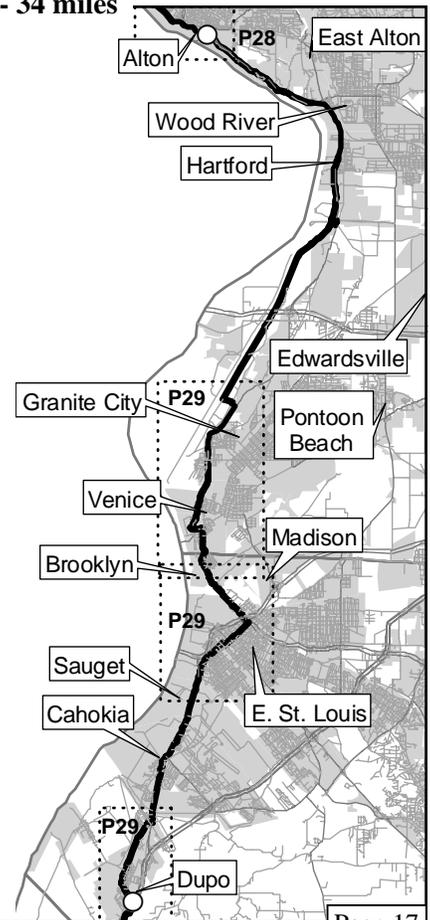


**Illinois' Mississippi River Trail Alton to Dupo (Metro East Area) - 34 miles**



**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. 12<sup>th</sup> 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

**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 - <b>Hull</b> - F&D.....	8.3	26.0
	E IL 96.....	1.2	27.2
R	S IL 96/ IL106 - <b>Kinderhook</b> - F&D.....	1.6	28.8
R	SE IL 96 - <b>New Canton</b> - F&D.....	5.6	34.4
	SE IL 96 - <b>Atlas</b> - F&D.....	11.0	45.4
Lodging in Louisiana, MO, 6.5 miles			
SE	IL 96 - <b>Pleasant Hill</b> - 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.*

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

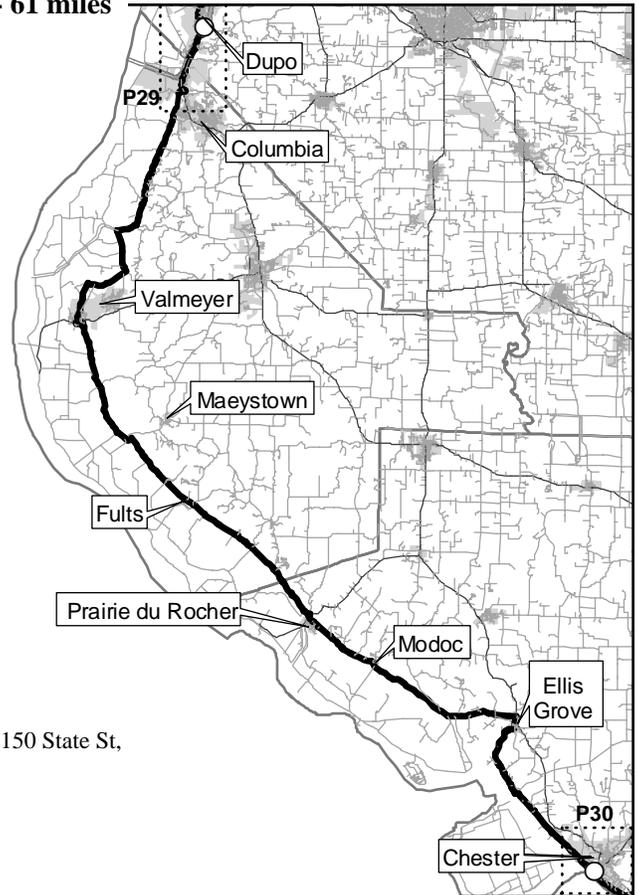
**Sainte Genevieve, MO:** Wilmar Motel, 370 Sainte Genevieve Dr, 573 - 883-2702; Hotel Ste. Genevieve, N. Main & Merchant, 573 - 883-3562; Family Budget Inn, 17030 New Bremen Rd, 573-543-2272

**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



## 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 - <b>Hamilton</b> -F&D (off route)- heavy traffic...	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	17.3
R	W Main St (stop light, no sign) - <b>Warsaw</b> - F&D.....	0.4	17.7
L	S Water/ Co 11.....	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 Ursa.....	1.2	39.1
R	S Co 7/ Bonansinga .....	9.8	48.9
L	E Broadway.....	0.0	48.9

Broadway & Front - **Quincy** - F&D

### 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

### 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		

*From Nauvoo to Hamilton, Route 96 gives great views of the river and has many turn-offs, 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 very quiet riding.*

**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

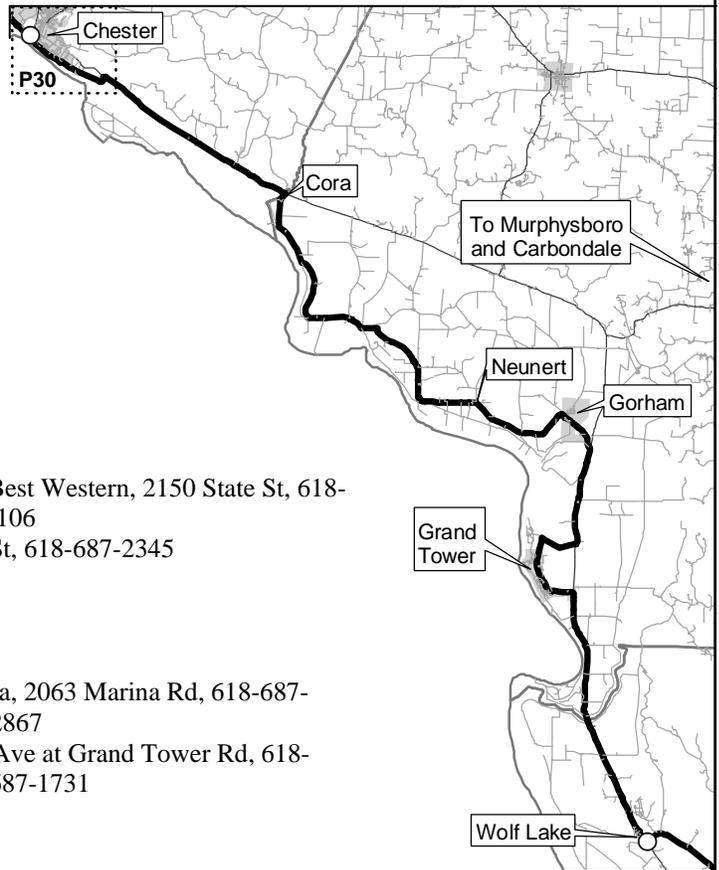
**Accommodations fairly close to the trail:**

