

A 29.5 mile long biking,
hiking and nature trail
between Rockford and
Freeport, Illinois



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City of Freeport
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Phone: (815) 235-8200

Freeport Park District
www.freeportparkdistrict.org
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www.rockfordparkdistrict.org
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Stephenson County
www.co.stephenson.il.us
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Winnebago County
www.wincolli.us
Phone: (815) 319-4225

Etiquette & Safety

Trail Use: Permitted users: hikers, bicyclists, cross country skiers, motorized wheelchairs operated by people with disabilities. The trail is open year-around. Not Permitted: horses, snowmobiles*, ATV's, motorcycles or any other motorized vehicles, hunting. *Snowmobiles are allowed only to cross US 20 at the Sherman Underpass located approximately 3 miles East of the village of Pecatonica by Hoisington Road. All pets must be on a leash, pet clean up is required.

Trail Highlights:

- 10 foot wide & level grade with crushed limestone surface
- 10 foot asphalt surface in the villages of Pecatonica and Winnebago, in Sumner Park and across the Sherman Underpass
- 32 bridge structures of various types
- Wetlands, remnant prairies and scenic meadows



If in Winnebago County, call (815) 985-8311 or (815) 985-8635.
If in Stephenson County, call (800) 369-2955.
In an emergency call 911.

Restroom Facilities: At Sumner Park on the west limits of Village of Pecatonica.

Parking And Access: At Trailheads in the villages of Pecatonica and Winnebago. Local Streets must abide by local parking laws. To report maintenance or safety problems, please contact us at www.pecatonicaprairie trail.com.

For Lodging

Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
(815) 963-8111
www.gorockford.com

Freeport/Stephenson County Convention & Visitors Bureau
(800) 369-2955
www.stephenson-county-il.org



Find Fun... Find Adventure!

The Pecatonica Prairie Trail is a 29.5 mile non-motorized trail (bicycle / pedestrian / cross country skiing) between the cities of Freeport and Rockford in Northwest Illinois. It is the longest single segment of the northern portion of the Grand Illinois Trail that ultimately will link the Mississippi River with Lake Michigan. Trail improvements have recently been completed from Meridian Road to the Winnebago / Stephenson county line through the Village of Winnebago and Pecatonica. The Trail section in Stephenson County to Freeport and the Trail section from Meridian Road to Liberty Park in Rockford are currently under development.

The trail provides not only a fantastic recreational resource for local residents, but also a functional, safe and scenic transportation alternative connecting the cities of Freeport and Rockford while passing through the villages of Pecatonica, Winnebago and Ridott. No admission fee is required.

The Pecatonica River and several streams meander along the length of the trail. In rural areas the trail travels through farmland, woods, remnant prairies, wetlands and scenic meadows. In urban areas it runs along residential, commercial and industrial sites.



Area Attractions

For more detailed visitor information:

Freeport/Stephenson County Convention & Visitors Bureau
(800) 369-2955 | www.stephenson-county-il.org
Visitors Center - 4596 US Highway 20 East, Freeport

Winnebago Chamber of Commerce
(815) 335-2020 | www.winnebagochamber.net

Village of Pecatonica
(815) 239-2310 | www.villageofpecatonica.com

Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
(815) 963-8111 | www.gorockford.com

Bike Repair

The Bicycle Hub
418 Main Street
Pecatonica, IL
(779) 770-6411

Freeport Bicycle Co.
120 S. Chicago Avenue
Freeport, IL
(815) 235-2014



Food & Beverage

Freeport

Freeport offers restaurants from fast food to fine dining as well as numerous grocery stores, gas stations and convenience stores. A detailed listing is available from the Visitors Bureau.

Winnebago

The historic downtown area has inviting shops, several types of services, and excellent restaurants. The commerce area known as Winnebago Corners, at the intersection of U.S. Highway 20 & Eilda Street, has several restaurants, a clinic, a large

grocery store, pharmacy, a hardware store, several banks and gas stations.

Pecatonica

Several restaurants, retailing shops, antiques, gift stores, gas stations, grocery store, banks, artist galleries, the Pec Playhouse theater, the Pecatonica Heritage Museum and other commerce are located in a traditional "turn of the century" Main Street setting. Historic Victorian homes and buildings complement the traditional values of the community.

