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Guides



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*New Mexico*



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The Spring River Recreation Trail is Roswell's most prominent hike-and-bike pathway. The trail follows the intermittent Spring River across the city, threading through several local parks. It is a discontinuous trail, existing in two sections.

The westernmost segment kicks off on the edge of a residential subdivision and meanders through the fields of Enchanted Lands Park, with its 18-hole disc golf course, playground and picnic facilities. The next point of interest can be found across Sycamore Avenue, where a branch of the trail crosses the river into the J. Kenneth Bird Sanctuary and Nature Center. The sanctuary features its own paved birding and wildlife-watching trail heading north to W. 8th Street. Back at Sycamore Avenue, the Spring River Trail continues its eastward journey, tracing

the perimeter of a large golf course. Its rolling fairways are visible from the trail, and there are even benches that invite trail users to rest in view of the sprawling green space.

The trail leaves the golf course behind and proceeds to enter Cahoon Park, whose highlight is a picturesque sunken garden. Still inside the park, the trail deposits users onto 5th Street, and an on-street ride or walk is needed to reach the continuation of the off-street path. The trail then continues to the north end of the park on 7th Street, and underpasses take users across a series of streets before emerging in Margot Purdy Park on Missouri Avenue. This marks the end of this segment.

The next segment begins a couple of blocks east, on Kentucky Avenue and 9th Street. Here the trail wanders through MIA-POW park, named for the German POW's who paved the banks of the river in stone. There's also a fragment of the Berlin Wall on display, donated by the German Air Force.

Beyond that the transitions from a mostly residential setting, to commercial and then to industrial areas. The trail passes by the convention center. Underpasses whisk users across streets and a railroad. Loveless Park is the next point of interest, with a bridge connecting it to the neighboring JC Park. Finally, the trail leads to the Spring River Park and Zoo, a popular, family-friendly recreation spot that hosts a miniature train and vintage carousel, among many other amenities.

The Spring River Recreation Trail is open for non-motorized uses only.



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**States:** New Mexico

**Counties:** Chaves

Length: 4.2miles

**Trail end points:** Enchanted Lands Park to  
Spring River Park & Zoo

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Concrete

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike, Wheelchair  
Accessible, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

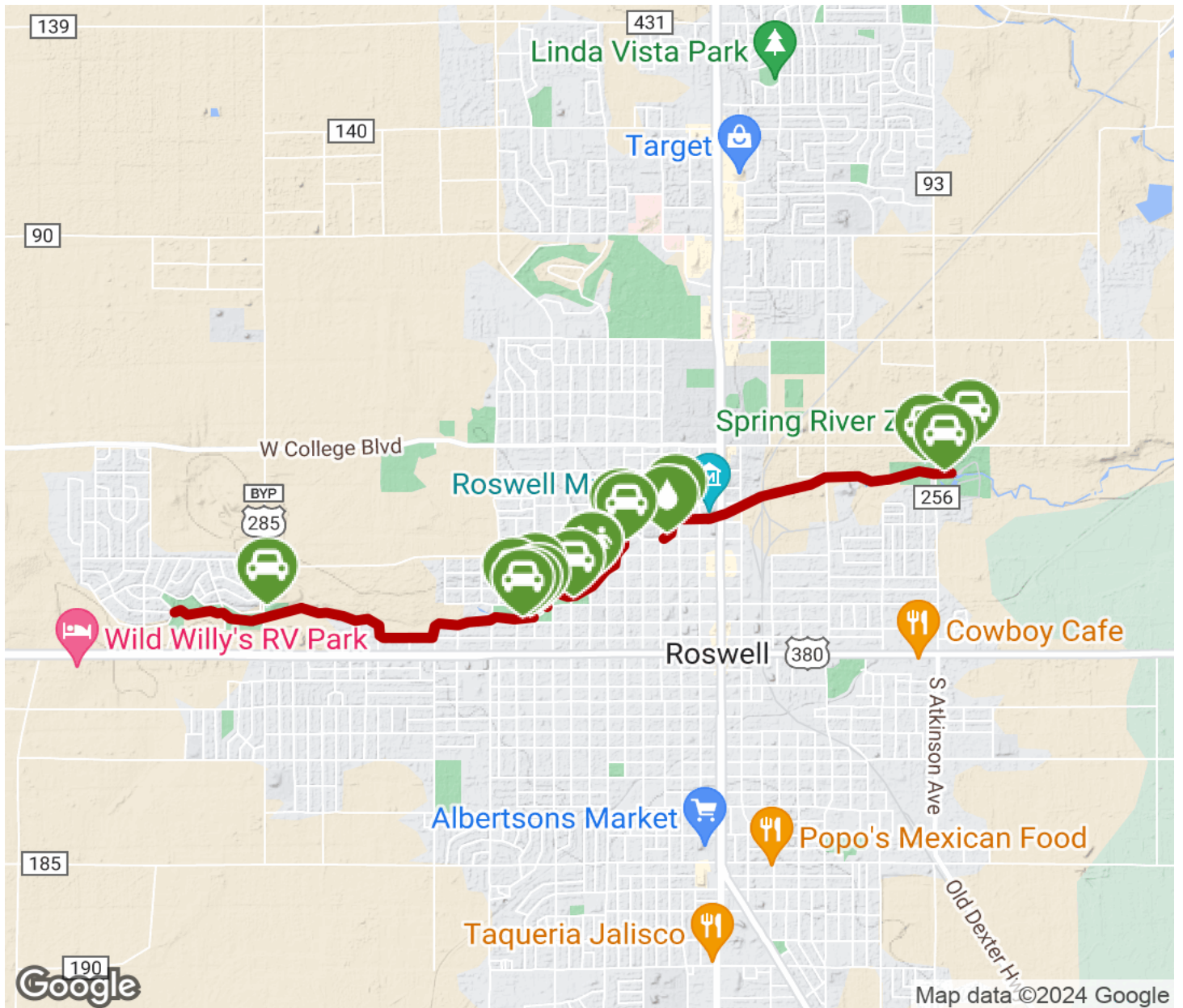
Parking options include:

- J. Kenneth Bird Sanctuary - 401 North Sycamore, Roswell (cross river to get to Spring River Trail).
- Cahoon Park - 1101 W 4th Street
- MIA/POW Park - 912 Pennsylvania Avenue
- Spring River Park and Zoo - 1306 E College Blvd, Roswell, NM 88201



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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