**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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



**Cue Sheet - Keithsburg to Nauvoo, 62 miles**

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

Go Dir	On	Miles	Total
L E	Main St, <b>Keithsburg</b>	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 - <b>Oquawka</b> - 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 - <b>Gladstone</b> - 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 - <b>Dallas City</b> - 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 - <b>Colusa</b> - 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.*

**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; 27<sup>th</sup> 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

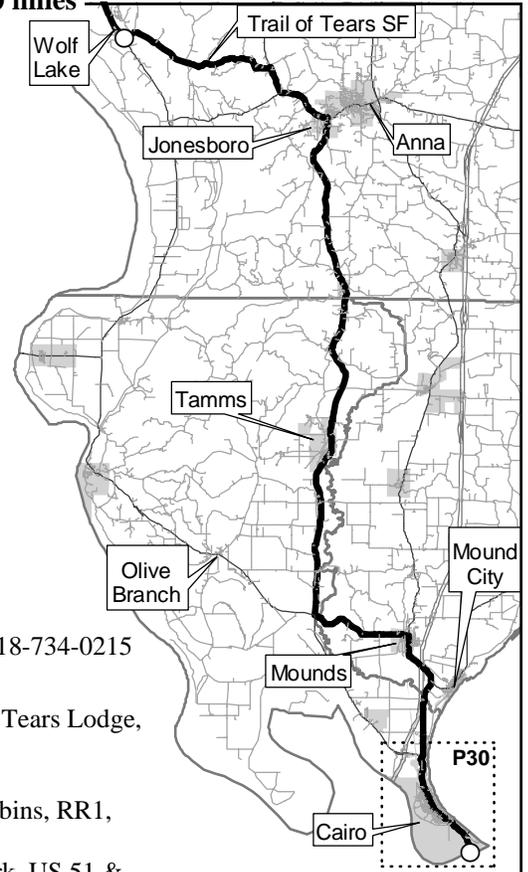
**Cairo:** Belvidere Motel, 3901 Sycamore St, 618-734-4020; Days Inn, I-57 & IL 3, 618-734-0215

**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



**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 - <b>Milan</b> - 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 <b>Taylor Ridge</b> .....	3.5	15.5
W	IL 192 to <b>Edgington</b> - 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 <b>Illinois City</b> .....	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 - <b>New Boston</b> 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 - <b>Keithsburg</b> - F&D.....	6.0	59.0

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

**Food:**

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

**Bicycle Repair:**

**Rock Island:** Bike & Hike, 3913-14<sup>th</sup> Ave, 309-788-2092

**Muscatine, Iowa** – across bridge: Harper’s Cycling, 1106 Grandview Ave, 563-263-4043

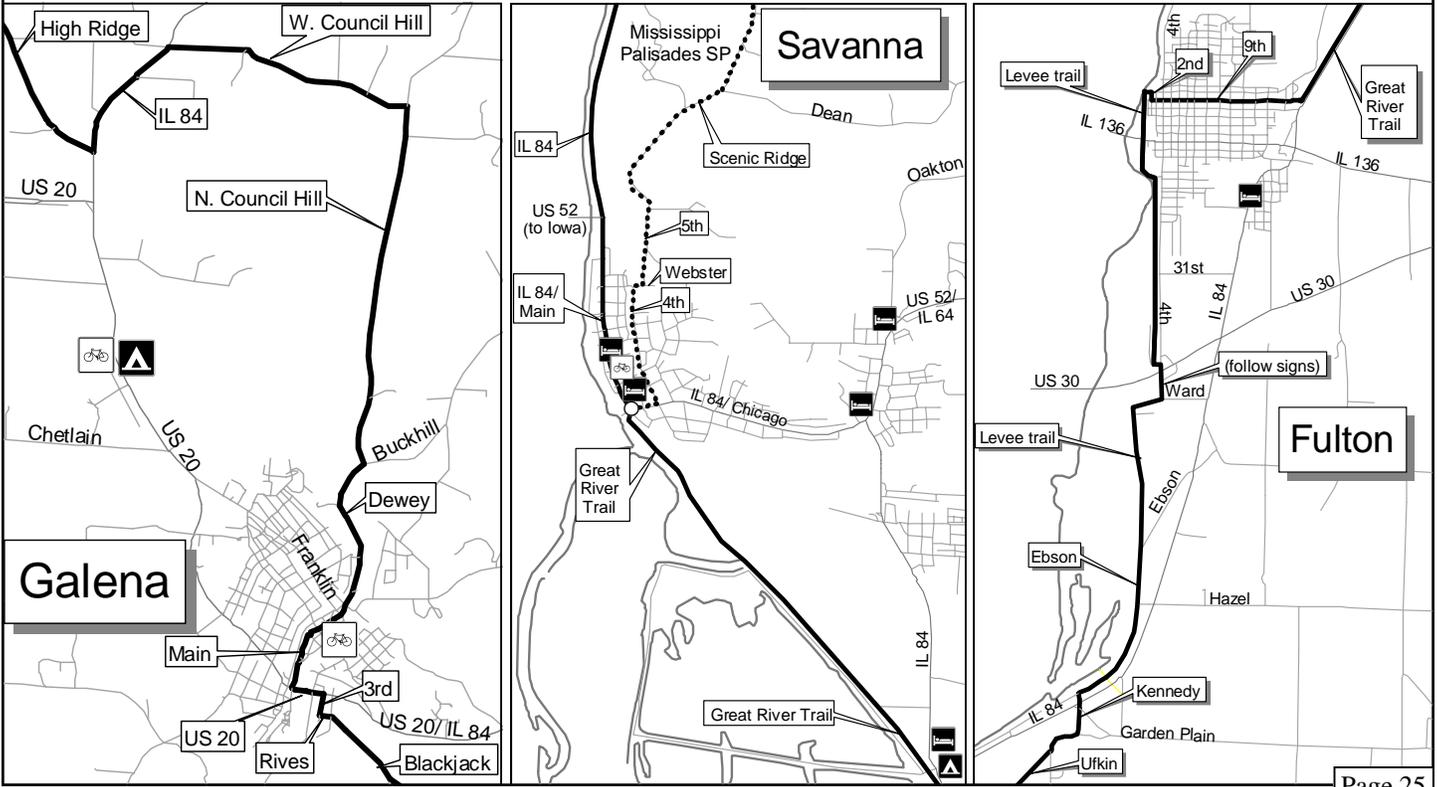
**Emergency Information:**

**Hospital:** Dial 911

**State Police:** Dist. 7, 800 Hillcrest Rd, East Moline, 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 Edgington and New Boston, about 30 miles, unless you go across the river to Muscatine, Iowa.*

