

MetroBikeLink Trail Fairview Heights to Scott Field Heritage Air Park and return. JSW 5/27/2022

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 at the Metrolink station. Might want to stop in a restaurant or gas station on Hwy 157.

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

Many of the road crossings have limited sight lines so be prepared to make a full stop.

0.0	L	Head east.	
3.5		Cross tracks at Memorial MetroLink station.	<u>Eckert's Option for 7.4 more miles.</u>
5.7	S	Swansea Station.	At 8.6 miles on the way out or 23.2 miles on the way back.
6.1		Bathroom off right side of trail.	<u>Orchard Loop Trail</u>
7.0	S	Belleville Station.	0.1 R Onto road.
7.3 - 7.6		Bad intersections!	0.3 R Onto bike trail
9.9	BL	After tunnel (<u>Rough surface for 500 yards</u>)	0.4 L Across Hwy 177 danger.
10.3	R	Toward college	0.5 R Towards church
10.6		Porta-potties!	1.3 L Trail merges with road.
10.8	BR	towards overpass	1.4 L Back onto trail.
12.7	L	after bridge	1.7 R Towards school after pond.
12.9	R	after crossing RR tracks.	<u>Follow trail markings</u>
14.3	L	at end of trail. Follow road out of parking lot.	2.1 Watch for a green alien.
14.6	R	2-lane road before stop light. Rough surfaces.	3.1 R At the Y in road
15.2	R	Siebert Rd (4-lane highway with wide shoulders).	3.4 End of trail
15.9	X	highway to Scott Field Heritage Air Park	3.7 L Eckert's restaurant and store open at 11am.

Return opposite direction and pick up MetroBikeLink Trail.

Across the street are places to eat like the WIT Café.

Return opposite direction.

31.8 End.