



Monday, April 11, 2016
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Hooker Conference Room, Bloomington City Hall
AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Introductions
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. March 7, 2016
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Communications from Commission Members
- V. Reports from Staff
 - a. Brentwood, TN BFC Tour May 14th
 - b. BP Coordinator Update
 - c. Engineering Update
 - i. ADA Ramps
 - ii. 4th and Rogers Project
 - iii. Council Sidewalk Committee
<http://bloomington.in.gov/media/media/application/pdf/25863.pdf>
 - iv. 3rd and Clarizz
- VI. Old Business - none
- VII. New Business
 - a. Bike Month Activities
 - b. B-Line Trail Crossings Discussion
 - c. US Bike Route (tentative)
- VIII. Topic suggestions for future agendas
- IX. Upcoming Meetings/Events
- X. Adjourn

**Action requested*

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MINUTES

Minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. An audio recording of the meeting is available upon request.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS – 5:30 P.M.

Members present: Paul Ash, Kay Bull, Jaclyn Ray, Mitch Rice, and Mark Stosberg

Staff: Scott Robinson – Planning & Transportation and Neil Kopper – Planning & Transportation

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Paul Ash motioned approval, Kay Bull seconded to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2016 meeting. *Motion passed.*

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS – Kay Bull mentioned that bike parking right next to the main entrance of City Hall would be very convenient. Mitch Rice said he is concerned about the B-Line crossings and the confusion over rules and behavior. There are different signs, sight differences, and other factors to consider. He would like to the commission to help clarify the issue over rules, safe behavior, and find better ways to communicate this message. We don't want anyone to get hurt. Likewise on Farmers' Market days bicyclists should ride slowly along the B-line. Kay Bull said an all way stop would be safe and Paul Ash thought this was the case for the Monon Trail.

V. REPORTS FROM STAFF

a. **Brentwood, TN BFC Tour** – Scott Robinson explained a group from Brentwood will be visiting Bloomington. They are submitting a report to make their own town more bicycle friendly and want to learn what is successful here. He asked for volunteers to host a local tour for their visit. Several members showed interest.

b. Engineering Update

i. **Winslow Road and Henderson Street** – Neil Kopper explained that the Redevelopment Commission has approved the concept to accelerate portions of proposed sidepath facilities along Winslow Road and Henderson Street by funding it locally rather than use federal funds through the BMCMPPO. Intersection improvements for Winslow Road and Walnut Street Pike will also be considered. These phases are expected to be completed in 2017 – much sooner than originally proposed. Once a design contract is approved, staff will provide on-going updates as well as opportunities for public involvement.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **BikeLife Magazine Update** – Scott Robinson said he continues to vet the concept internally. Initial indications are positive and staff will continue to explore other partners to help fund this initiative. Jaelyn said they have interest from Visit Bloomington and Indiana University. She is scheduling meetings with other area agencies.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Neighborhood Traffic Calming Discussion** - Scott Robinson said the packet contains the relevant local code, Title 15, for traffic calming, the program, as well as recommendations from a City Council subcommittee. He explained the recent history of the dated program and it is in need of updating. The department is currently working with several neighborhoods on traffic calming, but we are not technically following the program. The old program is a long and cumbersome process. It is a lot to ask of residents. Staff has been looking at revamping the program, but wanted feedback from the Commission. Jaelyn Ray said it would be nice to see a list of requests at some point in time and sees a role for the Commission to provide input. Mitch Rice asked the Commission to review the materials in more detail so we can provide more feedback at a future meeting.

VIII. TOPIC SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – Neighborhood Traffic Calming and B-Line Trail Crossings.

IX. Upcoming Meetings/Events

X. Adjourn – 6:35 P.M.



BLOOMINGTON BIKES MONTH



CELEBRATE BLOOMINGTON'S GOLD LEVEL BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY STATUS.
TAKE PART IN BLOOMINGTON'S EFFORT TO ELEVATE OUR BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY STATUS FROM GOLD TO PLATINUM!

Bloomington Bikes Month in May is a great time to ride!

BICYCLE COMMUTING 101

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 ● 2-6 P.M. ● REGISTER BY 4/28.
SATURDAY, MAY 14 ● 2-6 P.M. ● REGISTER BY 5/12.
FREE ● FOR AGES 16 YRS. AND UP.

CITY HALL

Are you ready to give bicycle commuting a try? In this free course you'll learn what it takes to become your own internal combustion engine. See which bikes, equipment, and clothing can get you where you need to go while you enjoy the ride. To register, contact Anna Dragovich at dragovia@bloomington.in.gov or 349-3530.

LEARN TO RIDE



TUE.-WED.-THU., MAY 3-5 ● 4:30-5:30 P.M. ● REGISTER BY 4/29. ● 47504-A
TUE.-WED.-THU., MAY 10-12 ● 5:30-6:30 P.M. ● REGISTER BY 5/6. ● 47504-B
\$35/IN-CITY, \$40/NON-CITY ● FOR AGES 7-11 YRS. W/PARENT.
SHERWOOD OAKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 2700 E. ROGERS RD.—

SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PARKING LOT

Spend the entire summer cruising on your bicycle after this Bloomington Bikes Month class. Beginning bike riders learn how to confidently and safely ride their bikes through individual instruction, and also learn about bike maintenance, road safety, and proper bike and helmet fittings. Each participant receives a free bike helmet and must bring a bicycle without training wheels. Parents are encouraged to participate, and must remain on site.

WOMEN'S RIDE

THURSDAY, MAY 5 ● 5:30-6:30 P.M. ● FREE ● FOR AGES 16 YRS. AND UP.
SHOWERS PLAZA

Women of Bloomington: Tour town with some new riding buddies! Meet at the Bloomington Banquet sculpture on the B-Line Trail next to City Hall.

NATIONAL BIKE TO WORK DAY

FRIDAY, MAY 20 ● REGISTER BY 5/19.
FREE ● FOR AGES 16 YRS. AND UP.

