

**MetroBikeLink Trail Fairview Heights to Eckert's and return.** JSW 3/21/2022

To get to the Fairview Heights Metrolink station, take I-255 or I-64 to Illinois.

If you take I-255, exit to I-64 **east** towards Louisville for about a mile.

Take I-64 exit 9 to Hwy 157 Caseyville

Turn **Right** onto Hwy 157 (should see a Cracker Barrel Restaurant).

Go about 1 mile and turn **Right** towards Fairview Hgts/St. Clair Ave.

Turn **Left** the T-intersection at the bottom of the ramp towards Hwy 161.

Make the first **Right** into the parking lot.

Meet in Row F at the back of the lot.

*Of course you could always use the Metrolink to get there for \$2.50 each way.*

The Address is **9720 IL-161, Fairview Heights, IL 62208**

No bathrooms near the Metrolink station. Might want to stop in at one of the restaurants or gas stations on Hwy 157.

This route has some hills that are up to 8% grade.

Be careful at the many road crossings as some have limited sight lines.

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| 0.0       | L | Head east.                                      | 10.3 | R | Towards school after pond.                                                                 |
| 3.5       |   | Cross tracks at Memorial MetroLink station.     |      |   | <u>Follow trail markings</u>                                                               |
| 5.7       | S | Swansea Station.                                | 10.7 |   | Watch for a green alien.                                                                   |
| 6.1       |   | Bathroom off right side of trail.               | 11.7 | R | At the Y in road                                                                           |
| 7.0       | S | Belleville Station.                             | 12.0 |   | End of trail                                                                               |
| 7.3 - 7.6 |   | Caution bad intersections                       | 12.3 | L | Eckert's restaurant, store, and custard shop open at 11am.                                 |
| 8.6       | R | Orchard Loop Trail near school bus parking lot. |      |   | <u>Return opposite direction.</u>                                                          |
| 8.7       | R | Onto road.                                      | 15.8 | L | MetroBikeLink trail.                                                                       |
| 8 9       | R | Onto bike trail                                 |      |   | If you want more miles, turn and go out towards Shiloh-Scott AFB Station then turn around. |
| 9.0       | L | Across Hwy 177 danger.                          |      |   | Warning: There is an extremely rough section through some woods.                           |
| 9.1       | R | Towards church                                  |      |   |                                                                                            |
| 9.9       | L | Trail merges with road.                         | 24.4 |   | End.                                                                                       |
| 10.0      | L | Back onto trail.                                |      |   |                                                                                            |