard Home – early 1800s mansion of 1st Lt. Governor

Chester – Chester River Bridge and Popeye statue; Randolph County Museum; Kaskaskia Island – Illinois on the western shore of the Mississippi

Accommodations fairly close to the trail:

Lodging:

Maeystown: Corner George Inn B&B, 1101 Main St, 618-458-6660

Prairie du Rocher: La Maison du Rocher Country Inn B&B, Duclos and Main Sts., 618-284-3463

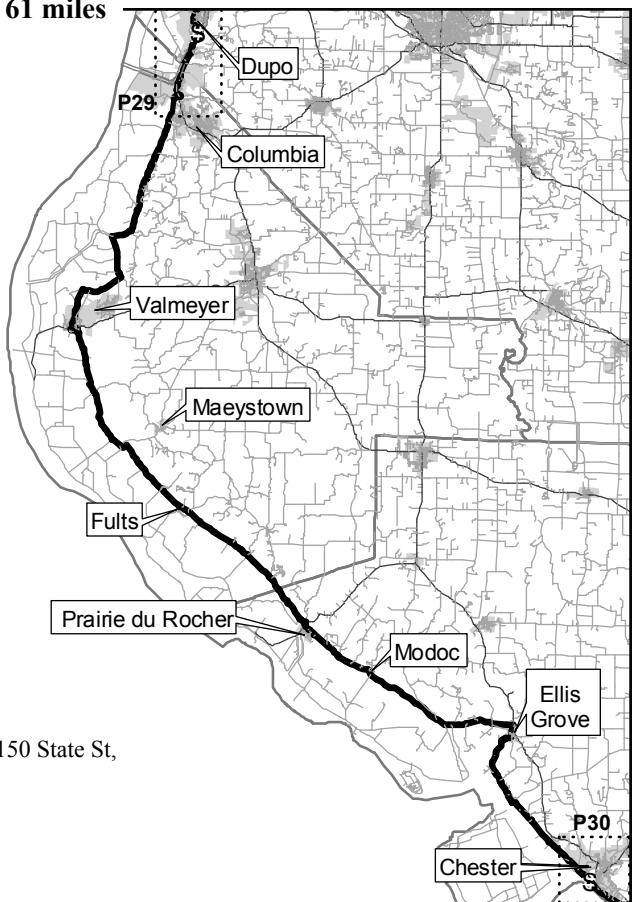
Sainte Genevieve, MO: Wilmar Motel, 370 Sainte Genevieve Dr, 573 - 883-2702; Hotel Ste. Genevieve, N. Main & Merchant, 573 - 883-3562; Family Budget Inn, 17030 New Bremen Rd, 573-543-2272

Chester: Hi 3 Motel, 827 Lehman Dr, 618-826-4415; Reid's Inn Best Western, 2150 State St, 618-826-3034; The Stone House B&B, 509 W. Harrison St, 618-604-9106

Camping:

Ellis Grove: Fort Kaskaskia Historic Campground, 4372 Park Rd, 618-859-3741

Chester: Randolph County Conservation Area, 4301 S. Lake Dr, 618-826-2706



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Cue Sheet - Dupo to Chester, 61 miles

Start: **Dupo**—Main St and I-255/ US 50

Go Dir	On	Miles	Total
E/S	Old IL 3 - go over I-255, then parallel and east of it.	3.6	3.6
R W	Palmer Rd - Columbia - F&D.....	0.2	3.8
L S	Bluff Rd/ Valmeyer Rd/ Co 6.....	7.1	10.9
R W	Levee Rd.....	1.0	11.9
L S	Bluff Rd/ Lake St	6.4	18.3
L E	Main St - Valmeyer - no services	0.3	18.6
R S	Bluff Rd/ Co 3 - to Co 7.....	6.4	25.0
* Maeystown 2.5 miles east on Co 7 - F&D			
SE	Bluff Rd/ Co 3.....	13.0	38.0
R SW	IL 155/ Henry St - Prairie du Rocher - F&D.....	0.1	38.1
* For river ferry to Sainte Genevieve, MO, continue straight			
L SE	Market St/ Bluff Rd - to Modoc - F&D.....	4.2	42.3
	SE Bluff Rd.....	8.0	50.3
R S	IL 3.....	0.2	50.5
R W	Branch St - Ellis Grove	0.1	50.6
L S	Main St - F&D.....	0.3	50.9
R W/S	First St/Riley Lake Rd/Truck By-Pass/Co 6 - to River Bridge	9.7	60.6

* Follow IL 150 to go up and into **Chester** - F&D

Food:

Dupo (CS), Columbia (CS), Maeystown (CS), Prairie du Rocher (CS), Modoc (S), Ellis Grove (CS), Chester (CS)

Bicycle Repair:

Belleville: Bicycle World, 4516 W. Main St, 618-234-0041

Endre's Schwinn Cycling, 3625 W. Main St, 618-233-0378

Fairview Heights: Touring Cyclist, 101 Lanaghan Dr, 618-398-6800

O'Fallon: Bicycle Zone (mobile repair), 618-632-1164

Emergency Information:

Hospital: Dial 911

State Police: Monroe County, Dist. 11, 1100 Eastport Plaza Dr, Collinsville, 618-346-3990; Randolph County, Dist. 13, 1381 S. Washington St, DuQuoin, 618-542-2171

The 61 miles in this segment of the MRT offer just plain superlative biking – flat, low-trafficked, nicely surfaced roads, no urban congestion, and great scenery. The route is a straight shot, almost impossible to get lost. The only negative – and it's a major one – is the lack of services. For 34 miles between Columbia and Prairie du Rocher no food or water is available – unless you go up the bluff for a few miles at Maeystown. So bring two water bottles and an apple or two. The nationwide, east-west American Discovery Trail also uses the roads in this segment.

