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Guides



**Nine Mile
Creek
Regional Trail**
Minnesota



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[Scenic Byway](#) in Minneapolis, as well as to Mall of America) and the [Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Regional Trail](#) which it intersects with in Hopkins and in turn provides access to the [Lake Minnetonka](#) and [Cedar Lake LRT](#) regional trails. Other points of interest include Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Bloomington Visitor Center and Fort Snelling State Park.

Unlike its name would suggest, Nine Mile Creek is actually 15 miles from its headwaters at Minnetog Lake to the Minnesota River. This regional trail was constructed to meander alongside the creek as it flows through the watershed communities of Hopkins, Minnetonka, Edina, Richfield and Bloomington. It's a 10-foot wide asphalt trail with a few sections of boardwalk that welcomes walkers, bikers and others using non-motorized transport to immerse themselves in the area's diverse natural beauty, as well as connect with each other across neighborhoods and jurisdictions.

The trail connects to several other regional trails and parks within the Three Rivers Park District, most notably [Nokomis-Minnesota River Regional Trail](#) in Richfield (which can get you Lake Nokomis and the [Grand Rounds](#)



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States: Minnesota

Counties: Hennepin

Length: 15miles

Trail end points: Cedar Lake Regional Trail (Hopkins) to Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge (Bloomington)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Boardwalk

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

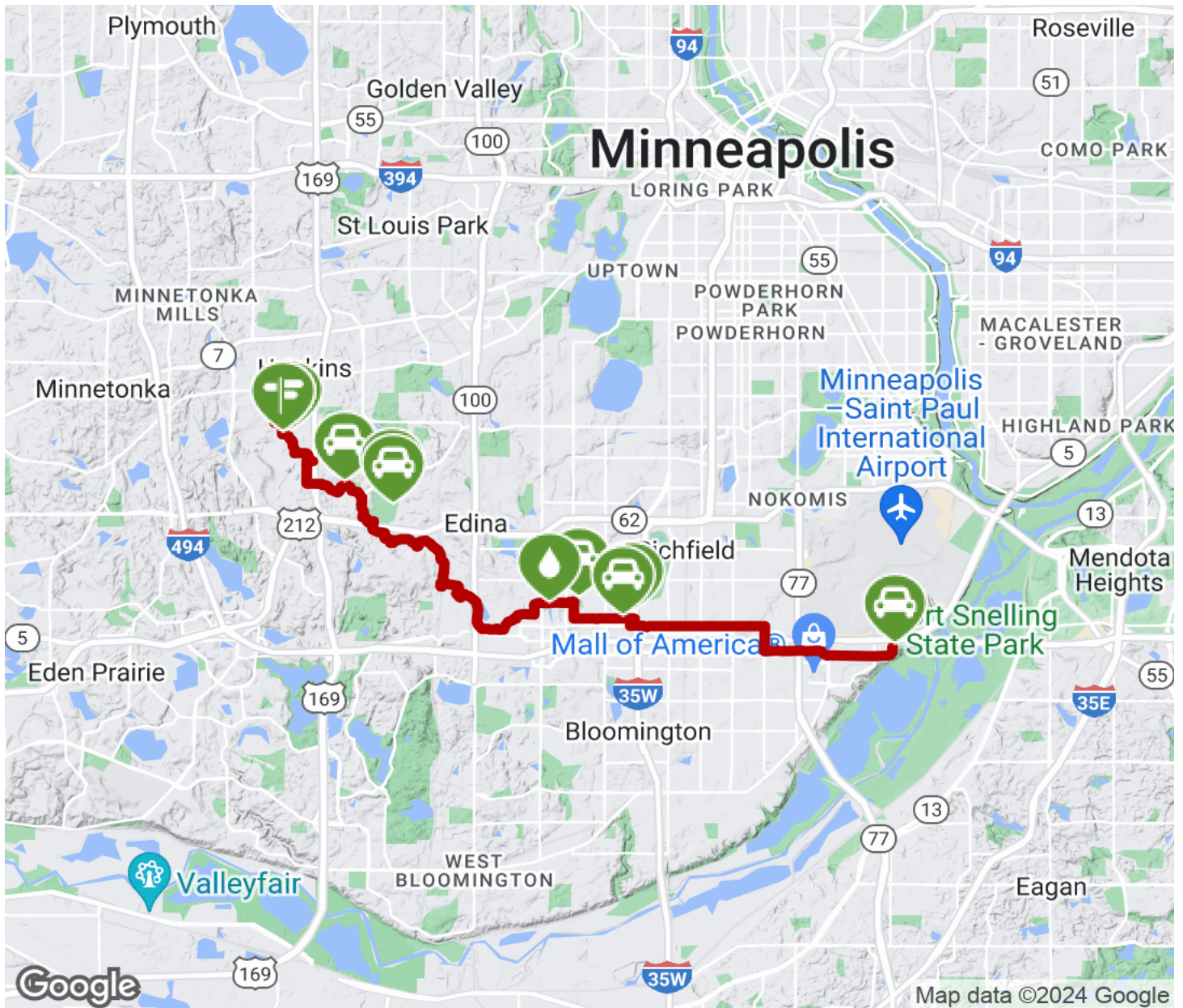
Parking for the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail can be found at a number of points along the trail's route. In Hopkins, parking can be found at the trailhead in Valley Park. Take US-169 S to the Bren Rd. exit toward Londonderry Rd. From Bren Rd. the first right onto Smetana Drive, and the follow it, Opportunity Court for 0.6 miles. Turn right onto Westbrook Way and drive for about 0.2 miles to where it meets 9th Ave. The lot will be on your right.

If you are starting from the eastern end, you can park at Donaldson Park. From I-35W N take exit 10 for 66th St/ Hennepin County 53. Make a left onto W 66th St. and another onto Humboldt Ave. Follow Humboldt Ave south (it's Lakeshore Drive for 0.3 miles) and turn right on W 75th St. The parking lot will be on your right.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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