# Detailed Inset Maps



## Cue Sheet - Savanna to Rock Island, 60 miles

Start: Savanna - Great River Trail & IL 84

Go Dir	On	Miles	Total
R 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	Meridosia 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

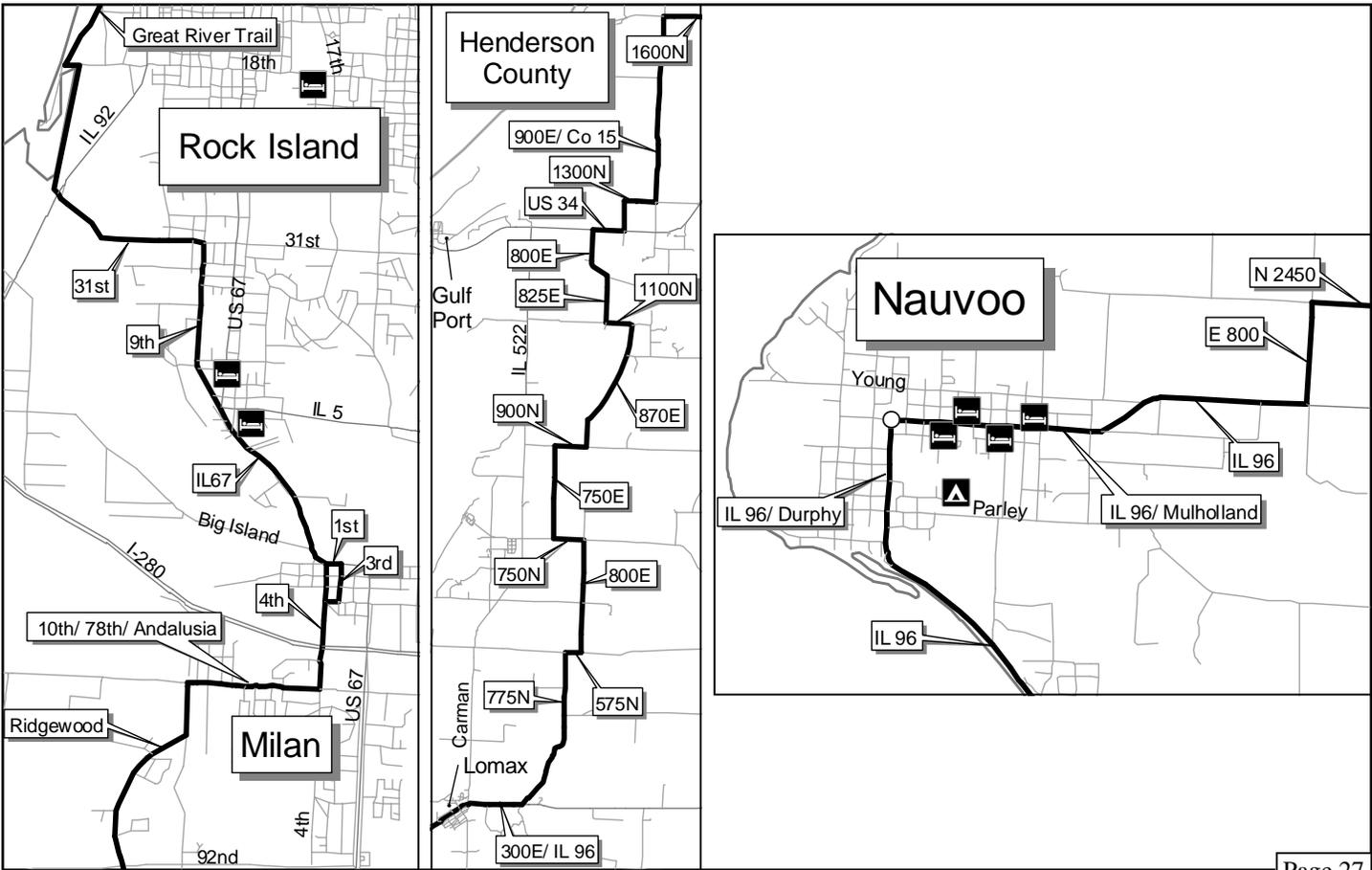
**Food:** Savanna (CS), Spring Lake (S), Thomson (CS), Fulton (CS), Albany (CS), Cordova (C), Port Byron (CS), Rapids City (CS), Hampton (CS), E. Moline (CS), Moline (CS), Rock Island (CS)

**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.*



**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 <b>Galena</b> - 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 - <b>Hanover</b> - 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 - <b>Savanna</b> .....	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