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Illinois' Mississippi River Trail

Chester to Wolf Lake - 47 miles

Major Attractions:

- Chester** – Chester River Bridge and Popeye statue
- Randolph County Museum
- Kaskaskia Island – Illinois on the western shore of the Mississippi
- Shawnee National Forest** – 27,700 unglaciated acres of woods and small farms and towns
- Grand Tower** – Devil's Backbone Park, with the Devil's Bake Oven (caves); Oakwood Bottoms – trails, bluffs, and the LaRue Swamp

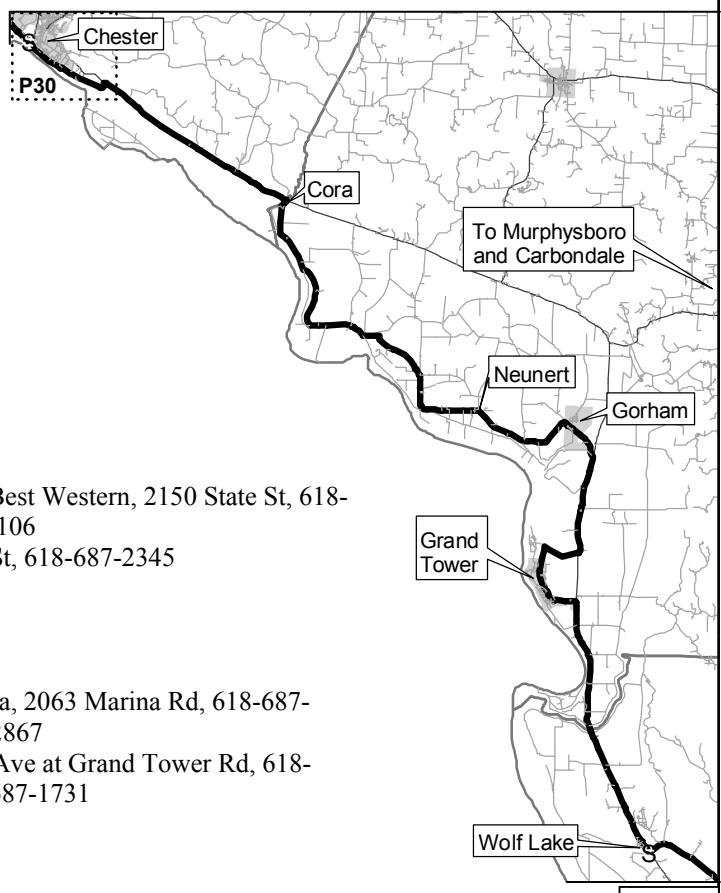
Accommodations fairly close to the trail:

Lodging:

- Chester**: Hi 3 Motel, 827 Lehman Dr, 618-826-4415; Reid's Inn Best Western, 2150 State St, 618-826-3034; The Stone House B&B, 509 W. Harrison St, 618-604-9106
- Murphysboro** (10 miles from route): Apple Tree Inn, 200 N. 2nd St, 618-687-2345
- Super 8 Motel, 128 E Walnut St, 618-687-2244

Camping:

- Cora – Gorham**: Johnson Creek, north on IL 151, 618-687-4914
- Murphysboro** (10 miles from route): Kinkaid Lake Village Marina, 2063 Marina Rd, 618-687-4914; Lake Murphysboro State Park, 52 Cinder Hill Dr, 618-684-2867
- Grand Tower**: Devil's Backbone Park Campground, Brunkhorst Ave at Grand Tower Rd, 618-565-2454; Turkey Bayou/ Oakwood Bottoms, east on 800N, 618-687-1731
- Wolf Lake**: Pine Hills, east on Co 13, 618-833-8576



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Cue Sheet - Chester to Wolf Lake, 47 miles

Start: **Chester**—Truck By-Pass and River Bridge

Go Dir	On	Miles	Total
SE	Truck By-Pass.....	3.2	3.2
R	SE IL 3 - Be careful - moderate traffic, including trucks..	7.6	10.8
R	S Cora Rd.....	1.2	12.0
L	S Levee Rd.....	1.5	13.5
L	S Little Levee Rd.....	2.2	15.7
L	E Levee Rd.....	2.0	17.7
L	E/S Indian Ridge Rd.....	2.6	20.3
R	S/E Neunert Rd - Neunert - F&D.....	3.1	23.4
R	E Gorham Rd.....	3.7	27.1
R	SE Gorham Rd - Gorham - no services.....	1.5	28.6
R	S IL 3 - moderate traffic, including some trucks.....	3.5	32.1
R	W Power Plant Rd.....	1.6	33.7
L	S Front St - Grand Tower - F&D.....	2.4	36.1
R	E Grand Tower Rd.....	1.1	37.2
R	S IL 3 to Co 13/Trail of Tears State Forest Rd - Wolf Lake - F&D.....	9.4	46.6