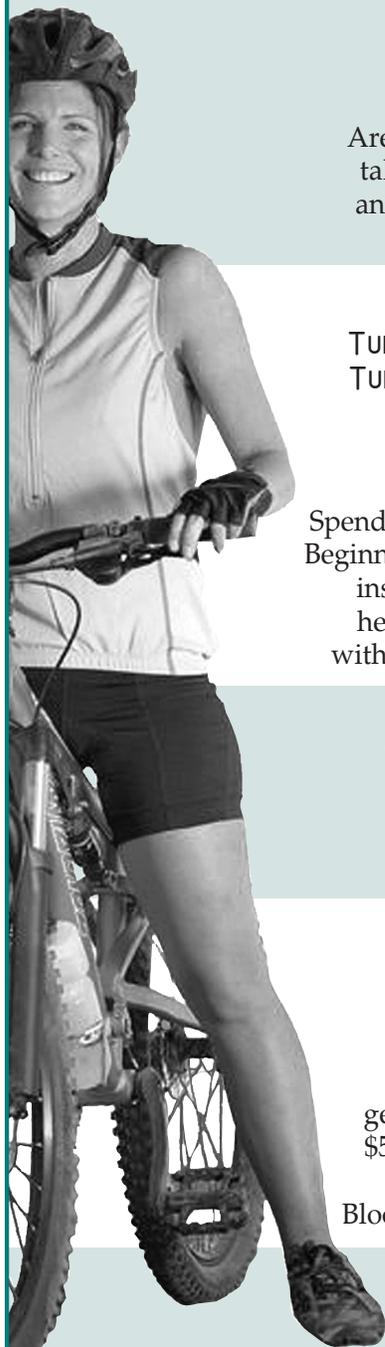
Riding your bike to work these days makes more sense than ever. Get fit, save money, and reduce your carbon footprint while having fun and getting energized for your day. Registered riders will be entered into a drawing for \$50 gift certificates from Bikesmiths, Bicycle Garage and Revolution Bike and Bean. All riders will be rewarded with a free bagel and drink from any of the three Bloomington Bagel Co. shops. Register online at bloomington.in.gov/biketoworkday.

BIKE RODEO

SATURDAY, MAY 21 ● 10 A.M.-NOON ● FREE
FOR AGES 4-12 YRS. W/PARENT.

PARKING LOT ON ROGERS AND 10TH STREETS (BY THE B-LINE TRAIL)

The Bike Rodeo is a free, family-oriented event that both entertains and educates children on cycling safety and the importance of wearing bike helmets. Participants can bike through an obstacle course, enjoy healthy snacks, and learn something new! Please bring your own bike. A few bikes will be available for use in the Rodeo.



10 Fast Facts



1. The U.S. Bicycle Route System (USBRS) is a developing network of officially numbered interstate bicycle routes that connect America's cities, suburbs, and rural areas.
2. The National Corridor Plan is a corridor-level plan for the development of future U.S. Bicycle Routes.
3. Corridors are not routes, but 50-mile wide areas where routes may be developed, linking key destinations, urban centers, that take into account the natural landscape.
4. Corridors can be added, removed, or shifted by states as opportunities and interest develops.
5. U.S. Bicycle Routes are defined as routes that connect two or more states, a state and an international border, or other U.S. Bicycle Routes.
6. U.S. Bicycle Routes may be on roads or trails suitable for bicycle travel.
7. State departments of transportation (DOTs) apply for U.S. Bicycle Route numbered designation, and work in coordination with local agencies, organizations, and volunteers in planning and choosing routes.
8. U.S. Bicycle Routes are catalogued and designated by the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO), the lead non-profit organization supporting state DOTs.
9. U.S. Bicycle Routes will be designated with numbers and may be mapped and signed.
10. Projects to help create U.S. Bicycle Routes can be supported through federal, state, and private funds.

For more information or to get involved, please contact usbinfo@adventurecycling.org.



The goal of The United States Bicycle Route System is to connect America through a network of numbered interstate bicycle routes.

NATIONAL CORRIDOR PLAN

October 2015

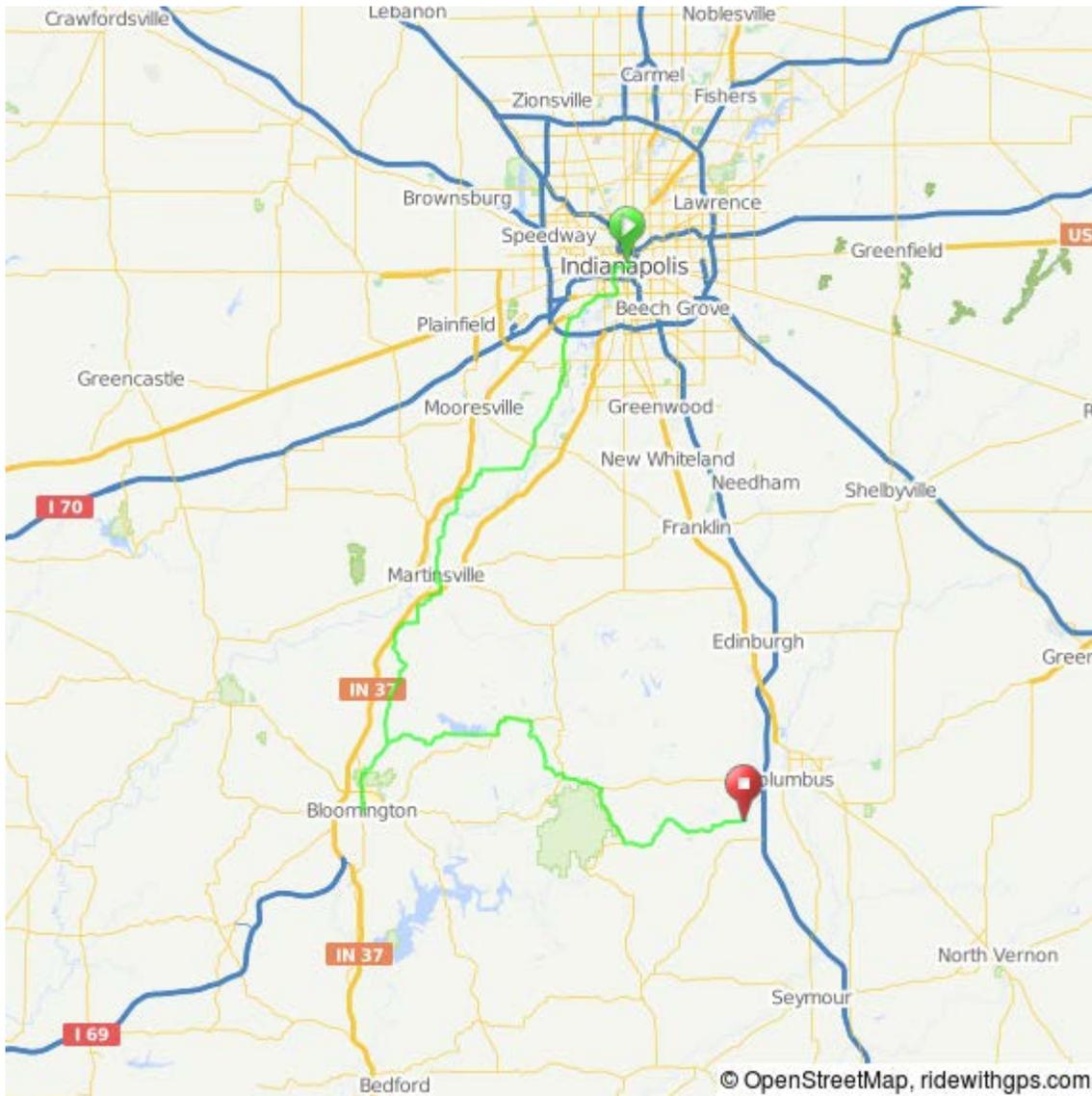


DESIGNATED U.S. BICYCLE ROUTE

Established U.S. Bicycle Route designated by AASHTO.

