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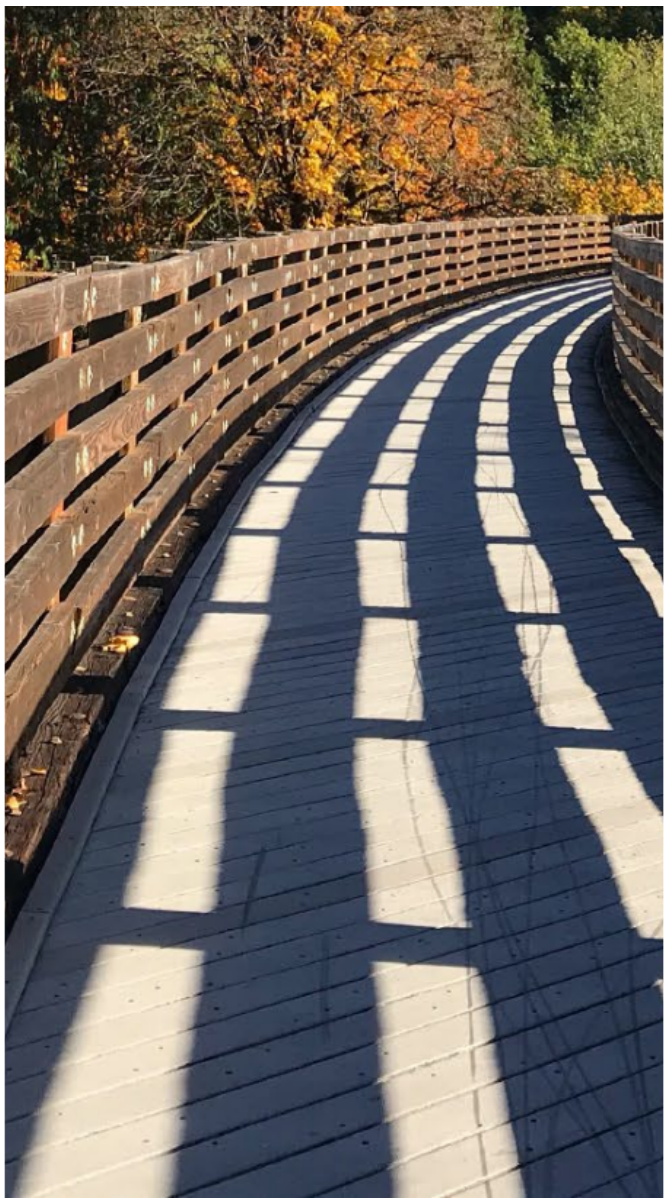

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Do remember your water and sun protection as shade is scarce in these parts. The wind can also be a challenge.

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States: New Mexico
Counties: Bernalillo
Length: 4.4miles
Trail end points: 81st Street to Atrisco Vista Blvd
Trail surfaces: Asphalt
Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT
Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

East endpoint is on 81st Street, north of the Boca Negra Horseman's Complex and south of the pumping station. Enter the address 8221 Vista Vieja Ave. NW in your GPS device.

The western endpoint is 0.1 mile east of Atriso Vista Boulevard, northeast of the Double Eagle II airport. It is located at 7401 Paseo del Volcan NW.

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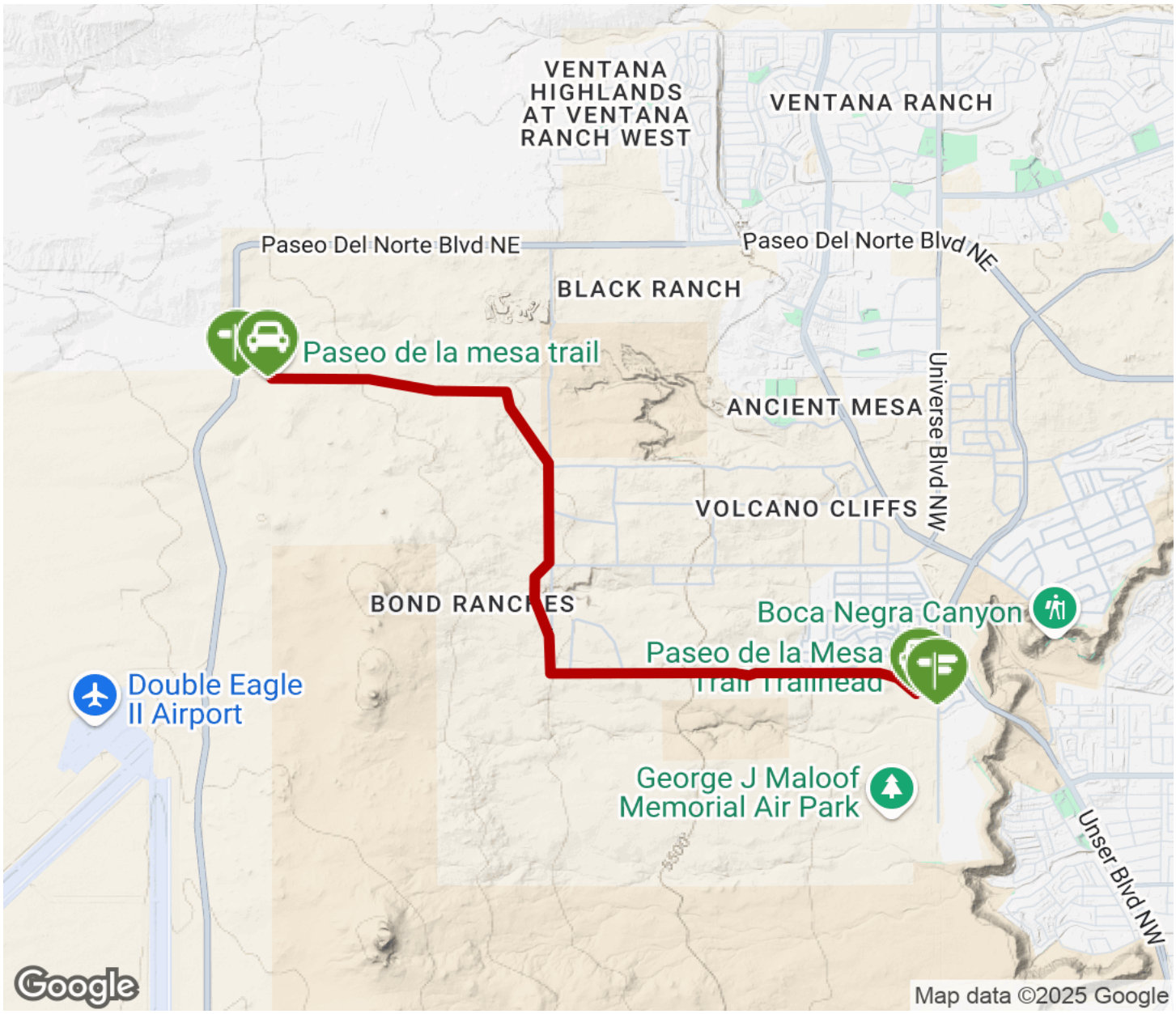

Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel

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