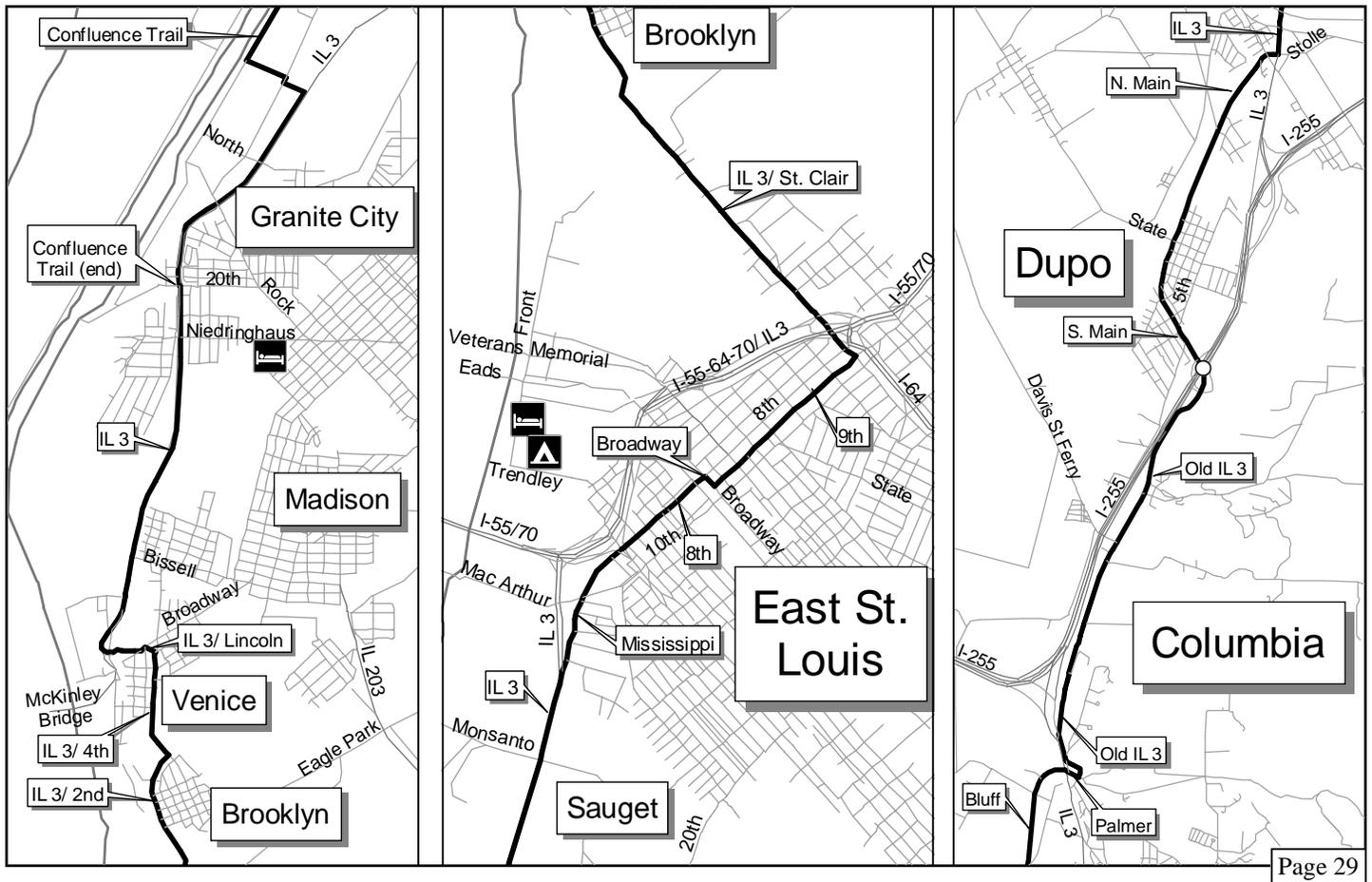
**Savanna:** Arnold's Bicycle Repair, 319 Main St, 815-273-7789

**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.*



## About This Guide

The Illinois' Mississippi River Trail User Guide was produced by the League of Illinois Bicyclists (LIB) 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 LIB. 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. Check [www.bikelib.org/mrt](http://www.bikelib.org/mrt) for the latest.



## 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. (Check [www.bikelib.org/mrt](http://www.bikelib.org/mrt) for south-to-north cue sheets, if needed.) 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.bikelib.org](http://www.bikelib.org)

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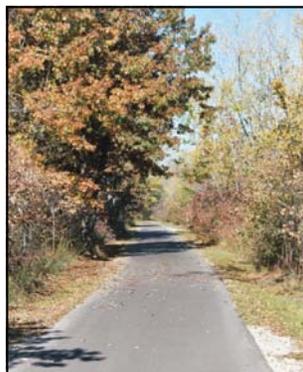
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# ***Illinois' Mississippi River Trail User Guide 2004***

*A touring guide for bicyclists and others*

*Explore Illinois' 585 miles of roadways and paths, towns and countryside, natural sights, history, and Midwestern living—  
all following America's greatest waterway*



## 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.



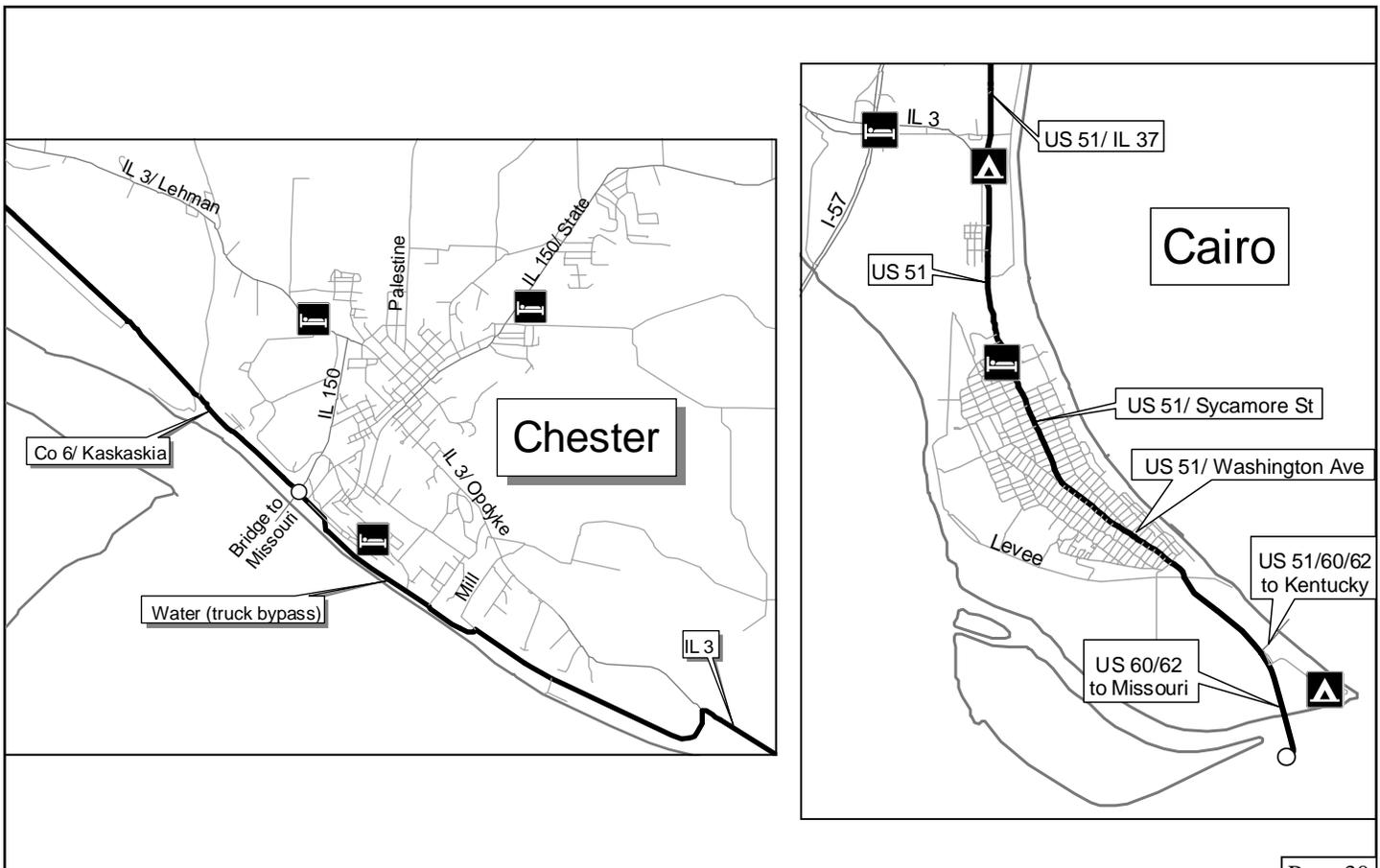
In Illinois, the MRT route traverses some of the state's most diverse landscapes. Steep bluff lands in the "unglaciated" northwest region around Galena provide picturesque scenic beauty amidst small towns and wooded areas. Beyond the industrial communities of Moline and Rock Island, the topography flattens 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 the League of Illinois Bicyclists. Check [www.mississippirivertrail.org](http://www.mississippirivertrail.org) — MRT Inc.'s website — for information about other states' routes and activities.