UNDEVELOPED CORRIDOR

These corridors are not routes, but 50-mile wide areas where a route may be developed.



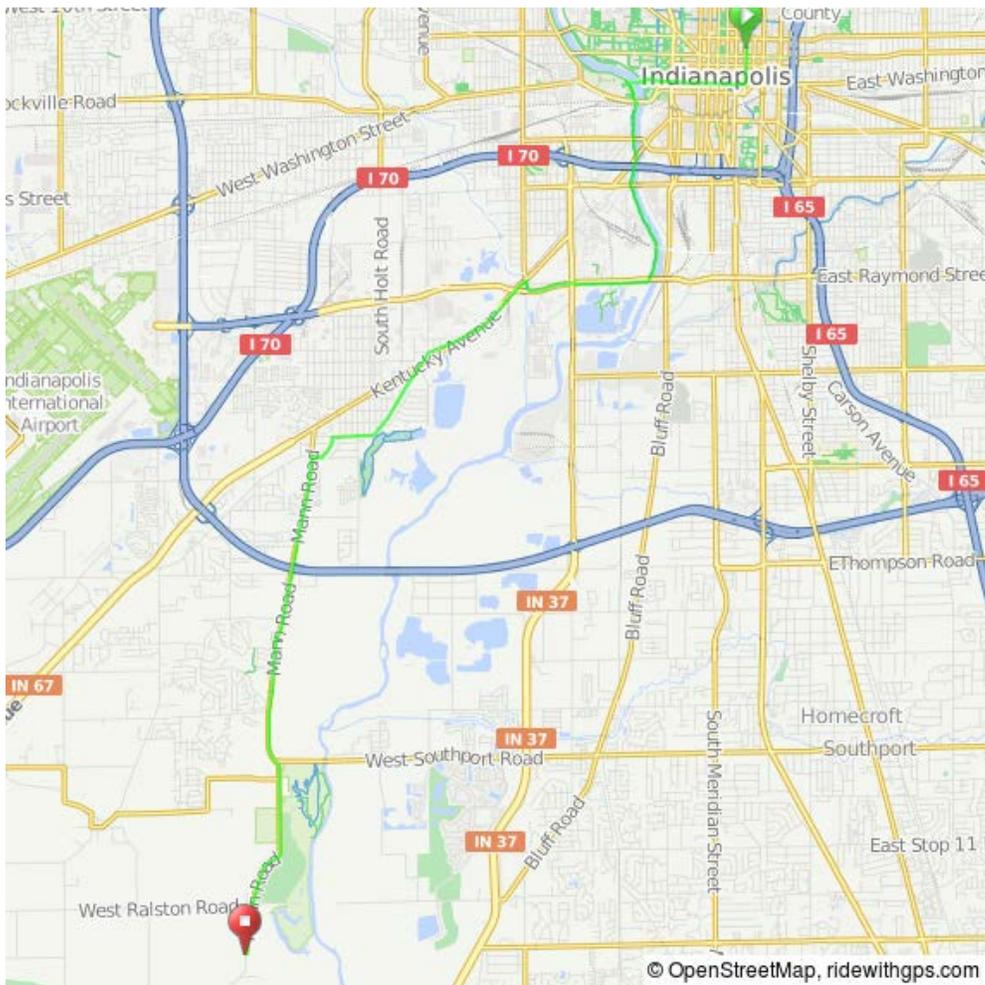
USB 235 SPUR INDIANAPOLIS TO COLUMBUS

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/12095419>

USB 235 is a proposed corridor and spur of USB 35 linking important scenic and tourist areas of Indiana that include the cities of Indianapolis, Martinsville, Bloomington, Nashville, and Columbus.

This 103.4 mile spur leaves USB 35 in downtown Indianapolis and follows many designated bicycle trails and bicycle routes. Leaving Marion County it travels south and west on primary country roads and into cities of Brooklyn and Martinsville. INDOT has assured that Mann Rd – Centenary Rd will remain continuous on all I-69 Section 6 plans. South of Martinsville it stays east of I-69 and utilizes a new I-69 access road from Liberty Church Rd to the present Old 37. The route continues on Old 37 through Monroe County into Bloomington onto College Avenue at Miller- Showers Park to the courthouse and back north on Walnut St, duplicating the southern route but then turn east on Robinson Rd toward Nashville. This duplication is to showcase Monroe County's Bicycle Byway from Griffey Lake to Lake Lemon. In Brown County the route takes IN-45 but enters Nashville the back way on Helmsburg Rd. Continuing east on a wide shoulder of IN-46 past Brown County State Park and around it on IN-135, and then the last leg is primarily Bellsville Pike to the end in Bartholomew County at S 400 W southwest of Columbus where it links back with USB 35, Columbus to the north and terminates at Jeffersonville to the south..

This suggested route has been broken down into individual counties and cities for a more specific southbound and eastbound narrative to the appropriate government entities.

