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Guides



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Canal Trail**
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can catch a glimpse of it. There isn't a crosswalk at Veterans Memorial Highway bridge, but you can head west or east briefly on Veterans Boulevard to reach a crosswalk.

The trail ends on the service road just north of I-10, but another trail named for the interstate, continues seamlessly from there. The I-10 trail winds underneath the roadway to the other side, where it ends. Combined with the I-10 Trail, you can travel a total of about 2.8 miles one way.

Thanks to its proximity to houses and industries near the canal, this trail is suited to local residents who are looking for a place to stretch their legs or walk their dogs.

The 17th Street Canal occupies an important position in the Greater New Orleans area. It forms the boundary between the City of New Orleans and its neighbor to the west, Metairie in Jefferson Parish. It's also the largest and most important drainage canal for the city. Earthen levees with grassy sides hem it in, with a concrete wall at the top to contain the water. Right on the top of the west levee, adjacent to the I-wall sits this walking and biking path.

The trail parallels the canal waterway south from Metairie-Hammond Highway by Orpheum Drive to the dead end of N I-10 Service Road E. A block west of the northern end of the trail, the [Pontchartrain Lakefront Trail](#) runs along the edge of the lake for 12 miles.

The concrete wall somewhat obscures the water, but you



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States: Louisiana

Counties: Jefferson

Length: 1.8miles

Trail end points: Metairie-Hammond Hwy at
Orpheum Dr to N I-10 Service Road E (dead end)

Trail surfaces: Concrete

Trail category: Canal

Trail activities: Bike, Walking

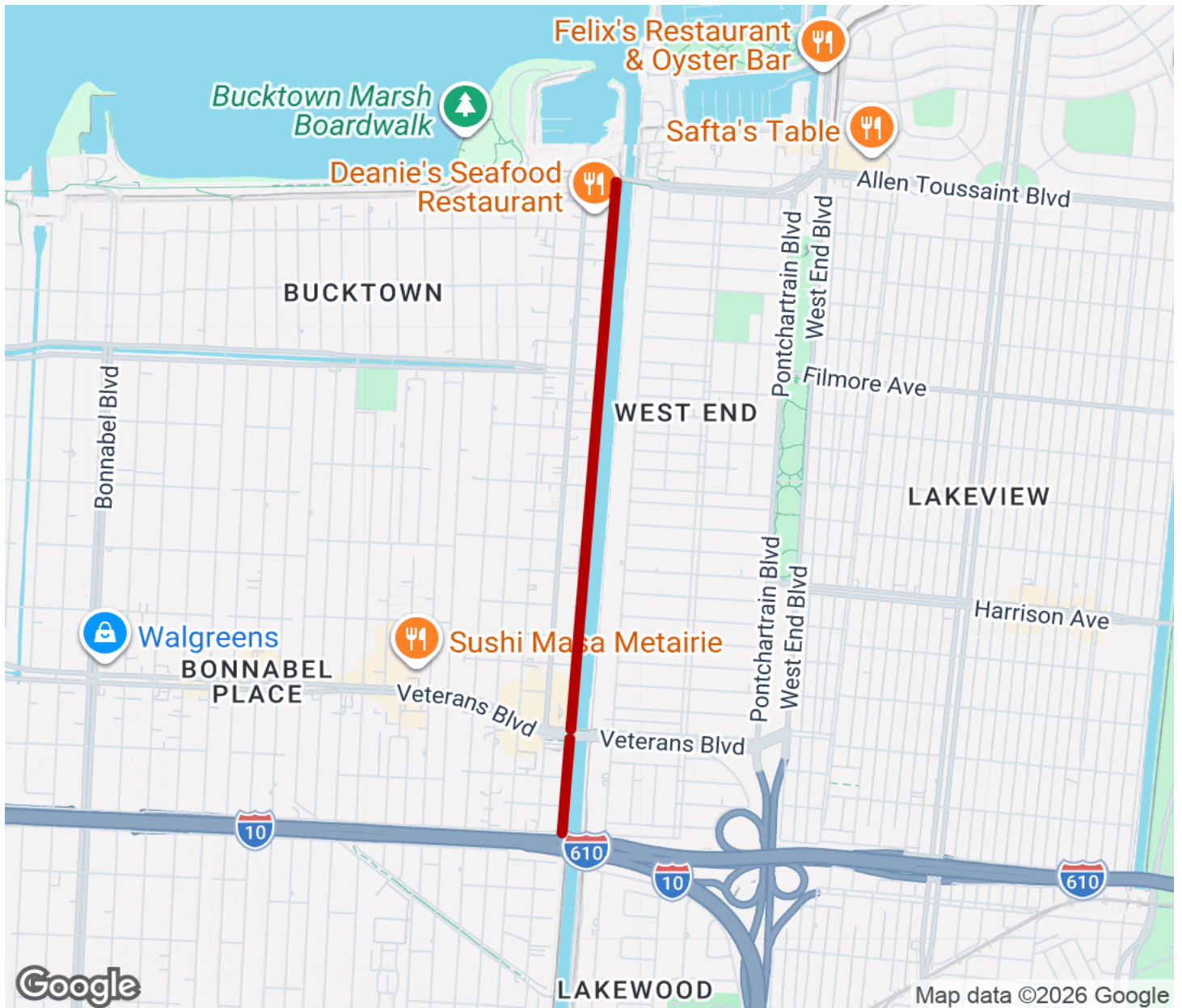
Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available a block west of the trail's northern end at the Bucktown Marina picnic area, which serves as the eastern trailhead for the Lakefront Trail.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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