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Guides



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Trail (Denver)**  
*Colorado*



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The trail more-or-less sits in the tree-lined corridor along Bear Creek. The trail's western end offers forested landscapes through Bear Creek Lake Park, Bear Creek Greenbelt and Bear Valley Park. The eastern half of the trail provides a connection to shopping centers and commercial areas. It winds closer and further from the highway (US-285) at different points but the trees provide enough of a screen. At the east endpoint, trail users can access to [Mary Carter Greenway](#) as well as the [Platte River Trail](#)



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**States:** Colorado

**Counties:** Arapahoe, Denver, Jefferson

Length: 9.1 miles

**Trail end points:** Platte River Trail near River Point Pkwy. (Denver) to Union Ave. (Morrison)

**Trail surfaces:** Concrete

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

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

## Parking & Trail Access

There is parking available at the east end of the trail, near the trail's meeting with the Mary Carter Greenway Trail and Platte River Trail. Heading east on US-285, turn right onto River Point Parkway. Take the first exit at the traffic circle. Drive about 350 ft and turn left to the the parking area closest to the river.

If you are interested in a longer ride, start at Confluence Park (2250 15th St, Denver). From there, you can walk or ride south on the Platte River Trail for about 8-9 miles to just south of US-285 where the Bear Creek and Mary Carter trails coincide.

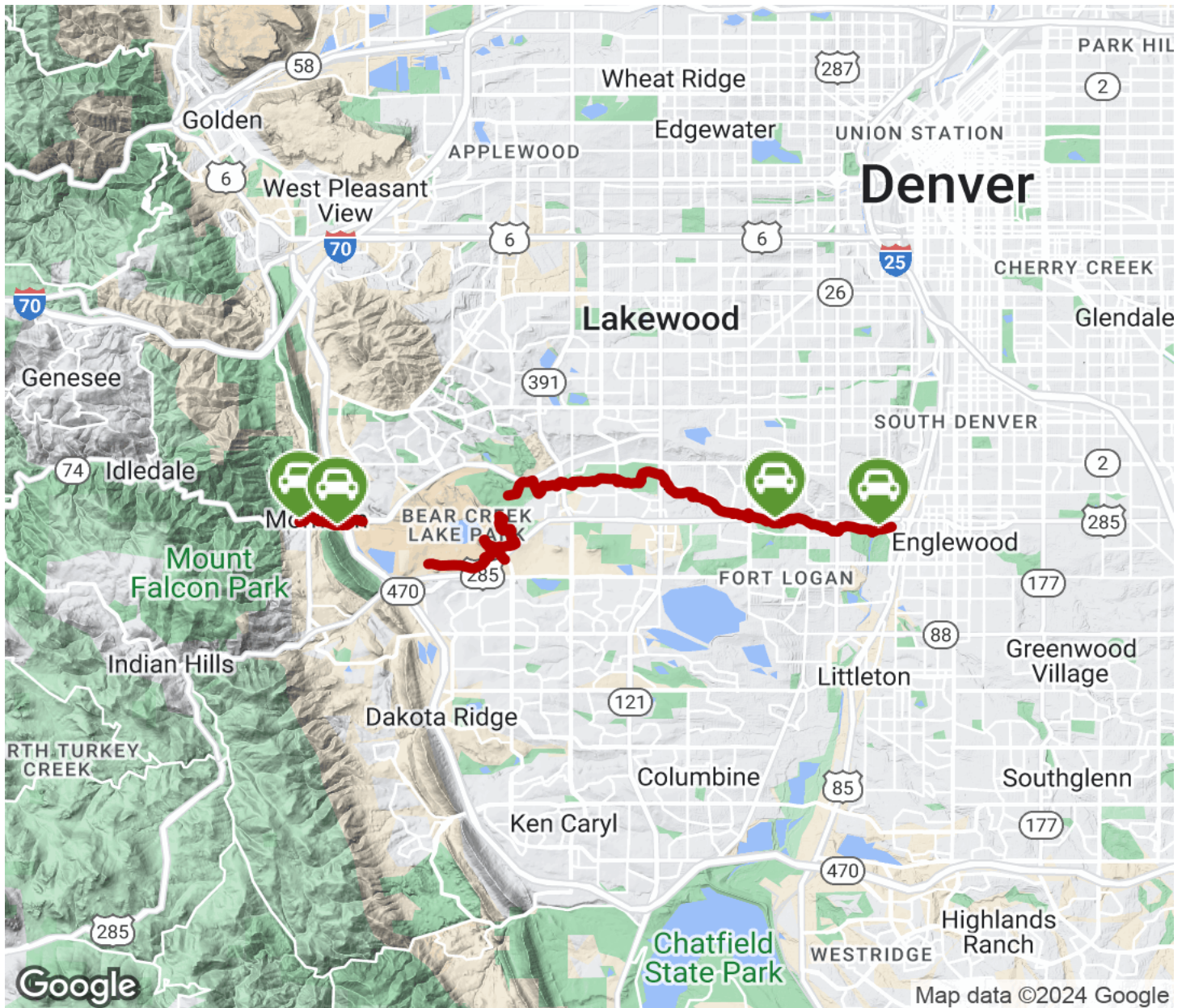
On the west side, you can park on Morrison Road or one of the parking lots in downtown Morrison. Parking regulations are different in different locations so pay attention to signage. The trail parallels Morrison Road, running between the street and the creek. There are some fairly visible signs directing you to the trail. Check the [map](#) for specific parking spots and connections to the trail.





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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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