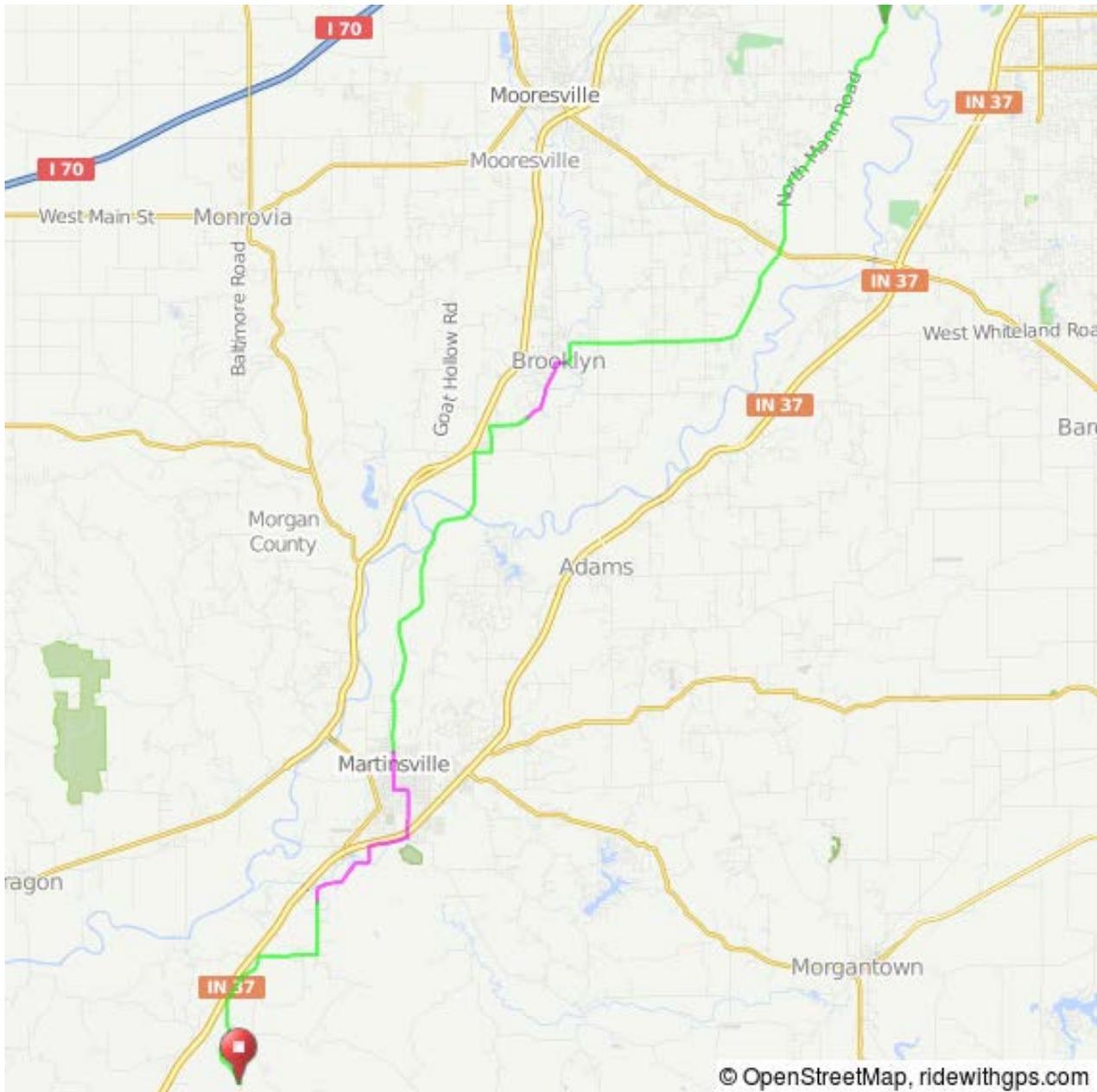


INDIANAPOLIS - MARION COUNTY 14.1 miles <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/12111339>

USBR 235 leaves USBR 35 at Alabama St and Massachusetts Ave on the critically acclaimed Indianapolis Cultural Trail. Heading south on Alabama St, the Indy Bike Garage bike shop will be on the right before turning west on the trail alongside Washington St. At Meridian on the right is Monument Circle and the Indiana State Soldiers and Sailors Monument, the first in the United States to be dedicated to the common soldier. Since its public dedication in 1902, the monument has become an iconic symbol of Indianapolis.

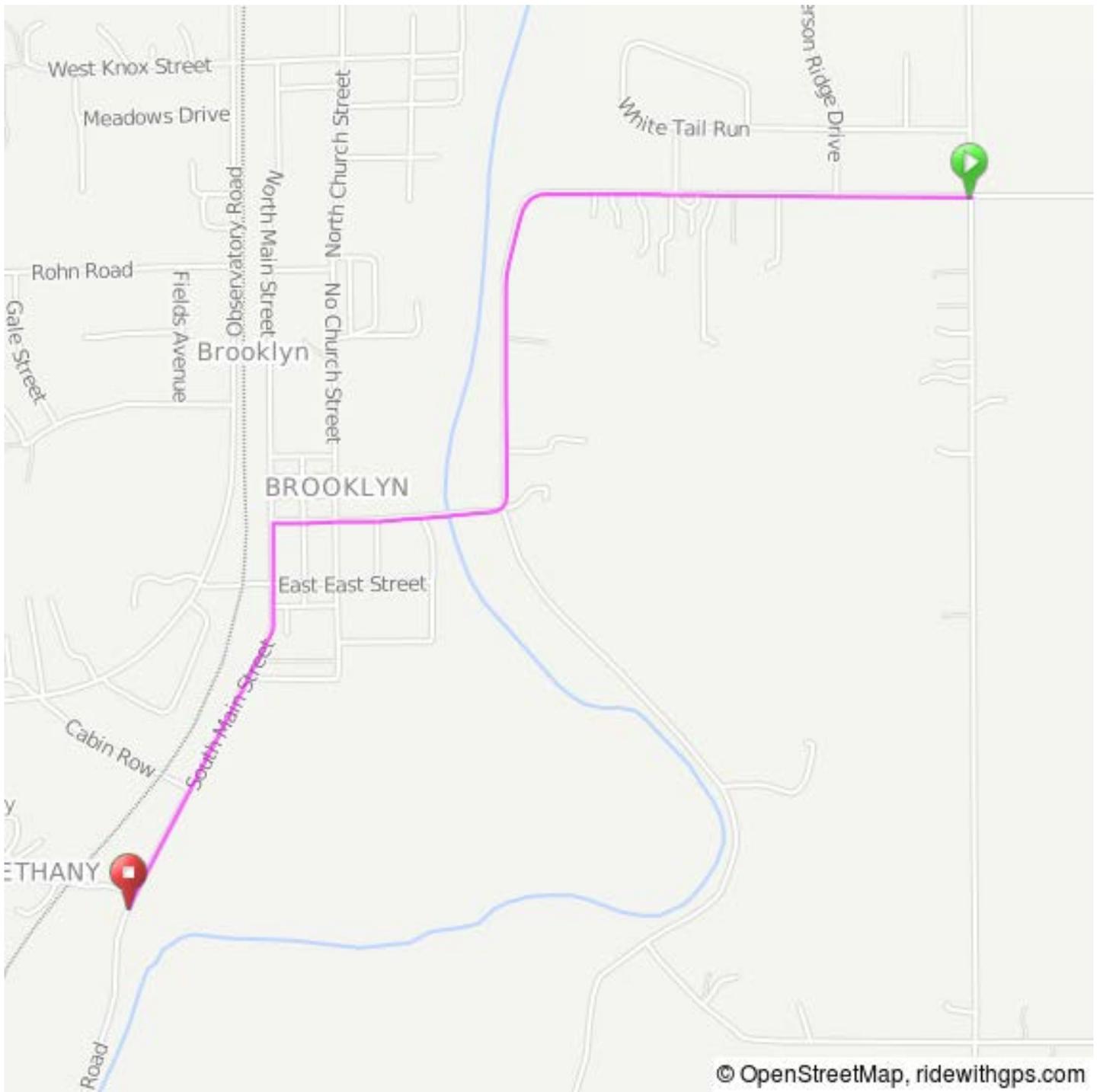
USBR 235 continues west passing by the Indiana State Capitol and into the White River State Park with its many museums and the Indianapolis Zoo where it becomes the White River Trail. There are also many hotels and eating establishments nearby.

