



This guide details the
interim Mackinaw
Valley Trail route
developed by LIB
and TCRPC. Route selection was based
on availability of off-road trails, roadway
"bike-friendlyness", accommodations,
scenery, and points of interest. Wherever
possible, routes comfortable for casual
adult cyclists and other non-motorized
uses were chosen. The cue sheet
provides turns, road names, and
mileages — plus daily traffic levels
(ADT) for on-road sections.
Over time, the route should change
as more off-road trails are built and
improvements made to other roads.
Check www.bikelib.org/mvt for the
latest. Enjoy!

About
This
Guide

Welcome to the
Mackinaw
River Valley



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In 2007, the League of Illinois Bicyclists (LIB), Tri-County Regional
Planning Commission (TCRPC), and the Illinois Department of
Natural Resources (IDNR) introduced a vision of exploring the
sights, cities, towns, and rural areas of Central Illinois at a slower
pace. The long-term plan: connect the Rock Island State Trail in
the Peoria area with the Route 66 Trail in Bloomington-Normal,
and eventually north to the IltM Canal Trail, by developing off-
road paths and comfortable on-road routes for bicycles, hikers,
and more. Meanwhile, define an interim route that can be used
right away while building the project's momentum.

This handbook is the product, and your personal guide to exploring
the Mackinaw Valley Trail. While you're there, enjoy a scoop or a
slice from the diner, observe as farmers harvest another bumper
crop, relax at the vineyard with a glass on a summer afternoon, or
rejoice in the beauty of springtime in the Valley.

Before your trip, be sure to learn more about the Mackinaw Valley
and surrounding areas by contacting the Peoria Area Convention
Et Visitors Bureau (1-800-747-0302, www.peoria.org)
and the Bloomington-Normal Convention Et Visitors Bureau
(1-800-433-8226, www.bloomingtonnormalcvb.org).

The Mackinaw Valley is a common thread in the story of two
communities in the heart of Illinois prairie country. In between
the Bloomington-Normal and Peoria urban areas flows the
meandering Mackinaw River, lined by verdant wooded bluffs,
stands of native wildflowers, and pastoral farm country. The
River and the quaint Main Street communities nearby are tied
to both urban areas; Peoria with stunning Illinois River vistas
and economic and cultural history, and Bloomington-Normal
with vibrant revitalized downtowns, a community-wide trail
system, and a college-town atmosphere. The Mackinaw Valley
Trail connects the two cities by way of a route showcasing some
of the best Central Illinois can offer.

Lodging Peoria (near start)

- **Holiday Inn City Centre**
500 Hamilton Blvd
309-674-2500
- **Holiday Inn Express**
300 E Light Ct
309-694-4959
- **Motel 6**
104 Camp St
309-699-7281
- **Par A Dice Hotel & Casino**
21 Blackjack Blvd
309-699-7711
- **Super 8**
725 Taylor St
309-698-8889
- **Hampton Inn**
11 Winners Way
309-694-0711
- **Comfort Inn**
210 E Ashland St
309-266-8888
- **Days Inn**
150 E Ashland St
309-266-9933
- **Quality Inn**
115 E Ashland St
309-266-8310
- **Relax Inn**
128 W Queenwood Rd
309-263-2511
- **Travel Lodge**
101 E Ashland St
309-266-1600

East Peoria

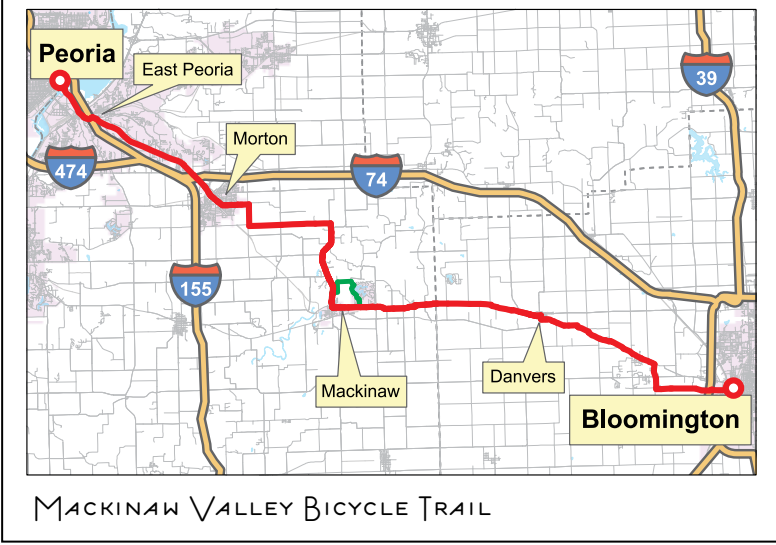
- **Embassy Suites**
100 Conference Ctr Dr
309-694-0200
- **Fairfield Inn**
200 E Light Ct
309-669-4100