IL 3 & Co 13/Trail of Tears State Forest Rd - Wolf Lake

Food:

Chester (CS), Neunert (S), Grand Tower (CS), Wolf Lake (C)

Bicycle Repair:

Carbondale: Bike Surgeon, 404 S. Illinois Ave, 618-457-4521
Carbondale Cycle Shop, 303 S. Illinois Ave, 618-549-6863
Phoenix Cycles, 300 S. Illinois Ave, 618-549-3612

Emergency Information:

Hospital: Dial 911
State Police: Randolph & Jackson Counties, Dist. 13, 1381 S. Washington St, DuQuoin, 618-542-2171; Union County, Dist. 22, I-57, Exit 18, Ullin, 618-845-373

Chester, the largest community in this segment, is on top of the bluff, a good climb from the River Bridge to Missouri and an even more ambitious climb from the south on IL 3. The truck by-pass, however, affords easy passage. This segment includes about 20 miles on IL 3, a National Scenic By-Way which at times carries heavy traffic. It's possible to avoid IL 3 by going inland from Chester through Murphysboro, but this does add miles and, of course, is not near the river. An interesting mid-section explores the Mississippi River flood plain in detail. Cyclists can almost become a part of the river, traversing a vast, fertile flatland between towering bluffs on both sides of the river, yet secure on very lightly traveled roads. But do remember to carry food and drink: if the tavern at Neunert (Bottom's Up) isn't open, it's 36 miles of no services.

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Illinois' Mississippi River Trail

Wolf Lake to Cairo - 50 miles

Major Attractions:

Wolf Lake – Trail of Tears State Forest; Union County Conservation Area – Lower Mississippi Bottomlands
Jonesboro – Lincoln Memorial – site of Lincoln/Douglas debate
Anna – Stinson Library – Frank Lloyd Wright influenced design
Mound City – National Cemetery with “Bivouac of the Dead” walkway
Cairo – The Cairo Custom House; Fort Defiance – at the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers; 27th St & Washington Ave – historic houses and area

Accommodations fairly close to the trail:

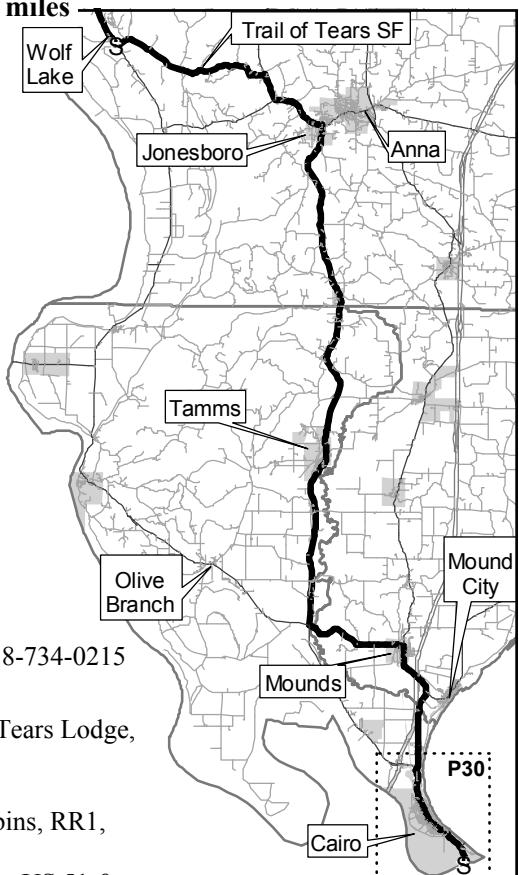
Lodging:

Jonesboro: Hidden Lake B&B, 433 Cook Ave, 618-833-5252; Iron Mountain B & B, 2360 IL 127 N, 618-833-5613; Lincoln Motel, 601 E. Broad St, 618-833-2181; Rustic Hideaway Cabins, IL 127 & State Pond Rd, 618-833-3386; Trail of Tears Lodge, 1575 Fair City Rd, 618-833-8697
Anna: Plaza Motel, 150 E. Vienna St, 618-833-5215; Super 8 Motel, 100 Richview Dr, 618-833-1888; Goddard Place B&B, 1585 Campground Rd, 618-833-6256
Tamms: Hummingbird Hollow B&B, McDaniel School Rd, 618-747-2316
Olive Branch: Goodbread's Lost Acres, IL 3 & Horseshoe Lake, 618-776-5116

Cairo: Belvidere Motel, 3901 Sycamore St, 618-734-4020; Days Inn, I-57 & IL 3, 618-734-0215

Camping:

Jonesboro: Trail of Tears State Forest, 3240 State Forest Rd, 618-833-4910 Trail of Tears Lodge, 1575 Fair City Rd, 618-833-8197
Olive Branch: Goodbread's Lost Acres, IL 3 & Horseshoe Lake, 618-776-5116
Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area, IL 3, 618-776-5689; Melton's Fishing Camp Cabins, RR1, 618-776-5504
Cairo: Fort Defiance State Park, US 60 & US 62, 618-734-4127; Garden Inn RV Park, US 51 & IL 3 & 37, 618-734-9554