After crossing over the White River, USBR 235 then travels south on the White River Trail along the west side of the White River, and then goes west along Raymond St. It becomes Eagle Creek Greenway at the busy intersection of Raymond St and Harding St with traffic lights and crosswalks. The World Headquarters of Eli Lilly is nearby. The Eagle Creek Greenway turns northwest and abruptly ends. *Assuming that Indianapolis is planning extend the greenway, and also utilize the nearby railroad bridge over Eagle Creek at Belmont Ave and the railroad corridor running along Kentucky Ave on the north side.* Currently, the route must be on the shoulder of a busy Kentucky Ave for 0.7 miles where it turns right at Warman Ave and then left onto Maywood Ave, a residential area. This crosses Kentucky Ave and becomes Mooresville Rd, a designated Indianapolis bike route, through more residential neighborhoods. It then turns left on Mayflower Drive and Standish Drive, and then left onto Mann Rd, a primary arteriole leading out to I-465 and rural areas. USBR-235 also intersects the east-west USBR-50 at Southport Rd. This Marion County section then ends at Southwestway Park, a popular mountain bike area of Indianapolis.



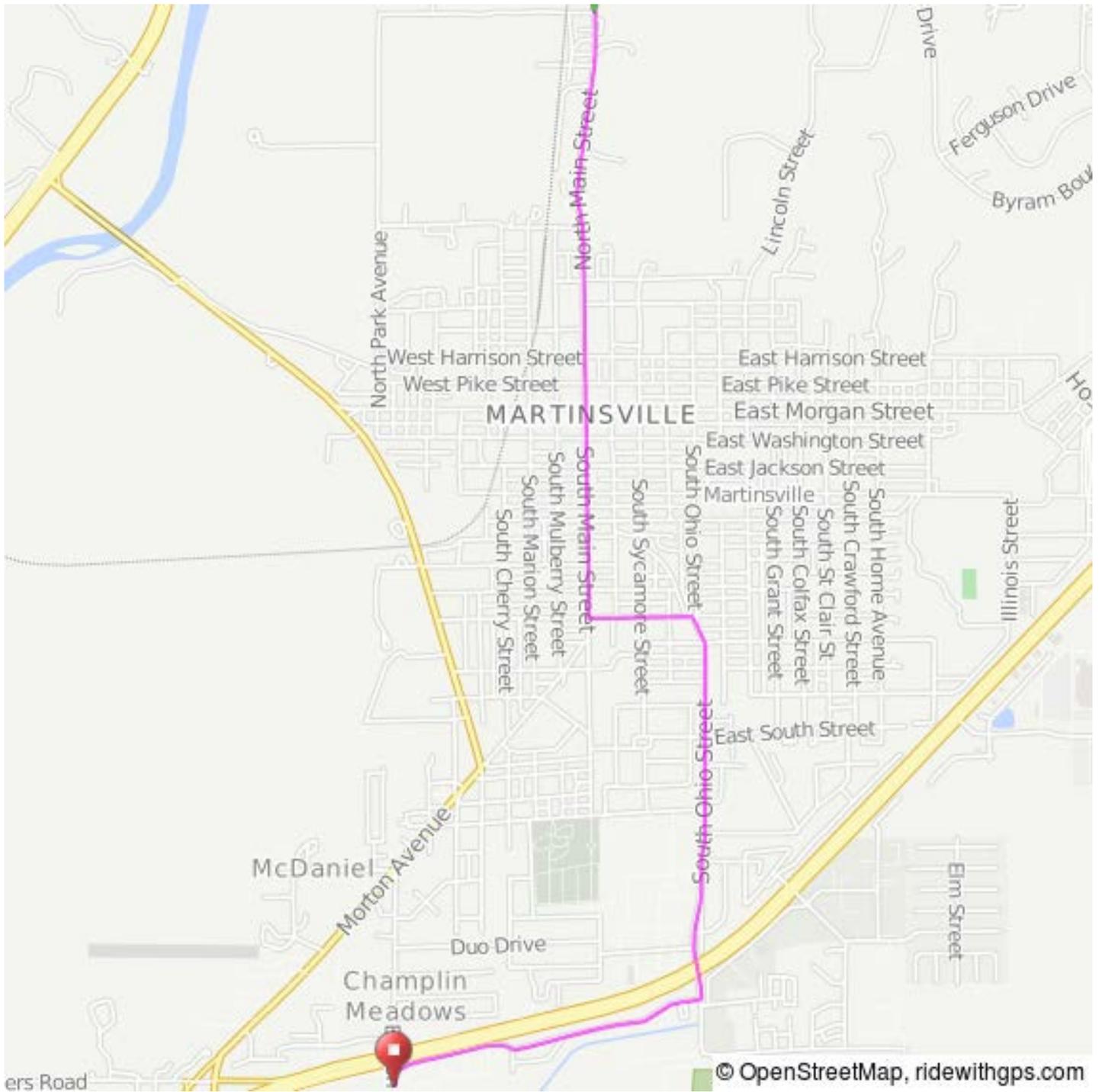
MORGAN COUNTY 29.5 miles <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/12111983>

This northern area of Morgan County is essentially flat farmland, but with section 6 of I-69, Mann Rd may be hugging close to I-69 or intersecting it. INDOT has assured that the Mann Rd – Centenary Road will remain continuous. After crossing IN-144 the road becomes Centenary Rd. As you approach Brooklyn on Centenary Rd, you will curve left and past a park on the left and then a slight curve to the right to cross White Lick Creek and it now is Mill St. While there are eating establishments and a nearby convenience store, the route turns left at Main St. There are actually two more hamlets, Bethany and Centerton, compressed together to confuse things a bit. Main St turns into Tide Water Rd in Bethany and then becomes Center Valley Rd in Centerton, and then turns left on High St. Turn right on Centerton and then Blue Bluff Rd all the way to Martinsville on the John Wooden Interurban Way while passing the coal power plant on the right. Martinsville is also known as the gateway to southern Indiana as the terrain changes drastically to some challenging hilly roads. But, the scenery is well worth it. Winding about Indian Creek, then Jordan Creek, and finally Little Indian Creek, one will realize that these creeks were all created by glaciers that melted out and left the hills to the south. Now approaching I-69 on Liberty Church Rd, turn left before I69 onto a new access road, “new” Old State Road 37. A long gradual climb brings you into Morgan-Monroe State Forest.