**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

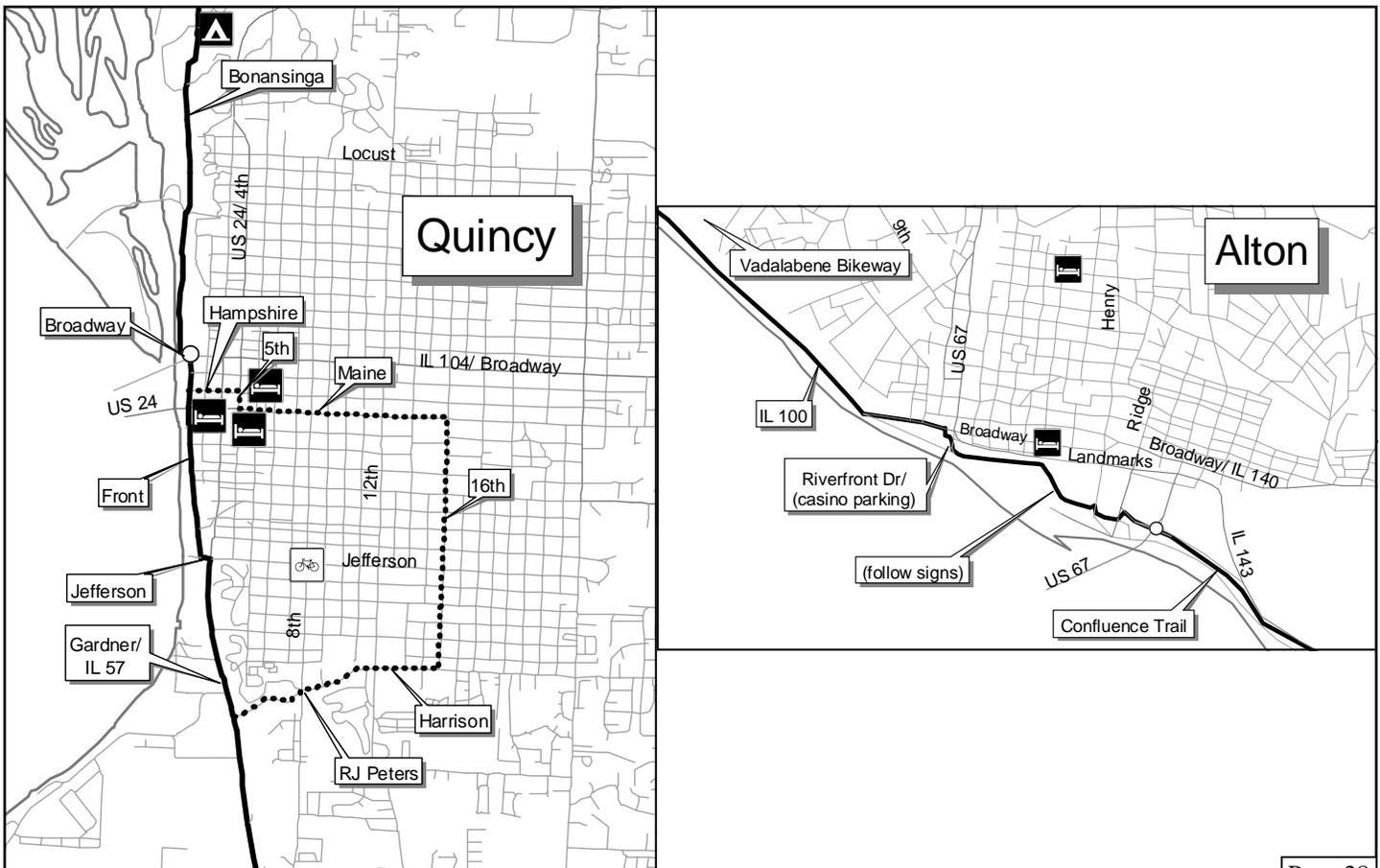
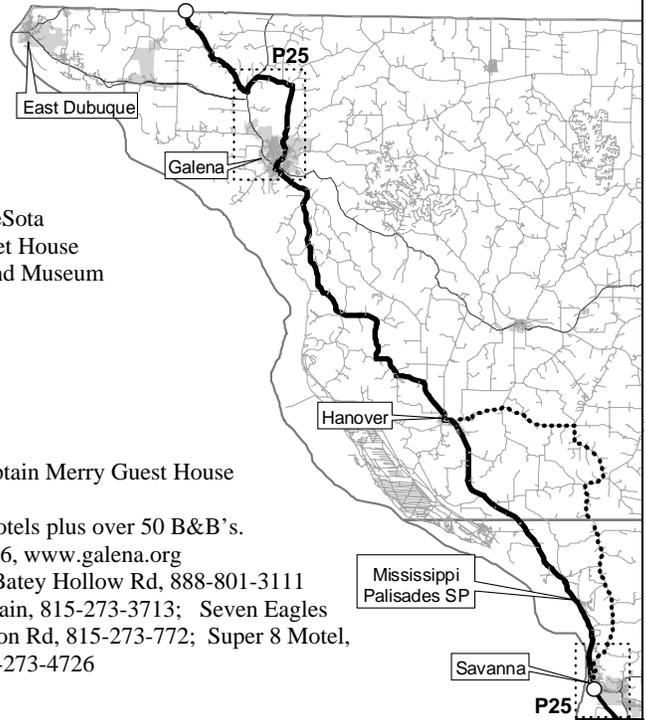
**Accommodations fairly close to the trail**

**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](http://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 – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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



**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, 1320-1<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> St, 309-764-1000; Super 8 Motel, 1191-19<sup>th</sup> St, 309-764-9644; Modernistic Motel, 242-46<sup>th</sup> St, 309-762-0721