Morton

- **Best Western**
201 E Ashland St
309-266-5116

Bloomington

- **America's Best Inns & Suites**
1905 W Market St
309-827-5333



MACKINAW VALLEY BICYCLE TRAIL

Morton

- **Rest Stop at trail's east end:**
Jefferson St east of Detroit Ave

Mackinaw

- **Mackinaw Valley Vineyards**
33633 IL Route 9 (one mile south
on Boston School Rd between Danvers
and Mackinaw)
309-359-9463
- **Heritage Lake and Beach**
open April-October
(use alternative route)

Bloomington

- **McLean County Historical Society**
Old Courthouse
200 N Main
309-827-0428

- **The Burr House ***
201 E Chestnut
309-828-7686
- **Davis Rose House ***
1001 E Jefferson St
309-829-6854
- **Days Inn**
1707 W Market St
309-829-6292
- **Econo Lodge**
403 Brock Dr
309-829-3100
- **Comfort Inn**
505 Brock Dr
309-828-6000
- **Hawthorn Suites**
1 Lyon Ct
309-829-8111
- **Quality Inn**
401 Brock Dr
309-829-7602

*Denotes Historic
Bed & Breakfast

Camping East Peoria

- **Carl Spindler Campground & Marina**
part of the Fon-du-Lac Park
District. Just south of the
US24/150 Bridge, about 2
miles north of trail on IL 116.
Open March 1 - December 1
309-699-5615

Mackinaw

- **Mackinaw River State Fish and Wildlife Area**
Primitive camping only.
No facilities.

- **David Davis Mansion**
1000 E Monroe
309-828-1084

- **Miller Park and Zoo**
1020 S. Morris Ave
309-434-2250

- **Bloomington/Normal Performing Arts Center**
600 N East St
309-434-2777

- **Beer Nuts company store**
103 N Robinson
309-829-8091

- **Hugh Atwood Wayside Rest Area**
800 Block E Jefferson

- **Historical markers**
located at various points on
the Constitution Trail

Peoria to Bloomington (west to east)

(For east to west directions, visit www.bikelib.org/mvt)

START: IL40/William Kumpf Blvd at Adams St, Peoria

Go	Dir	On	Miles	Total
	SE	IL40/William Kumpf Blvd - cross Illinois River on Bob Michel Bridge. Shoulders, sidewalks. (20400 ADT)	0.6	0.6
<i>Note: At the first East Peoria stoplight (Tractor Dr/River Rd), look for a new sidepath trail on the east (left) side of the road. While the trail is open, paving was not completed as of late 2010. If you must detour because of construction, continue straight on-road from the stoplight for 0.7 mile, then left on Washington St for 0.6 mile, and then left for 0.1 mile on Main St to the sidepath along the north side of Springfield Rd.</i>				
Str	SE/SW	River Trail of Illinois - to stoplight at intersection of Main St at Springfield Rd.	1.2	1.8
L	SE	River Trail of Illinois - trail turns left away from road, goes under I-74, crosses Washington St at stoplight	0.7	2.5
L	N/SW	River Trail of Illinois - turn L on sidewalk on the other side of Washington St, then trail continues	0.3	2.8
R	W	Veterans Dr - short jog right on road	0.03	2.8
Str	SE	River Trail of Illinois - trail climbs bluff, goes through residential areas, follows US150 to Morton trailhead	6.0	8.8
L	SE/E	Jefferson St - Morton - wide road through town (3000-6000 ADT); narrower on east end (1300-2200 ADT)	2.5	11.3
R	S	Tennessee Ave (600 ADT)	1.0	12.3
L	E	Queenwood Rd - some rolling hills (500-1050 ADT)	3.7	16.0
R	S	Chaffer Rd/County Road 3025E (500 ADT)	0.5	16.5
Str	S	Dee-Mac Rd - Mackinaw - paved shoulders, scenic descent into river valley (1900-3400 ADT). See below for Heritage Lake option, immediately after river	3.7	20.2
L	E	Fast Ave - busier around Mackinaw (2000-2800 ADT), with sidepath option for 0.5 mile. (550-650 ADT east)	3.8	24.0
L	N	County Road 3400E - short jog left at Lilly	0.05	24.1
R	E	Runyon Rd/Old Peoria Rd (550-700 ADT)	5.7	29.8
L	N	Jefferson St - Danvers - short jog left	0.03	29.8
R	E	North St (900 ADT)	0.2	30.0
R	S	West St - business district (1550 ADT)	0.2	30.2
L	E/SE	Main St/Old Peoria Rd - Quiet rural road (450 ADT)	2.3	32.5
R	S	County Road 700E - short jog right	0.03	32.5
L	SE	Old Peoria Rd (450-950 ADT)	3.4	35.9
R	S	County Road 1000E (350-600 ADT)	1.2	37.1
L	E	County Road 1350N/Washington St (850 ADT)	1.8	38.9
R	SE/E	Constitution Trail - Bloomington - western segment of Bloomington-Normal's trail system	1.9	40.8

END: Alton Depot Park, Front St and Western Ave, Bloomington

Heritage Lake Alternative Route (adds 0.9 mile)

Start alternative route (adds 0.9 mile):