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Cue Sheet - Wolf Lake to Cairo, 50 miles

Start: **Wolf Lake**—IL 3 and Co 13/Trail of Tears State Forest Rd

Go Dir	On	Miles	Total
E	Co 13/ Trail of Tears State Forest Rd, to entrance.....	4.7	4.7
E	Co 13/ Trail of Tears State Forest Rd, from entrance..	2.8	7.5
R	S IL 127 - F&D.....	1.2	8.7
L	E IL 127/146 - to Jonesboro - F&D– moderate traffic....	2.5	11.2
R	S IL 127 - to Tamms - Front St - F&D to right.....	15.6	26.8
	S IL 127.....	7.9	34.7
L	E Olive Branch Rd/Co 6/Sycamore St - Mounds - F&D.....	4.7	39.4
R	S/E Blanche St/ US 51 - moderate traffic.....	2.5	41.9
R	S US 51 - continue to right on combined US 51/IL 37		
	Moderate traffic to and through Cairo.....	3.6	45.5
L	S US 51/Sycamore St/Washington Ave- Cairo - F&D....	4.2	49.7

US 51 & US 60/62 - southern tip of Illinois

Turn left (east) to Kentucky, or continue straight (south) to Missouri.

Both bridges are very narrow and long, with moderate to heavy traffic, including many trucks. Use extreme caution.

Because of heavy traffic and narrow shoulders on IL 3, the true MRT corridor, this segment uses a route bordering the Shawnee National Forest, but away from the Mississippi River. The route, however, offers exceptional bicycling: nice roads, good scenery, only moderate hills, and basic services. Much of the route uses IL 127, which has little traffic and clear sight lines. The route's end, Cairo, is a city with a wonderful historic area and a classic downtown that is now a ghost town. The two bridges at the city's and Illinois' southern end do present problems for bicyclists, however. They are narrow, have only two lanes, no shoulders, and are fairly long. And they carry significant truck traffic, especially the one to Kentucky. For bicyclists, a police escort would be good, but probably difficult to manage. Catching a lift from a pickup could be tried. But whatever, do be warned that both of the bridges should only be used with extreme caution.

Food:

Wolf Lake (C), Jonesboro (CS), Tamms (CS), Mounds (CS), Cairo (CS)

Bicycle Repair:

Carbondale: Bike Surgeon, 404 S. Illinois Ave, 618-457-4521
Carbondale Cycle Shop, 303 S. Illinois Ave, 618-549-6863
Phoenix Cycles, 300 S. Illinois Ave, 618-549-3612

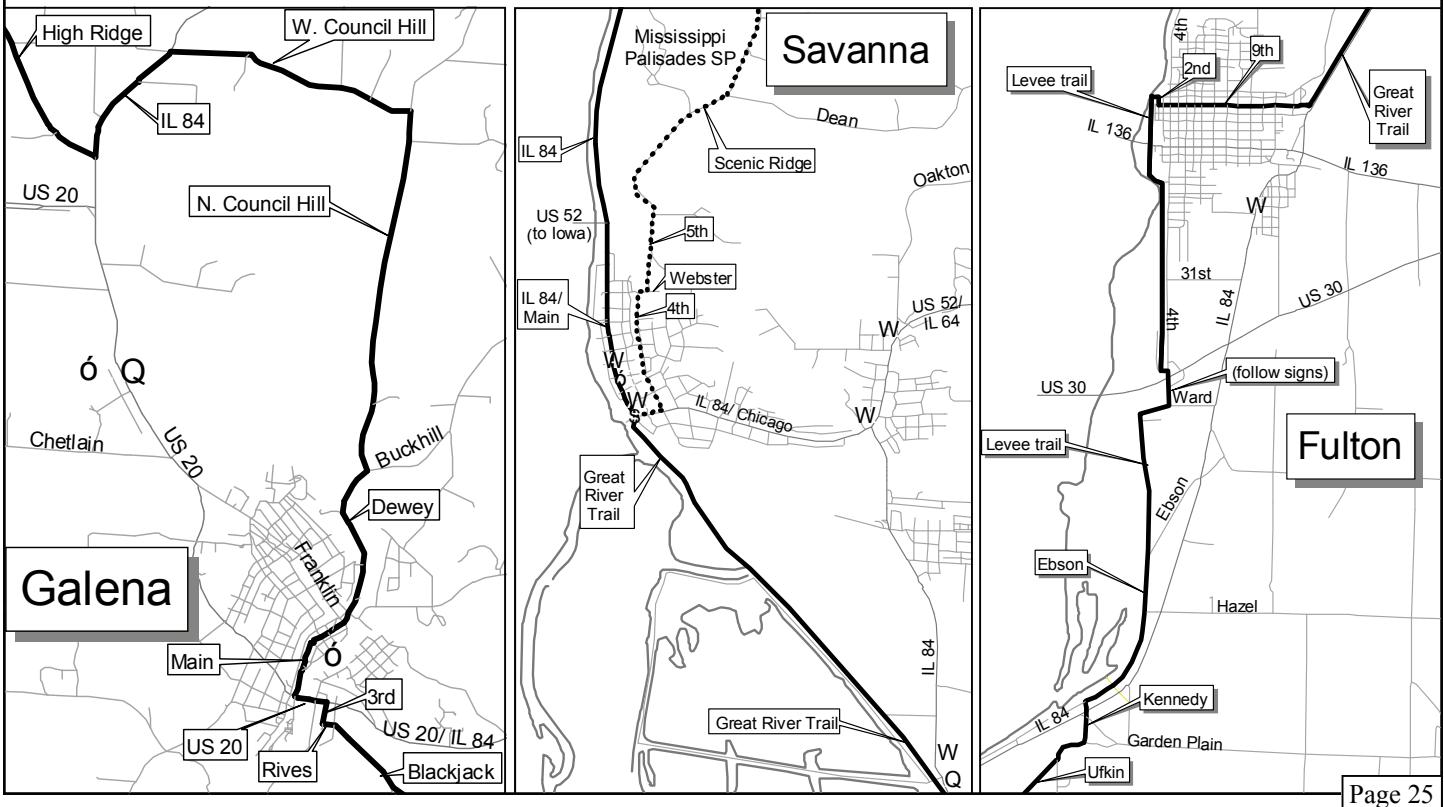
Emergency Information:

Hospital: Dial 911

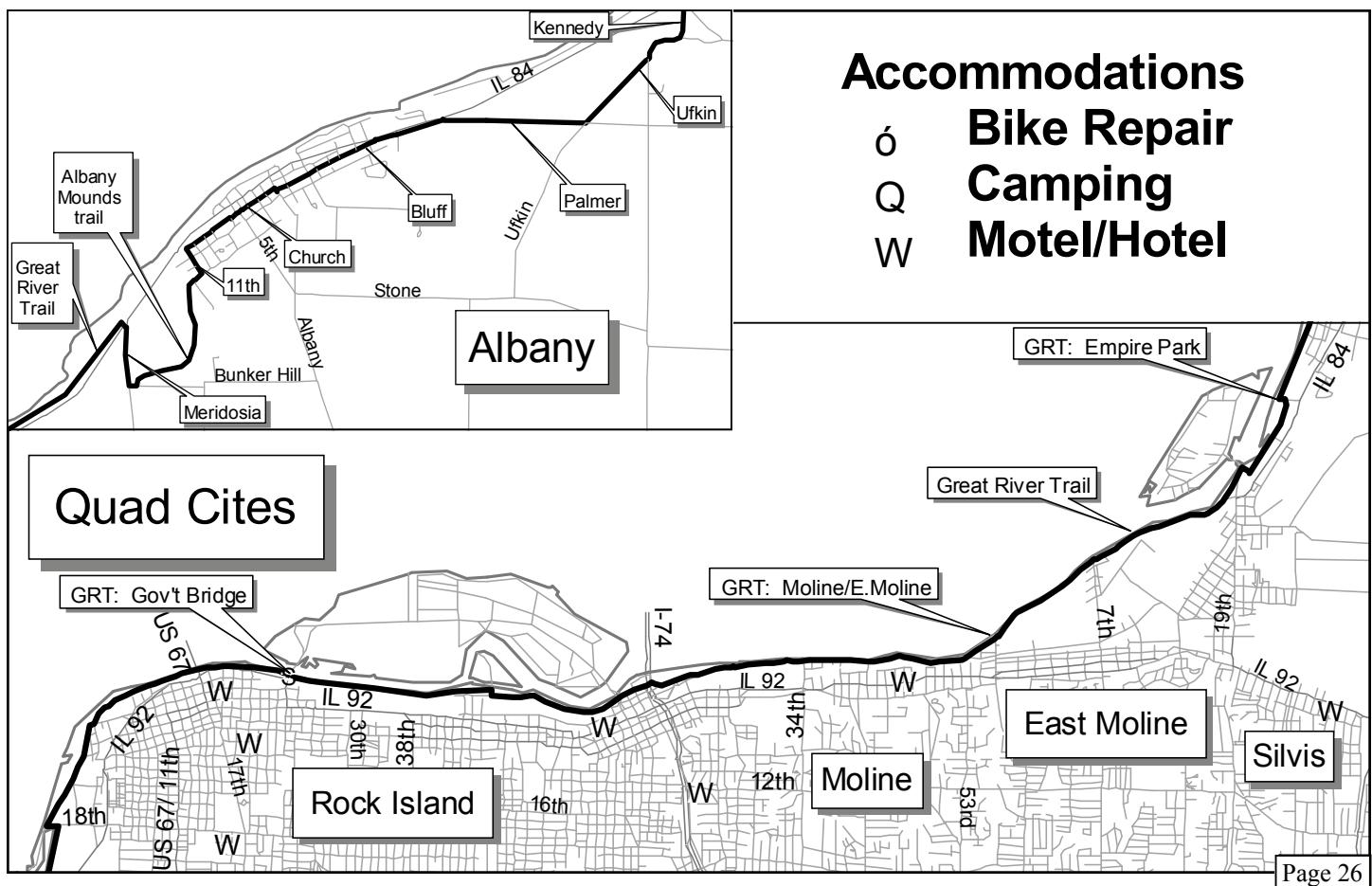
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