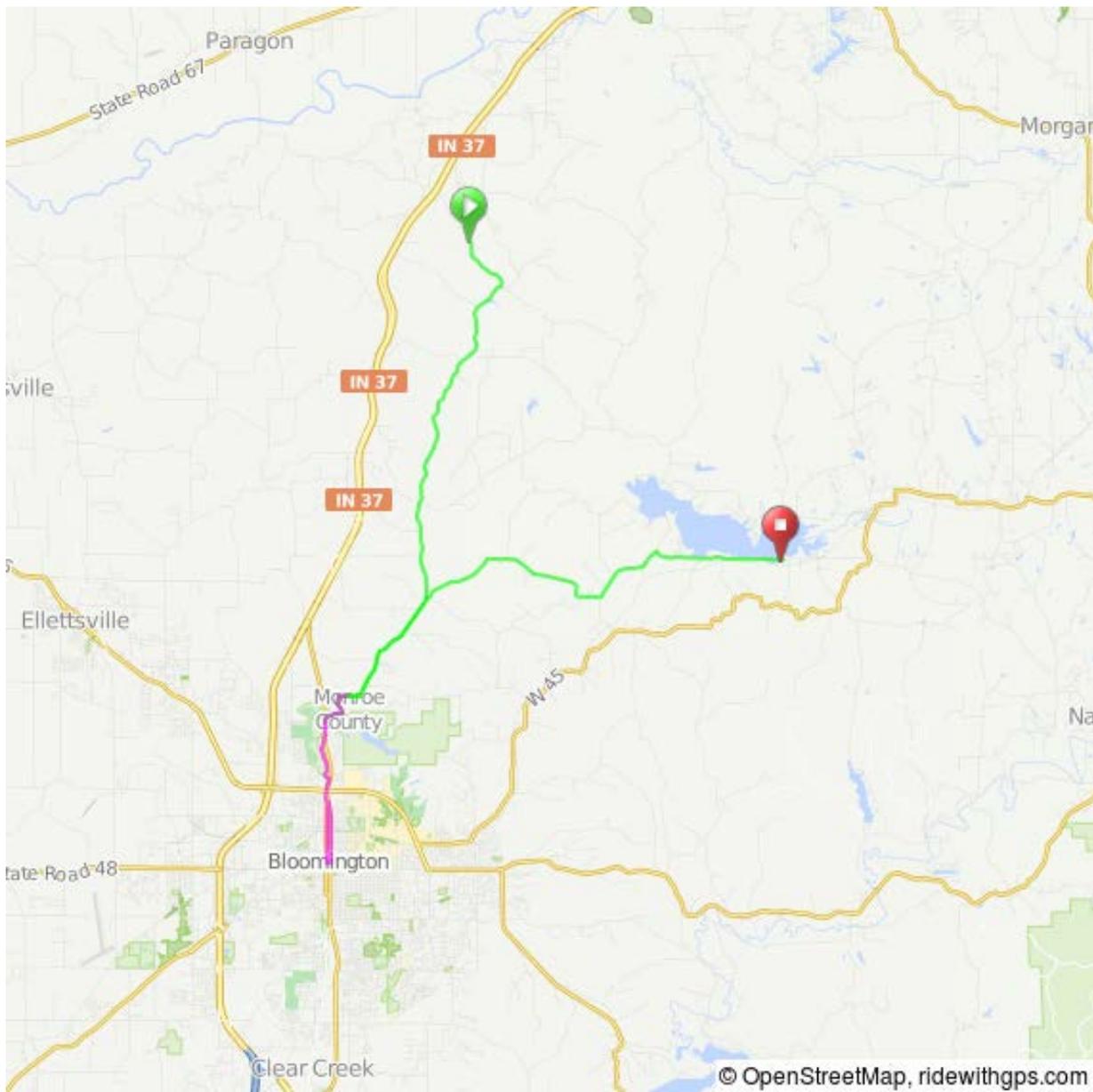
BROOKLYN 1.7 MILES <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/12112037>

As you approach Brooklyn on Centenary Rd, you will curve left and past a park on the left and then a slight curve to the right to cross White Lick Creek and it now is Mill St. While there are eating establishment and a nearby convenience store, the route turns left at Main St into the two hamlets of Bethany and Centerton.



MARTINSVILLE 3.4 MILES <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/12112107>

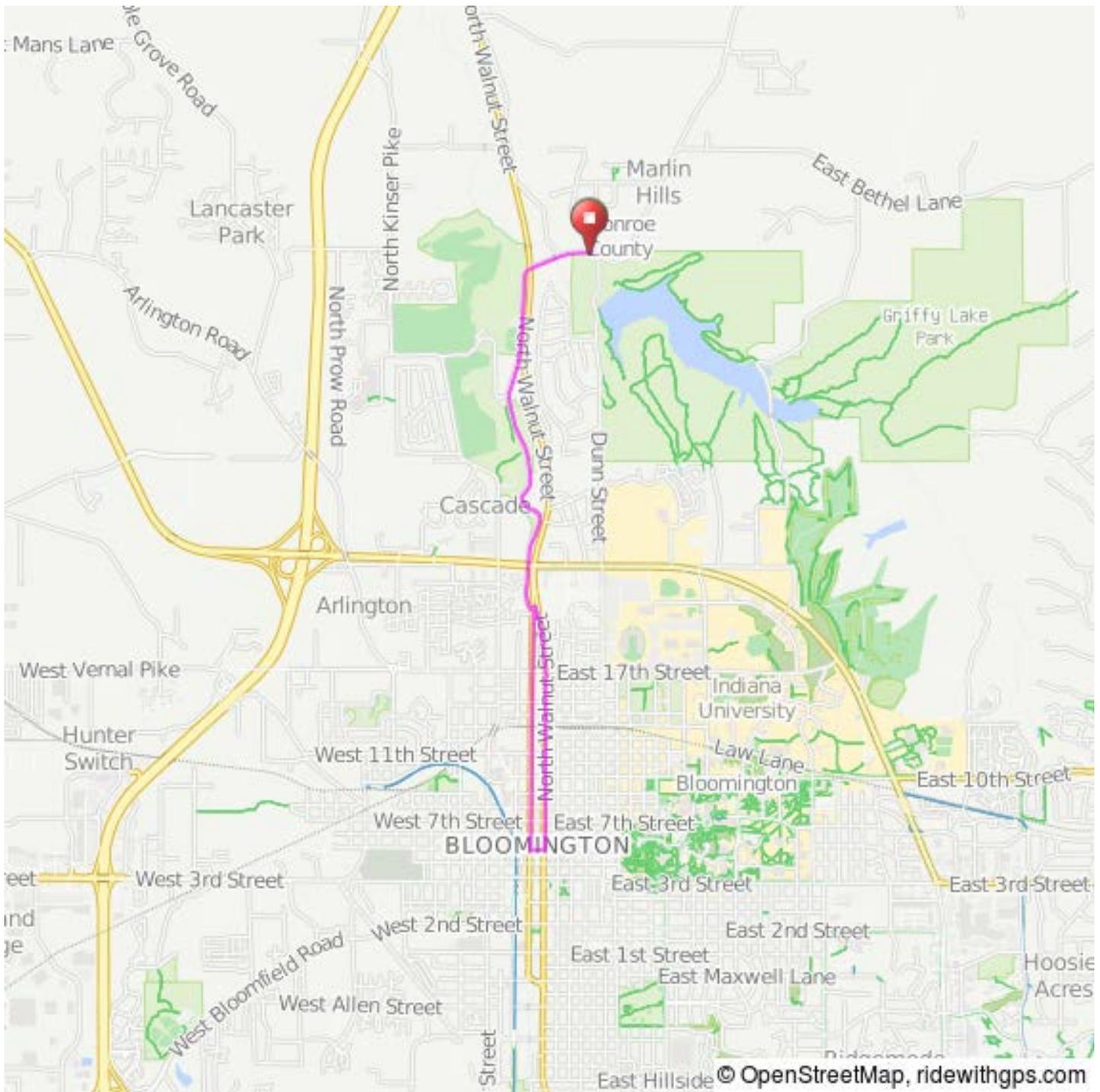
Martinsville is the county seat of Morgan County and is mostly known for its many artesian springs and healing spa's in the late 1800's and 1900's. Entering from the north on Main St, the courthouse square welcomes you with a few diners. Turning left onto Garfield and then curve right onto Ohio St one will find grocery stores, pharmacies, convenience stores, and chain restaurants. After crossing I-69 turn onto Southview Drive, a city access road, and then turn left onto Burton Lane to leave town.