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

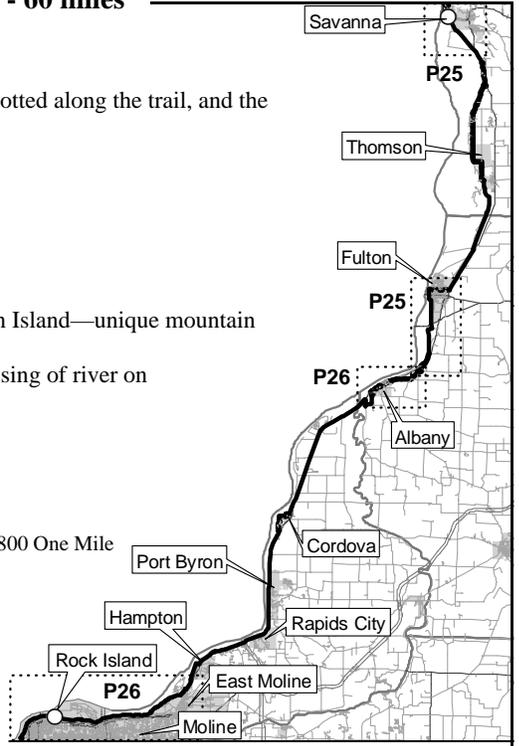
**Camping:**

**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



**Accommodations**



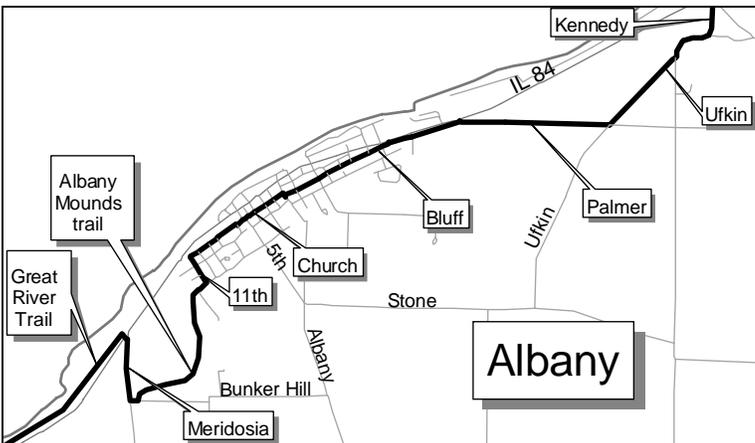
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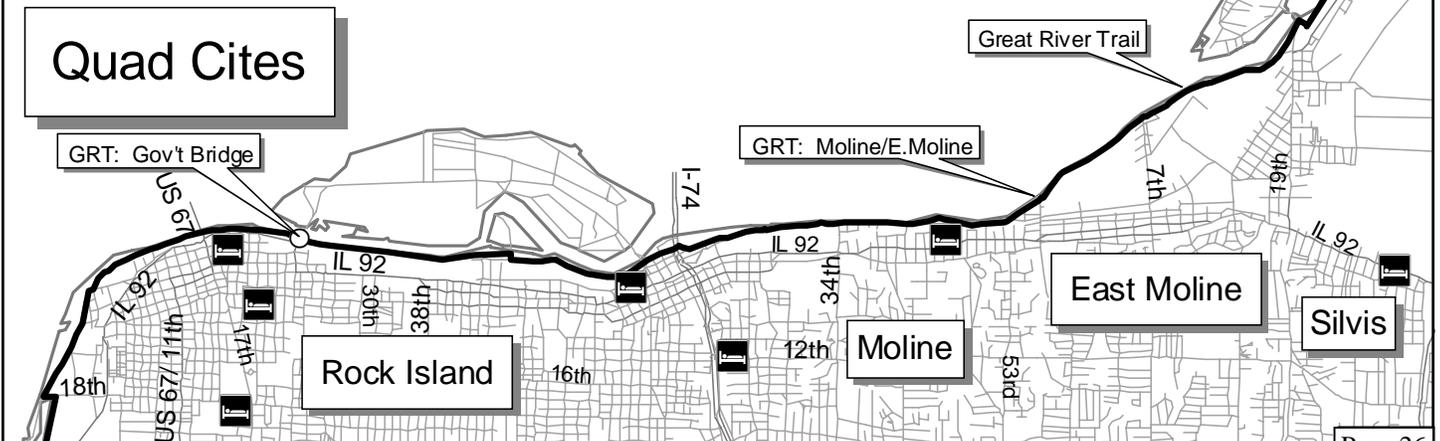
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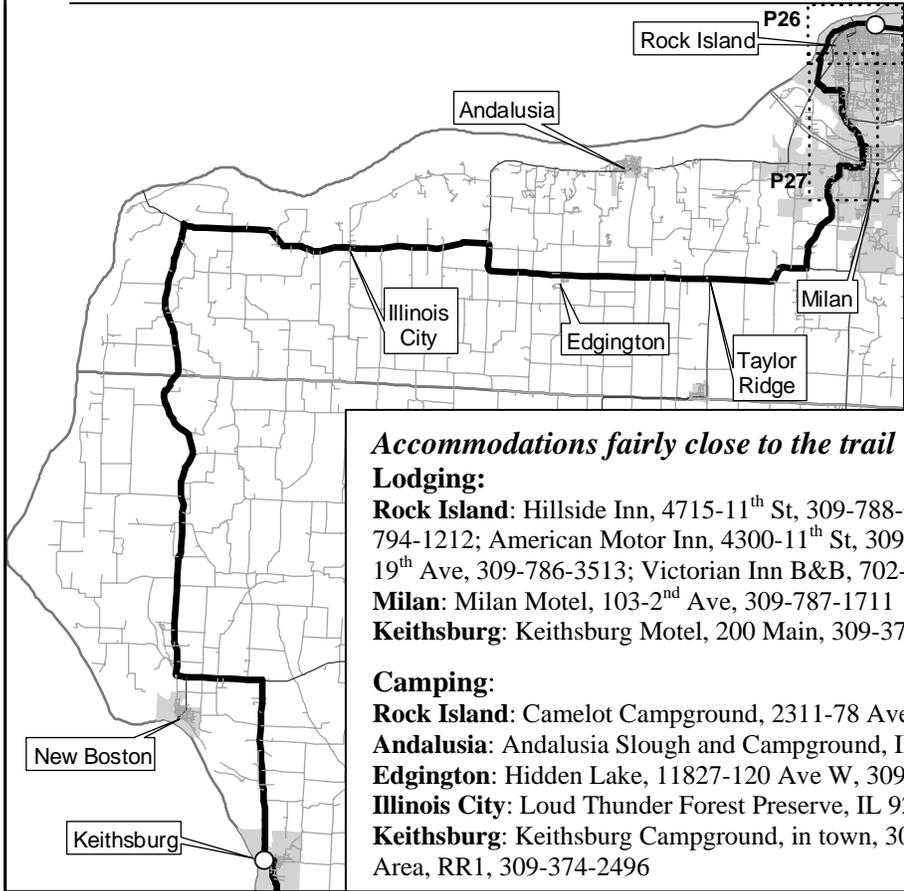