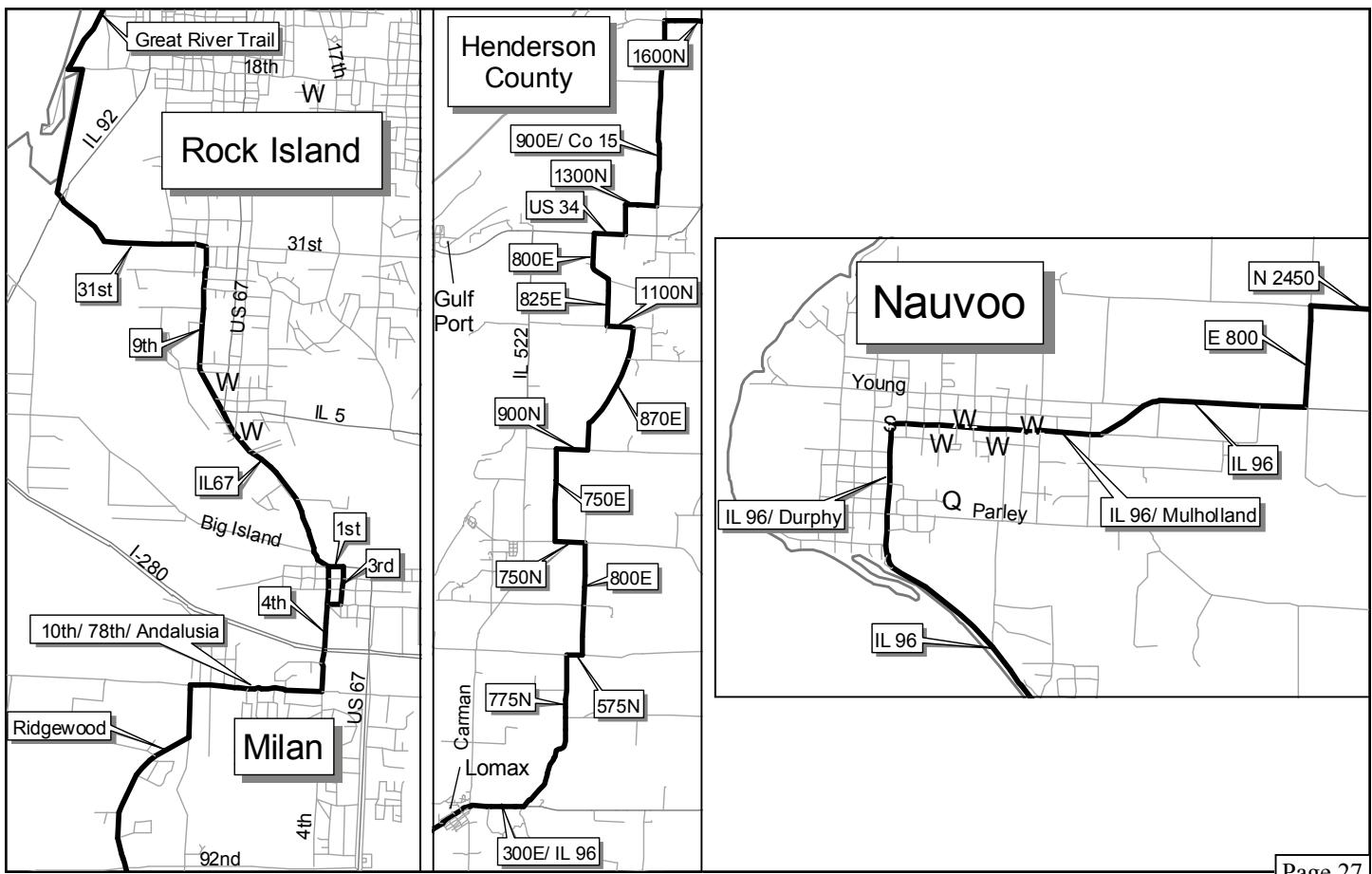
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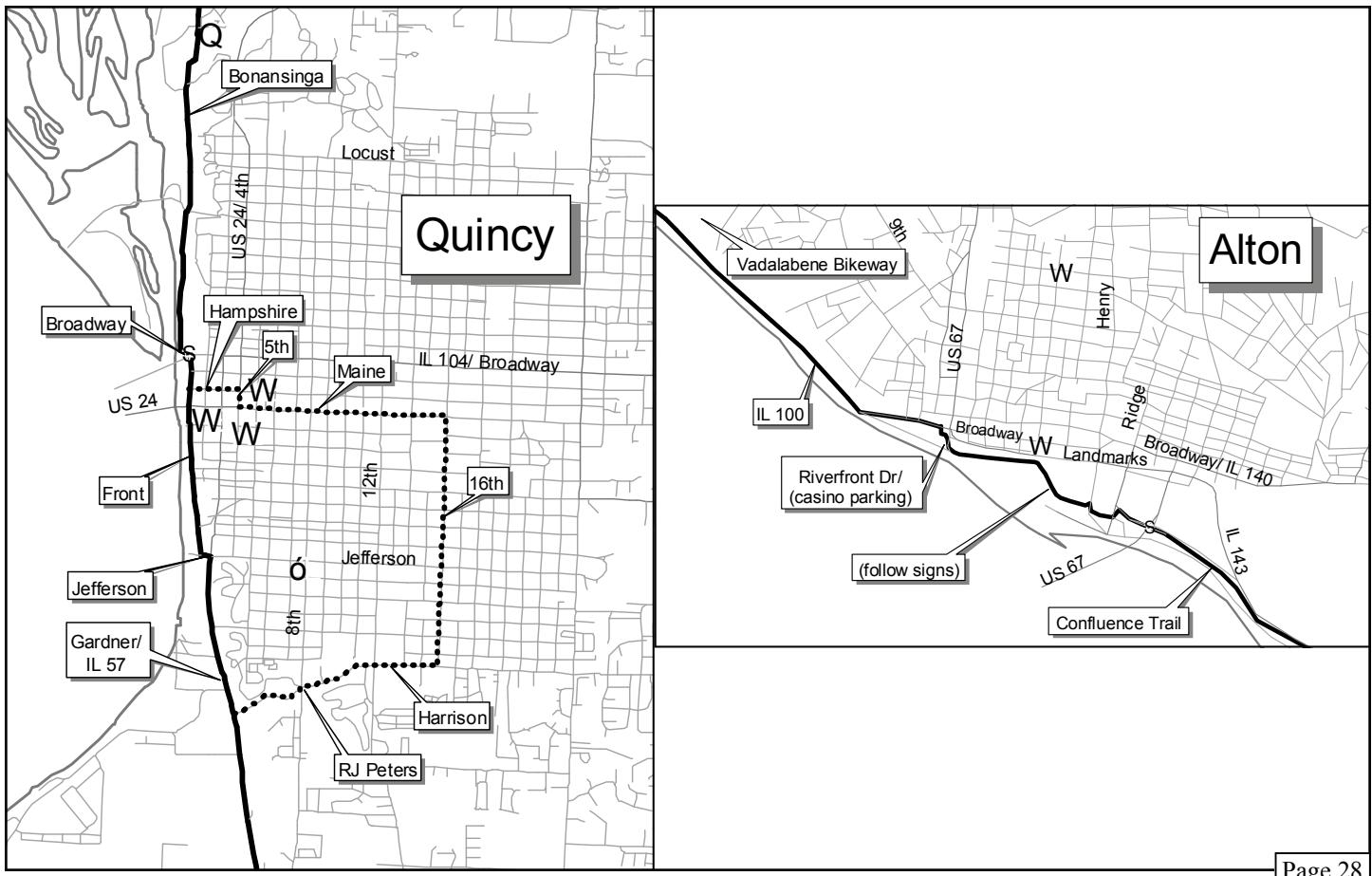