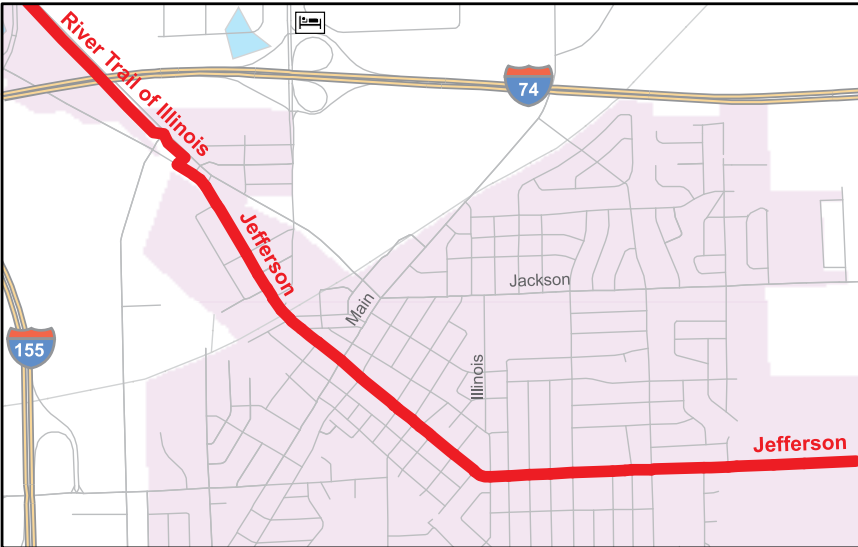
From Dee-Mac Road segment mileage 3.1 (total mileage 17.8), just after the Mackinaw River bridge

Go	Dir	On	Miles	Total
L	E/N/E	Hild Rd (750 ADT)	1.4	1.4
R	S/SE	Kenton St (650 ADT)	0.2	1.6
R	SW/SE	Heritage Dr - around Heritage Lake (950 ADT)	0.9	2.5
R	S	Bradford Dr (1650 ADT)	0.3	2.8

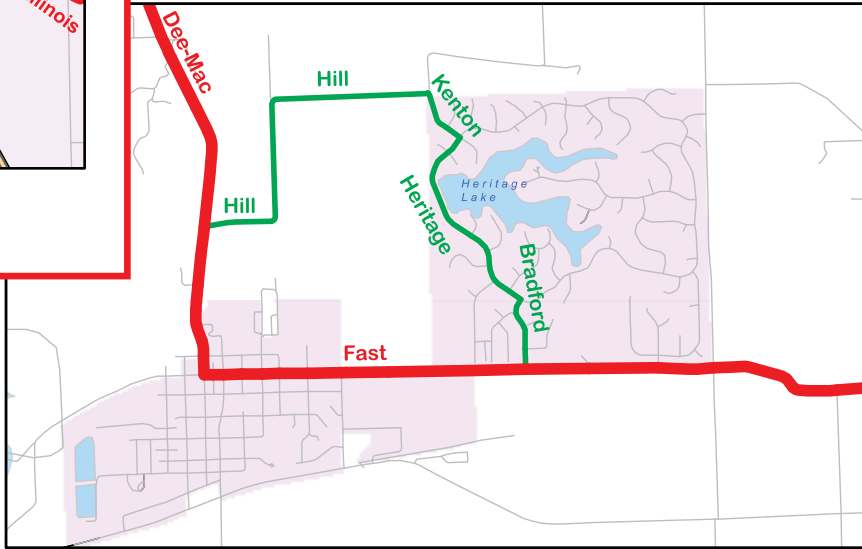
Turn right on Fast Ave to return to main route, or left to backtrack to Mackinaw.



EAST PEORIA



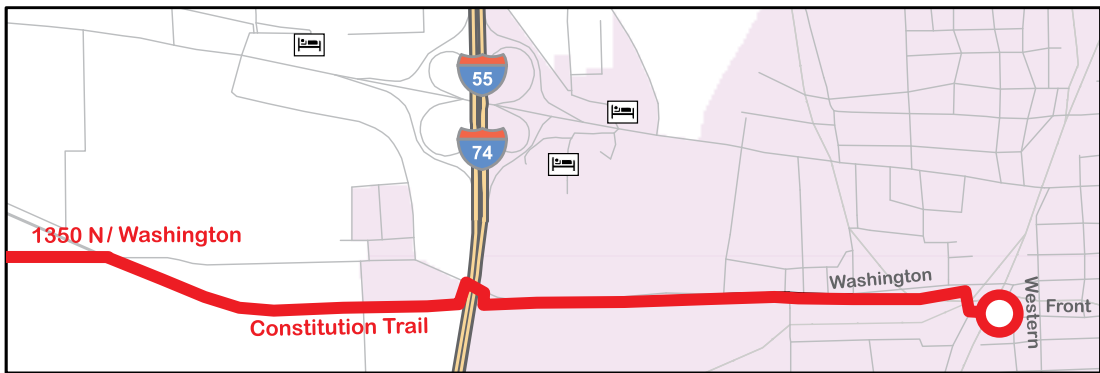
MORTON



MACKINAW



DANVERS



BLOOMINGTON