MONROE COUNTY 28.6 miles <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/12112514>

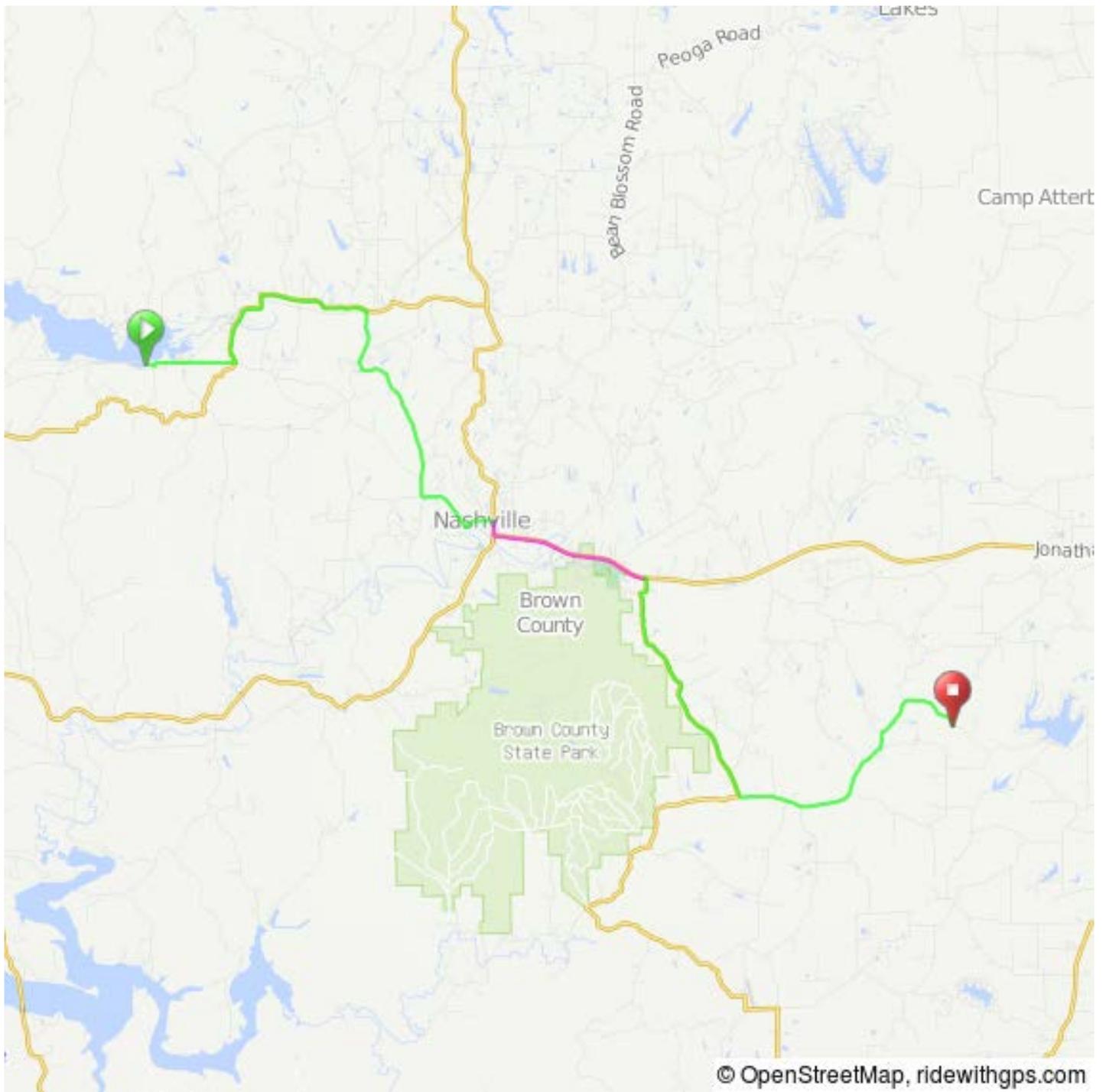
You are now deep into Morgan Monroe State Forest that does offer hiking and a campground around 5 miles to your left where Old 37 veers right. If for some reason one would not want to visit Bloomington, USBR 235 turns east at Robinson Rd. This entire area is a very popular area for bicycling especially in the early spring when IU students are training for the annual Little 500 during spring week. After climbing Firehouse Hill, riders should stop at the firehouse on the right. They have had a drinking fountain for bicyclists for many years. In order to avoid a dangerous blind hill there will be a right turn onto Audubon Drive into a housing addition and then left onto Hillview Dr. Monroe County is developing a bicycling byway from Griffy Lake to Lake Lemon and there will eventually be bike lanes on Old 37 and the route in the addition will be part of the designated byway.

