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Guides



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Ditch
Greenway**
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southeast to 3rd Avenue, connecting to Clark Centennial Park, Rothrock Dell Park and Rocky Mountain Elementary School along the way. Plans are underway to construct additional lengths of trail between Main Street and 17th Avenue.

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The second segment runs from Mountain View Avenue



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States: Colorado

Counties: Boulder

Length: 4.47miles

Trail end points: McIntosh Lake to 3rd Avenue

Trail surfaces: Concrete

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike,Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

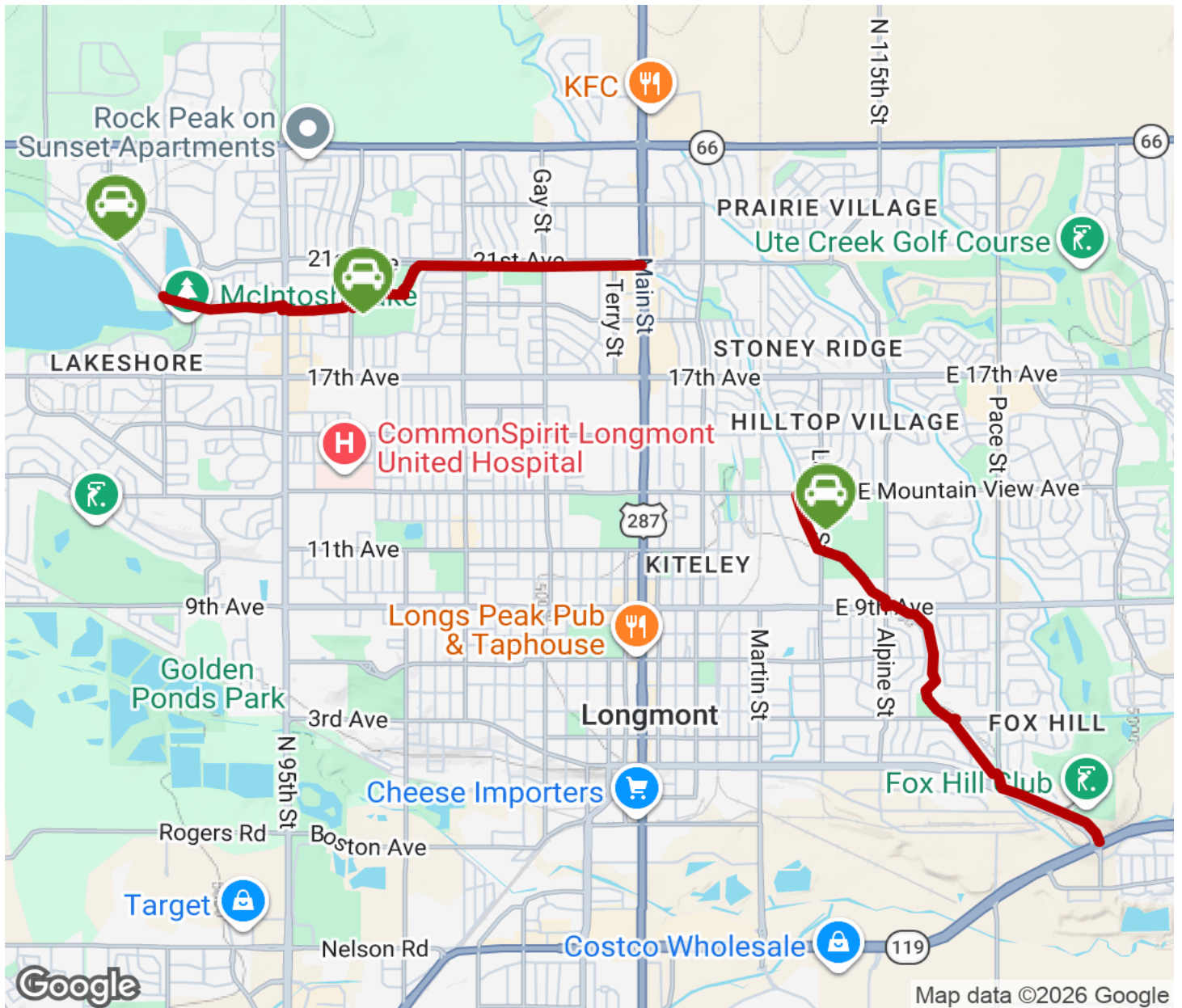
Parking & Trail Access

The parks along the greenway are a good bet for parking. For the southern segment that starts on Mountain View Road, you can park at Clark Centennial Park, located at 1100 Lashley St, Longmont. For the northern segment you can park at Flanders Park on North Shore Drive on the McIntosh lakeside. Alternatively, you can park at Garden Acres Park (1900 18th Ave, Longmont). Park closer to Spencer Street (west side of the park) since the trail enters the park at Spencer.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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