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Guides



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A perfect outlet for those seeking a quiet retreat from city life, the trail provides a safe haven for walkers, runners and cyclists. The route comprises eight contiguous sections: the Springs, the Cut, the Gardens, the Arbors, Lick Creek, Utility Park, West Creek and the West End.

From the east, the shady Springs segment runs between Springdale Street and Jackson Avenue, emerging from the tree canopy on the Cut, a sunken segment where native plants and invasive kudzu do battle.

Across McLean is the Gardens, where more than 30 flower varieties reach their colorful best between February and November. Stop and smell the flowers before continuing to the Arbors, which boasts 15 tree species. Volunteers transplanted many of the latter in July 2003 after hurricane-force winds destroyed hundreds of area trees.

Next in line, Lick Creek, Utility Park and West Creek center on manmade highlights. Adjacent to Auburndale and Evergreen streets, Lick Creek Bridge was built with local help by Keeler Iron Works to replace the original span, which was removed when the railroad stopped running.

Utility Park is an oak-dotted flat that borders a Memphis Light, Gas & Water pumping facility. West Creek Bridge runs behind the Woodmont Towers apartment complex, providing residents with easy trail access.

The route ends at Watkins Street and North Parkway in West End, where residential homes line flanking slopes. Take a stroll along this leafy oasis and you'll understand the parental pride of its urban keepers.



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States: Tennessee

Counties: Shelby

Length: 1.8miles

Trail end points: Springdale St, between its two intersections with Vollen Ave to N Watkins St & North Pkwy

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Ballast, Dirt, Grass

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Mountain

Biking, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

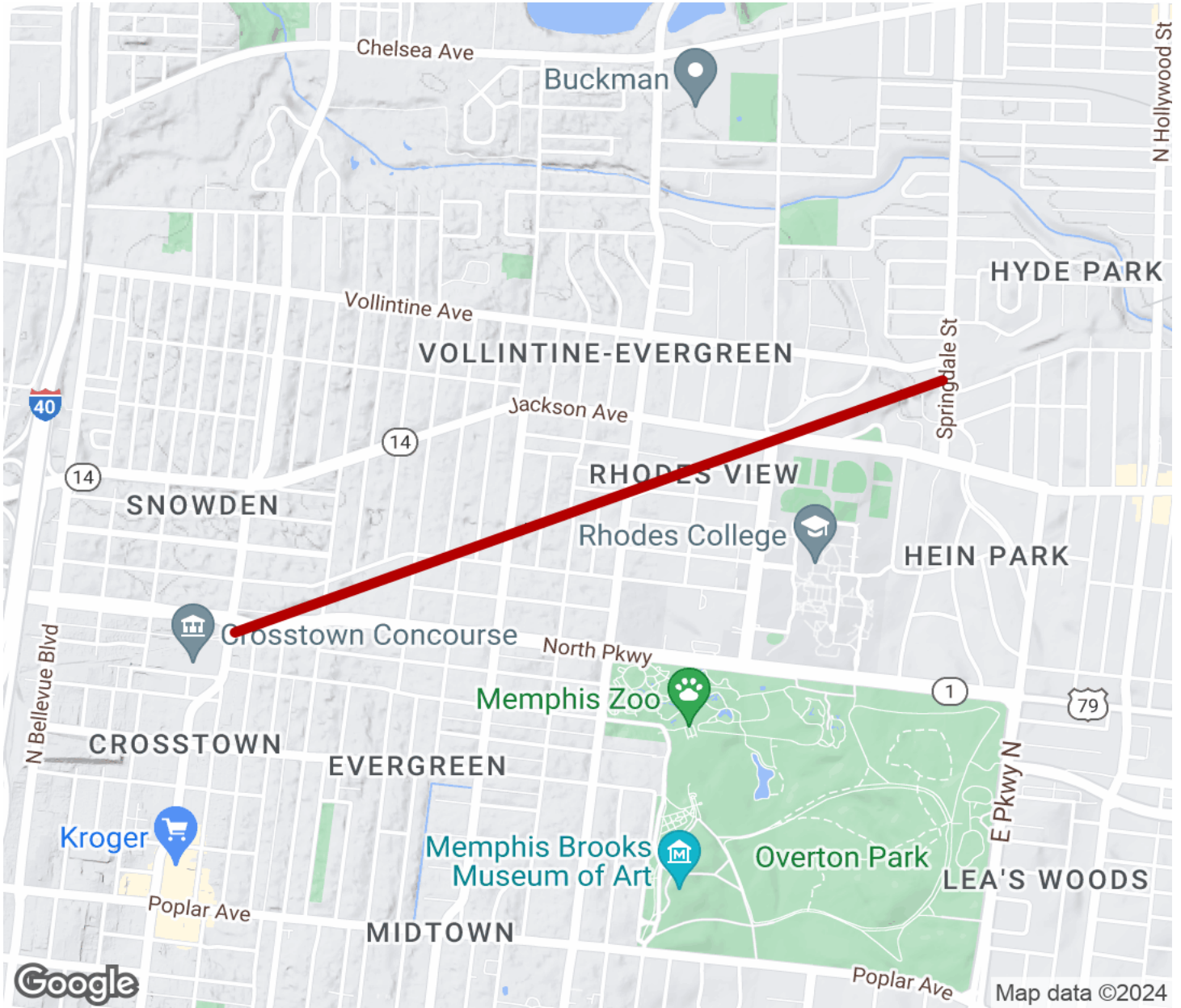
The Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) public transportation system provides access to the trail. Visit the MATA website to use their trip planner feature. Refer to the [TrailLink map](#) for detailed directions to the trailheads and to find the most convenient bus stop for your trail adventure.

There is no parking designated for the trail.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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