Leaving Bloomington on the north side, this route duplicates with the entrance into Bloomington so that the best bicycling can be offered as one travels eastward. The route then turns onto Robinson Rd. Bicyclists coming from Nashville heading west and not wanting to ride to Bloomington can turn north on Old 37 to reach Martinsville. Butler Winery is located on Robinson Rd where wine tasting is available and a grill with limited hours. Off of Tunnel Rd is Riddle Point Park where one can spend some time at the beach, and an active railroad trestle can be scoped out at the short west causeway to the right. Port Hole Inn is on the left where one can eat some lunch or dinner and cool off with a cold one. The county line is at the end of the long east causeway.



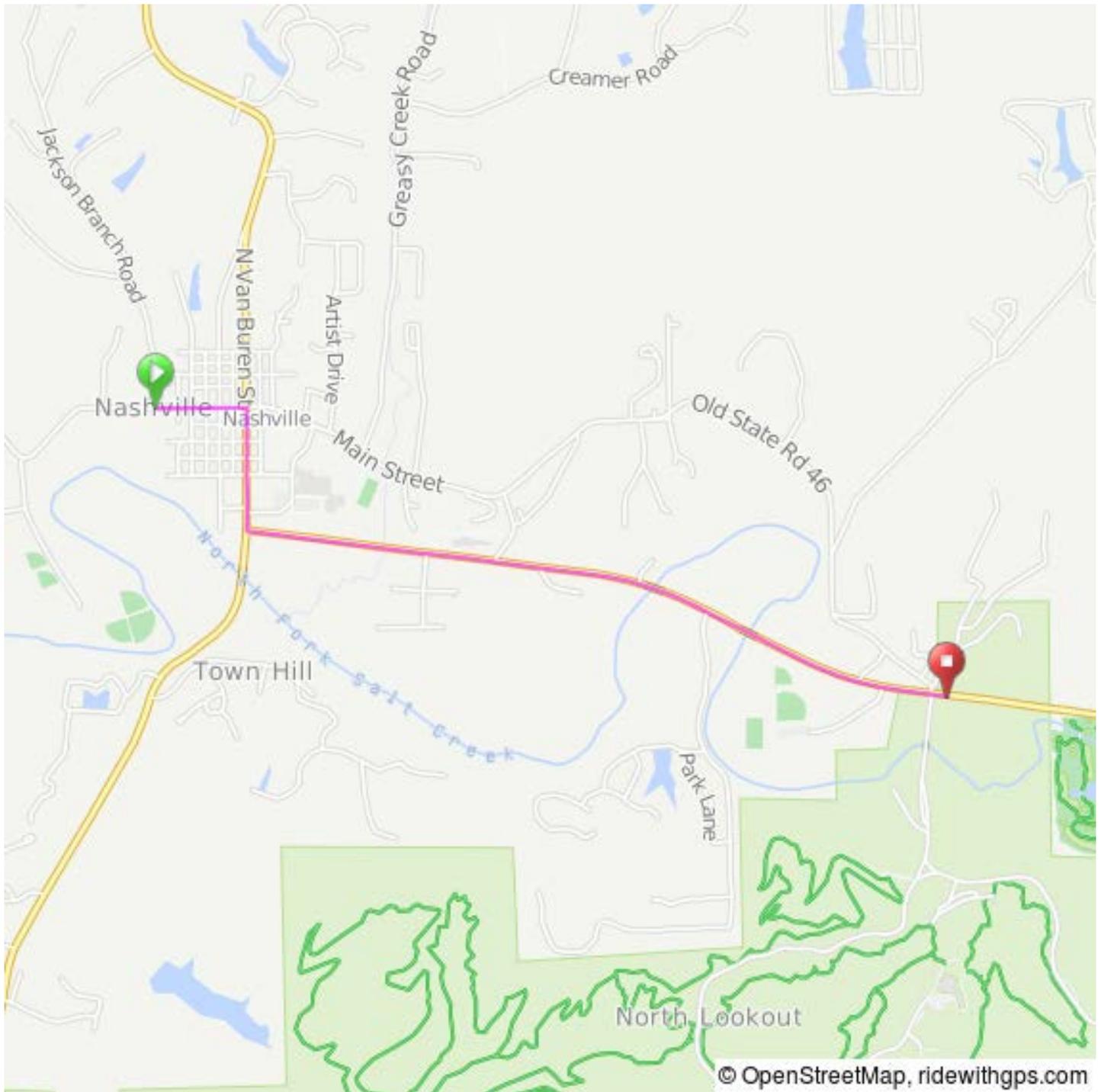
BLOOMINGTON 6.6 miles <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/12112688>

USBR 235 enters Bloomington from the north, and leaves from the north also. Eventually, a *USBR 37* will continue south on the B-Line to Bedford and continue to Evansville. Bicyclists are encouraged to spend ample amount of time in Bloomington, in fact a whole weekend is suggested. This is the home of “Breaking Away” ranking in the top five of sports movies and of course the most popular of cycling movies. Bloomington also is currently a gold level bicycle friendly city as determined by the League of American Bicyclists. It is the highest ranked city in Indiana boasting many bike lanes, bike trails, sharrowed lanes, and designated and signed bike routes. It is the home of Indiana University and their Little 500 every spring. This college town has quite an eclectic choice of restaurants, brew pubs, and nightlife. The B-line is a spectacular bike trail that traverses all of downtown. There are also four bike shops in the city.



BROWN COUNTY 25.4 miles <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/12113373>

Now entering Brown County at the end of the long east causeway, you then turns left onto IN-45. Motorists are used to seeing bicyclists on this winding state road. In Helmsburg you will turn right at the Helmsburg General Store onto Helmsburg Rd. Stop in for a snack. Continue all the way to Nashville with a long uphill in the middle. At the main intersection of downtown Nashville, turn right and follow IN-135. This has a wide shoulder for bicyclists. About a mile later there is Hesitation Point Bike Shop on the right. You may think it odd that this large bike shop is in the middle of nowhere, but it is near Brown County State Park, the largest in Indiana, and home of the best mountain biking east of the Mississippi. The state park has a large campground and a full service inn. Follow IN-135 when it turns right along the east side of the park. The road T's at Stonehead, which is a historic 1851 mile marker or waypoint between Columbus and Fairfax. This route turns east toward Columbus on Bellsville Pike, quite an idyllic valley ride.



NASHVILLE 2.3 miles <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/12113251>

Nashville has become famous as a haven for artists of all types that started in the 1900's. It had always been a sleepy little town but now has become quite a weekend getaway for city folk from Indianapolis, Louisville, and Cincinnati metro areas. There are shops of all kinds, hotels, many art galleries, and quite tasty food at various restaurants. Proceed south onto Van Buren St and then east onto IN-46 / IN-135. This has a wide shoulder for bicycles. A McDonald's, hardware store, and grocery store is on the right while leaving town.