**Motel/Hotel**



**Quad Cites**





**Major Attractions**

- Rock Island** – The District, Arts and Entertainment site close to the River  
Bike friendly crossing of Mississippi River on Government Bridge  
Black Hawk State Historic Site – museum, lodge, and woods
- Illinois City** – Loud Thunder County Forest Preserve
- Andalusia** – Andalusia Slough Public Use Area
- New Boston** – Sturgeon Bay Park, Levi Willits House (ca 1856)

**Accommodations fairly close to the trail**

**Lodging:**

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

**Milan:** Milan Motel, 103-2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Edgington:** 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

**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 <b>Jonesboro</b> - F&D– moderate traffic....	2.5	11.2
R S	IL 127 - to <b>Tamms</b> - 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 - <b>Mounds</b> - 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- <b>Cairo</b> - 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.

**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

**State Police:** Dist. 22, I-57, Exit 18, Ullin, IL, 62992, 618-845-3737

*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.*

**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.

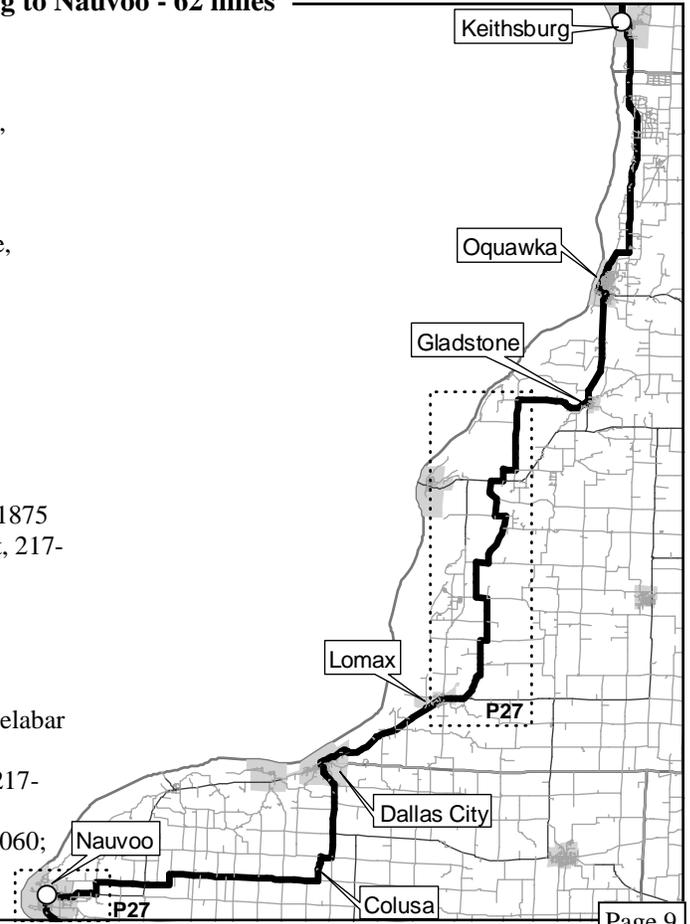
**Accommodations fairly close to the trail:**

**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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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



**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 - <b>Neunert</b> - F&D.....	3.1	23.4
R E	Gorham Rd.....	3.7	27.1
R SE	Gorham Rd - <b>Gorham</b> - 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 - <b>Grand Tower</b> - 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 - <b>Wolf Lake</b> - 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.*

**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:**

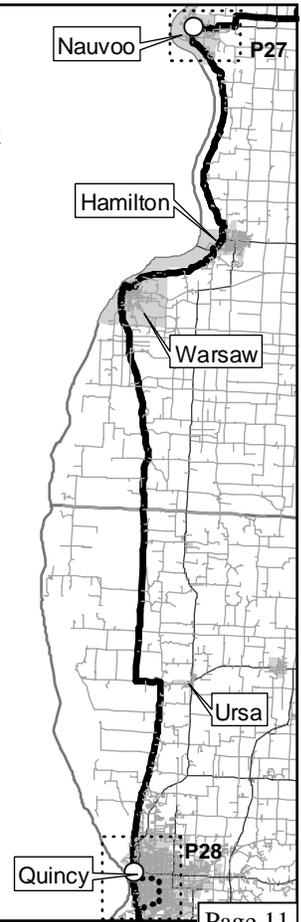
**Nauvoo:** Bonfire Retreat and Cabin Rentals, IL 96 south, 800-233-0060;

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



**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 - <b>Columbia</b> - 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 - <b>Valmeyer</b> - no services .....	0.3	18.6
R S	Bluff Rd/ Co 3 - to Co 7.....	6.4	25.0
* <b>Maestown</b> 2.5 miles east on Co 7 - F&D			
SE	Bluff Rd/ Co 3.....	13.0	38.0
R SW	IL 155/ Henry St - <b>Prairie du Rocher</b> - F&D.....	0.1	38.1
* For river ferry to Sainte Genevieve, MO, continue straight			
L SE	Market St/ Bluff Rd - to <b>Modoc</b> - 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 - <b>Ellis Grove</b> .....	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), Maestown (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

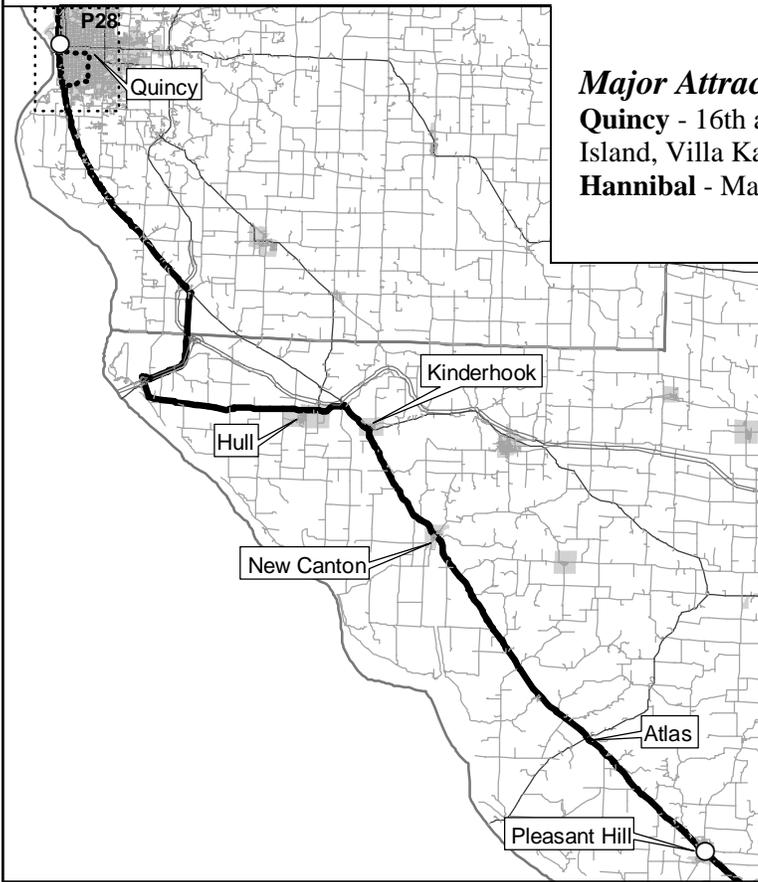
**O'Fallon:** Bicycle Zone (mobile repair), 618-632-1164

