

= Illinois Route 98 =

Illinois Route 98 (IL 98 , Route 98) is a 8 @. @ 36 @- @ mile (13 @. @ 45 km) east ? west state highway located entirely within Tazewell County in central Illinois . The route runs from Route 29 on the border of Pekin and North Pekin east to Interstate 155 (I @- @ 155) in Morton . The highway connects Pekin , North Pekin , Morton , and the community of Groveland ; it passes through a variety of landscapes between the towns . Route 98 is maintained by the Illinois Department of Transportation .

The state of Illinois created Route 98 in 1924 ; the original route connected several cities in western Illinois . The eastern section of this route appeared on maps by 1928 , and the highway was completed in 1929 . In 1939 , Route 98 moved to its current alignment ; it has not changed since .

= = Route description = =

Route 98 begins at an intersection with Route 29 on the border of Pekin and North Pekin ; Worley Lake and the Illinois River lie to the west . The route heads east as a divided two @- @ lane road called Edgewater Drive , passing a group of houses which lie between two small lakes . After entering North Pekin , the highway becomes undivided and runs through a business district . It intersects County Route 25 , known locally as Parkway Road , before crossing into Pekin . Route 98 enters a forested area in Pekin and passes to the north of John T. McNaughton Park near the city 's eastern border .

After leaving Pekin , Route 98 passes through farmland in unincorporated Groveland Township . The highway meets Cole Hollow Road and California Road at successive intersections in a residential area . Past a creek , the road heads into a rural area with sections of farmland and forest . As it enters Groveland , the highway intersects County Route 1 , which runs south through the community . Route 98 leaves Groveland to the east , running through another farmed area . The route curves into Morton and takes the name Birchwood Street , traversing a creek before entering an industrial district . In this area , Route 98 briefly becomes a divided highway before terminating at exit 31 on I @- @ 155 . The road continues past the terminus as a local street , still carrying the name Birchwood Street .

Route 98 is maintained by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) , an Illinois state agency responsible for maintaining highways and other transport infrastructure in the state . IDOT is responsible for collecting traffic data on Illinois state highways ; this data is measured in terms of annual average daily traffic , an estimate of the number of vehicles which use a road on any given day in a particular year . In 2009 , IDOT estimated that 4400 vehicles used the western portion of Route 98 , 3900 used the central portion , and 3700 used the eastern portion . No part of Route 98 is included in the National Highway System , a network of roads considered significant to the nation 's economy , defense , and mobility .

= = History = =

Route 98 was initially designated in 1924 on a route in western Illinois . The state planned the road to connect Route 3 east of Macomb to Route 95 near Havana by way of Adair , Table Grove , Ipava , and Duncan Mills . The route was first marked on the 1928 Illinois highway map ; at this point , the road connected Table Grove in the west to U.S. Route 24 (US 24) and Route 31 at Duncans Mills in the east . By 1929 , the highway 's western terminus was extended to Route 9 east of Macomb . The original route became part of Route 10 between 1936 and 1939 , at which time the Route 98 designation was transferred to its present alignment . The original Route 98 is now part of US 136 .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Tazewell County .