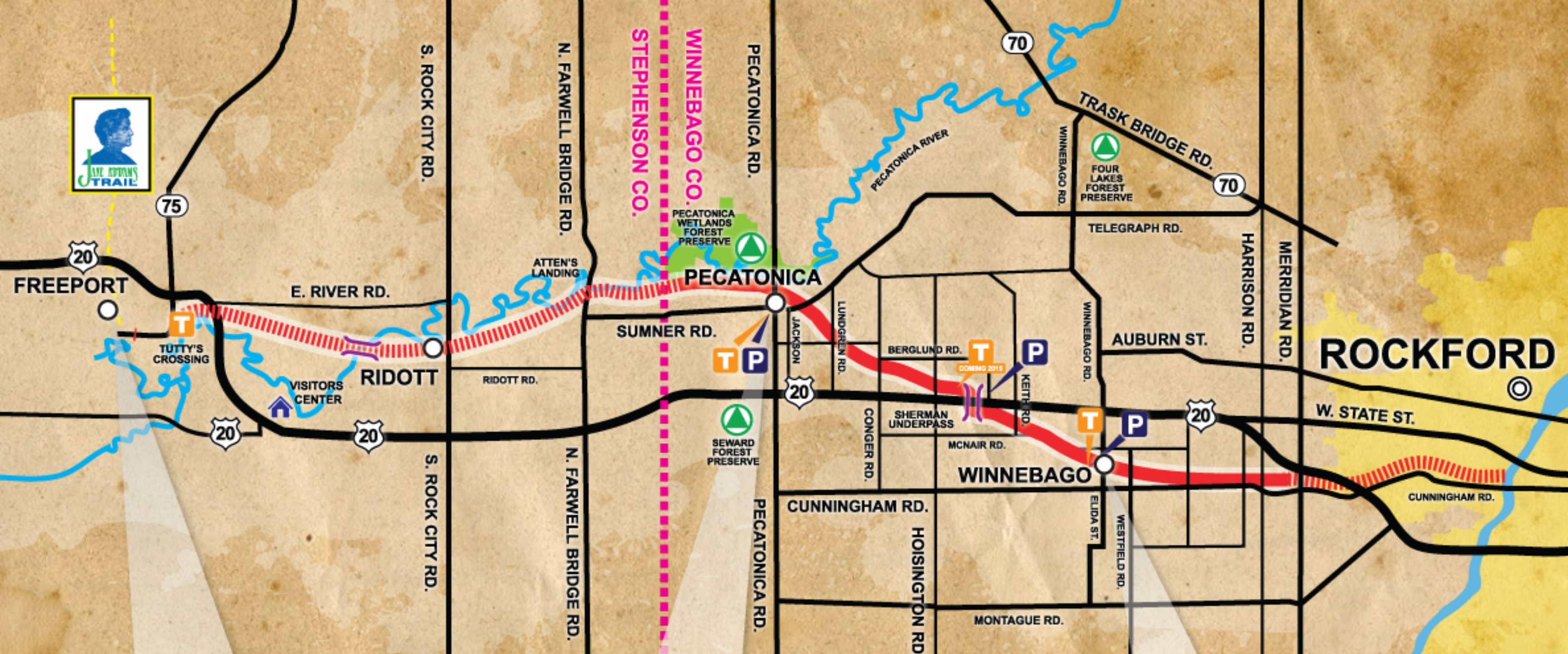
Ridott

Ridott Corners Tavern
1862 S. Rock City Road
(815) 235-2451

Rockford













Whether your tastes are simple, sophisticated or somewhere in between, with over 250 restaurants unique to Rockford. Real. Original. Rockford has something for every palate.





Pecatonica Prairie Trail



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|  | TRAILHEAD |  | VISITORS CENTER |  | RIVER |
|  | PARKING |  | FOREST PRESERVE |  | PRAIRIE TRAIL |
|  | BOAT RAMP |  | BRIDGE / UNDER PASS |  | PATH UNDER DEVELOPMENT |
|  | ROAD |  | COUNTY LINE |  <i>Legend</i> | |