**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 Maestown. So bring two water bottles and an apple or two. The nationwide, east-west American Discovery Trail also uses the roads in this segment.*



**Major Attractions:**

**Quincy** - 16th and Maine architecture, museums, art center, Quinsippi 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

**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... ..	7.1	9.8
S	Confluence Trail to Chain of Rocks Bridge road.....	3.3	13.1
S	Confluence Tr to IL 3/ 20th St - <b>Granite City</b> - F&D..	5.1	18.2
S	IL 3 to McKinley Bridge road - heavy traffic.....	2.5	20.7
L E	IL 3 - <b>Venice</b> .....	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 - <b>East St. Louis</b> - F&D Caution: heavy to very heavy traffic.....	2.4	24.2
SE	St. Clair Ave (across interstate).....	0.3	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 - <b>Cahokia</b> - 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 - <b>Dupo</b> - F&D - moderate traffic... ..	2.8	34.4

Main St and I-255/ US 50 - **Dupo**

**Food:**

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

**Bicycle Repair:**

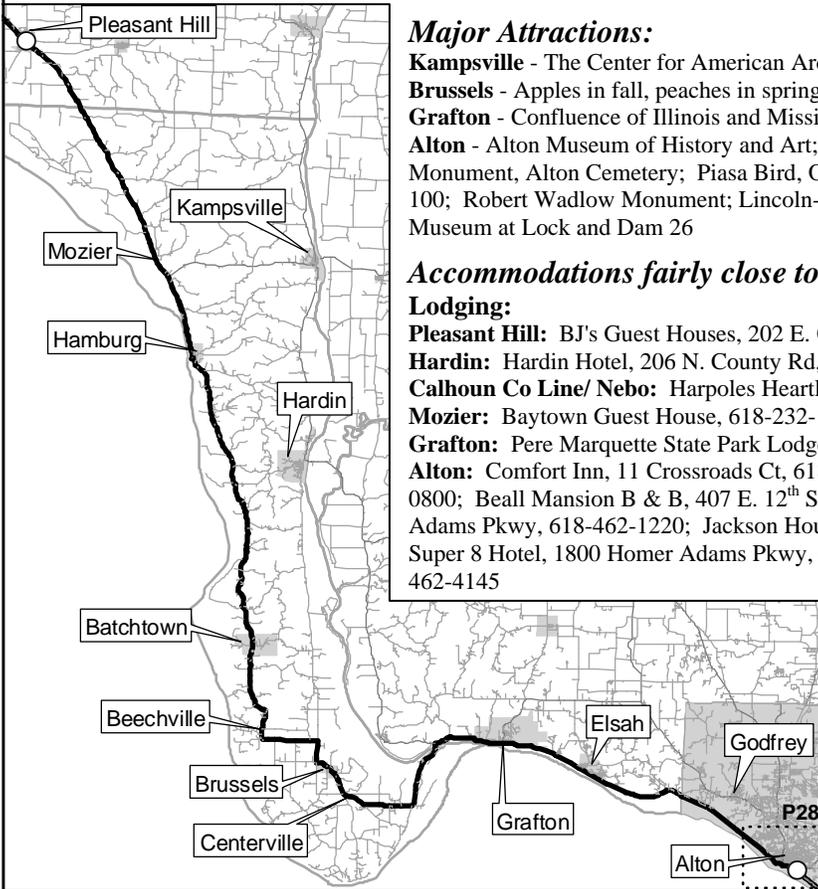
**Edwardsville:** The Cyclery, 244 S. Buchanan, 618-692-0070  
**Pontoon Beach:** Breese Bikes, 3809 Pontoon Rd, 618-797-0434  
**Fairview Heights:** Touring Cyclist, 101 Lanaghan Dr, 618-398-6800

**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.*

**Illinois' Mississippi River Trail Pleasant Hill to Alton - 69 miles**



**Major Attractions:**

**Kampsville** - 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. 12<sup>th</sup> 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  
**Kampsville:** City Hall Campground  
**Beechville:** Cedar Hill Restaurant Marina and RV Parking, Beech Landing Rd  
**Grafton:** Pere Marquette State Park Campground, 618-786-2331

**Cue Sheet - Pleasant Hill to Alton, 69 miles**

Start: **Pleasant Hill**—Quincy St and Main St

Go Dir	On	Miles	Total
S	IL 96 - <b>Mozier</b> - D.....	12.5	12.5
S	IL 96 to Co 2.....	0.9	13.4
S	Mississippi River Rd (unmarked) - <b>Hamburg</b> - F&D.....	3.4	16.8
S	Mississippi River Rd - <b>Gilead</b> .....	9.2	26.0
S	Mississippi River Rd - <b>Batchtown</b> - F&D.....	5.2	31.2
S	Mississippi River Rd - <b>Beechville</b> - F&D.....	4.8	36.0
S	Mississippi River Rd .....	0.2	36.2
L	E Schleeper Rd.....	2.6	38.8
R	S Illinois River Rd.....	1.0	39.8
L	E/SE Prosker Ln/ Main St - <b>Brussels</b> - F&D.....	0.7	40.5
	SE Main St/Co 1/Illinois River Rd - <b>Centerville</b> - 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 - <b>Grafton</b> - F&D.....	3.0	52.4
SE	Sam Vadalabene Bikeway/ IL 100 - <b>Elsah</b> .....	4.5	56.9
SE	Sam Vadalabene Bikeway/ IL 100		
	Piasa Bird Painting parking.....	10.1	68.0
SE	IL 100 - <b>Alton</b> - F&D.....	1.5	69.5
IL 100/ Broadway and Riverfront Dr (casino parking) - <b>Alton</b>			

**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

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*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.*