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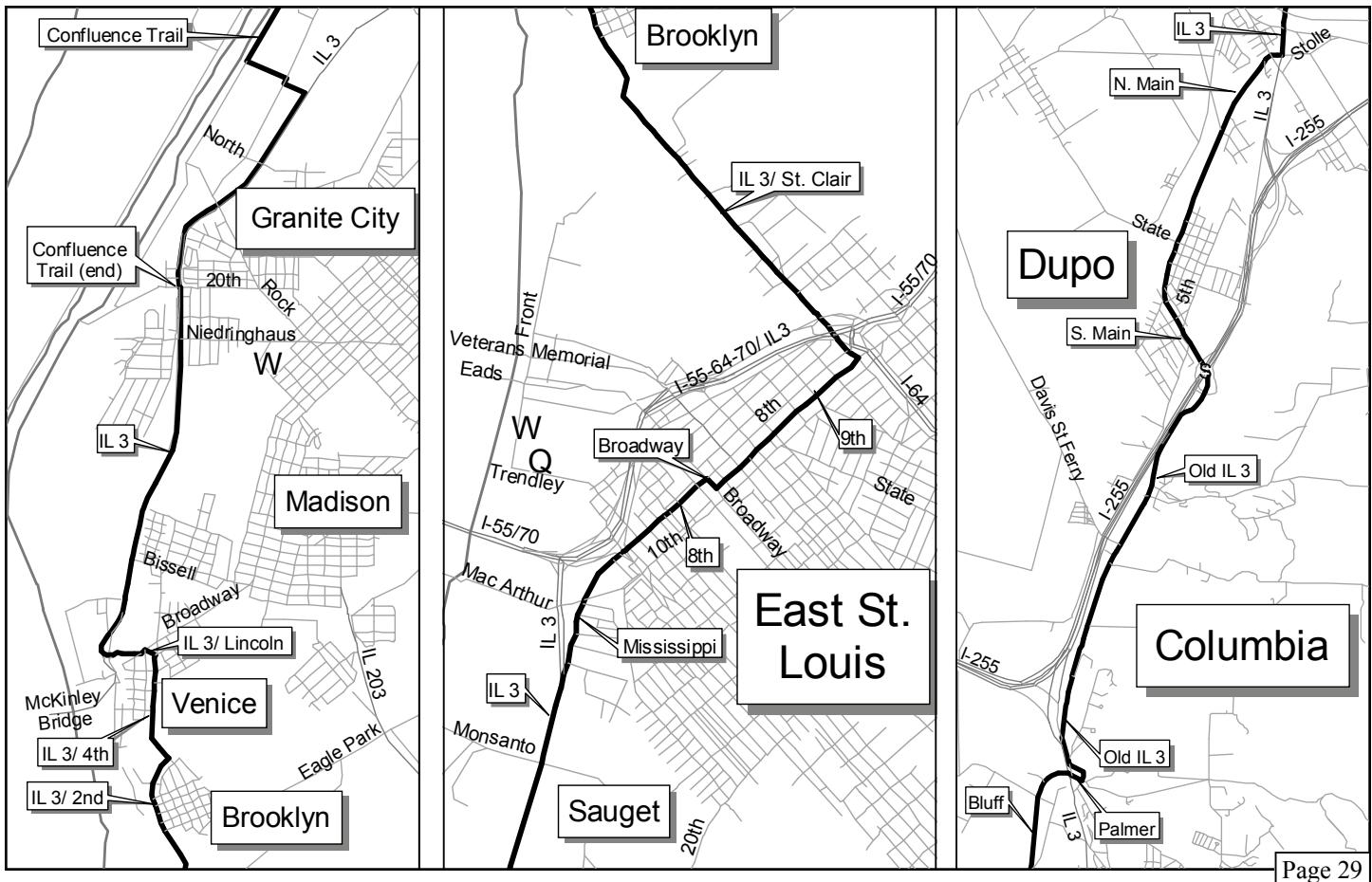




