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Guides



**Ann and Roy
Butler Hike-
and-Bike Trail**
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highlight of the trail is its passage under the Ann W. Richards Congress Avenue Bridge, home to thousands of bats that canvas the sky at sundown during the summer months.

In June 2014, a lakefront boardwalk, including a series of bridges directly over the water, was completed, closing a short gap on the trail's south side and uniting its east and west halves. The 7,250-foot boardwalk is composed of concrete deck planks, is well-lit, and includes an art installation by Ken Little, 7 viewing areas, an ADA accessible pier, and a trailhead restroom. Water and restrooms are available at numerous locations along the trail. Refer to the [TrailLink map](#) for the exact locations of these amenities.

Overview

The Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail, named for a former Austin mayor and his wife, is a 14.6-mile natural gem in the heart of the Texas capital. The scenic trail forms a loop around Lady Bird Lake, a reservoir on the Colorado River, and is sometimes referred to as the Lady Bird Lake Trail or the Town Lake Trail.

About the Route

The trail is bookended by two major recreational areas: Zilker Park on its western end and Guerrero Park on its eastern tip. The lush, tree-lined pathway also provides access to Lamar and Waller Beaches. Fishing is allowed from the rest areas but not along the main route. A unique



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States: Texas

Counties: Travis

Length: 14.59miles

Trail end points: Longhorn Shores Park (60 S Pleasant Valley Rd, Austin) to Zilker Metropolitan Park (2100 Barton Springs Rd, Austin)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Boardwalk, Concrete, Gravel

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Parking & Trail Access

The Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail runs between Zilker Metropolitan Park (2100 Barton Springs Rd) and Longhorn Shores at Town Lake Metropolitan Park (60 S Pleasant Valley Rd).

Parking is available at numerous locations along the trail, including:

- Zilker Metropolitan Park (2100 Barton Springs Rd)*There is a parking fee on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays March-September
- Shoal Beach Park (707 W Cesar Chavez St)
- Auditorium Shores Park (900 W Riverside Dr)
- Longhorn Shores Park (60 S Pleasant Valley Rd)

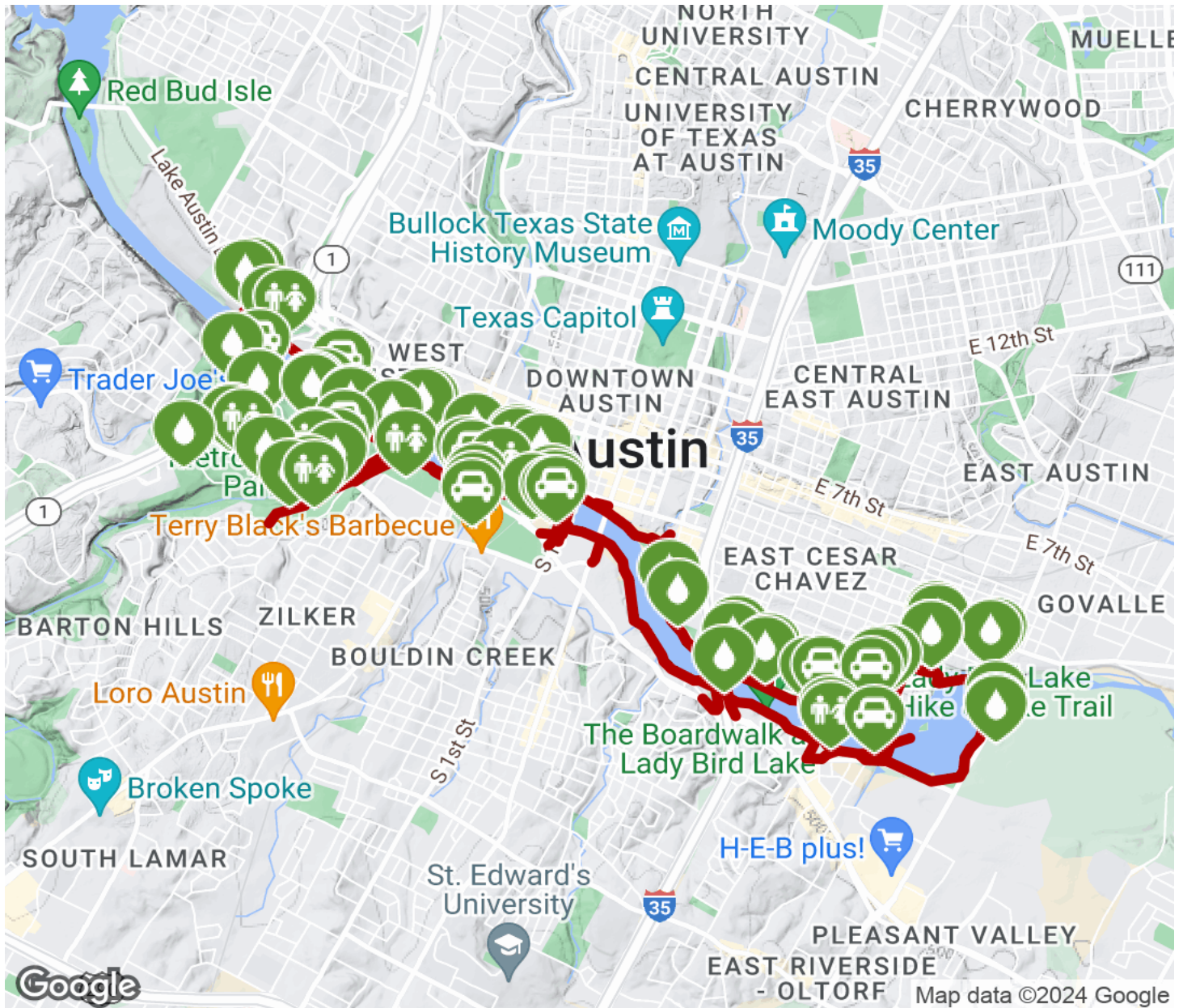
Austin's regional public transportation system (CapMetro) provides access to the trail.

Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all transit options and detailed directions.



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- Trailhead
- Restroom
- Parking
- Water Fountain
- Tunnel