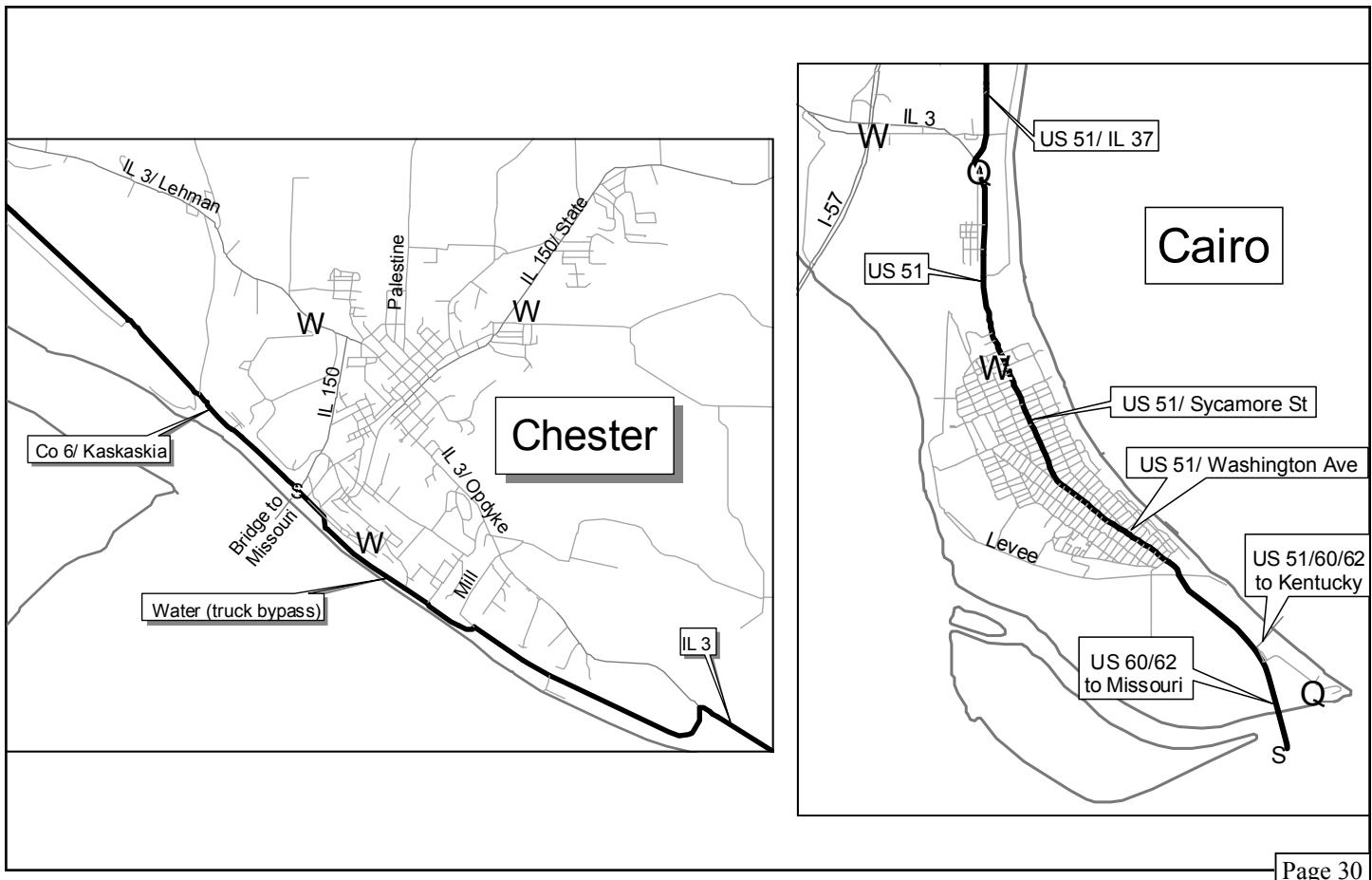
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