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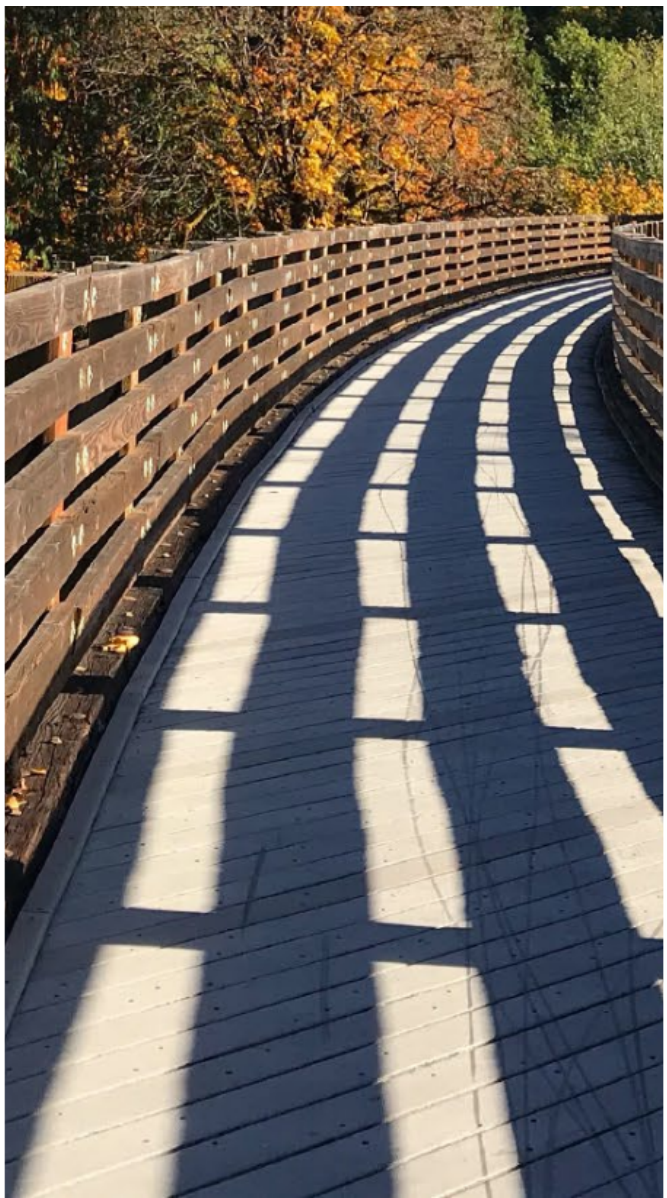

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Aside from the linkages of the trail, other highlights of the trail include the John Bridge Trail viewpoint, a small parking area just north of the trail's endpoint which faces a stone arch bridge built by John Blair, the landscape gardener for the Glen Eyre estate. A little further south, on the west side of Mesa Road, is an overlook which puts on full display the striking red sandstone formations and rolling hills of Garden of the Gods park.

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**States:** Colorado
**Counties:** El Paso
Length: 3.5miles
**Trail end points:** Foothills Trail (CO) to Mesa Road
**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt,Concrete,Crushed Stone
**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT
**Trail activities:** Bike,Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

There's parking at the two viewing areas mentioned above but there are few spaces and they fill up at peak viewing times, like sunset.

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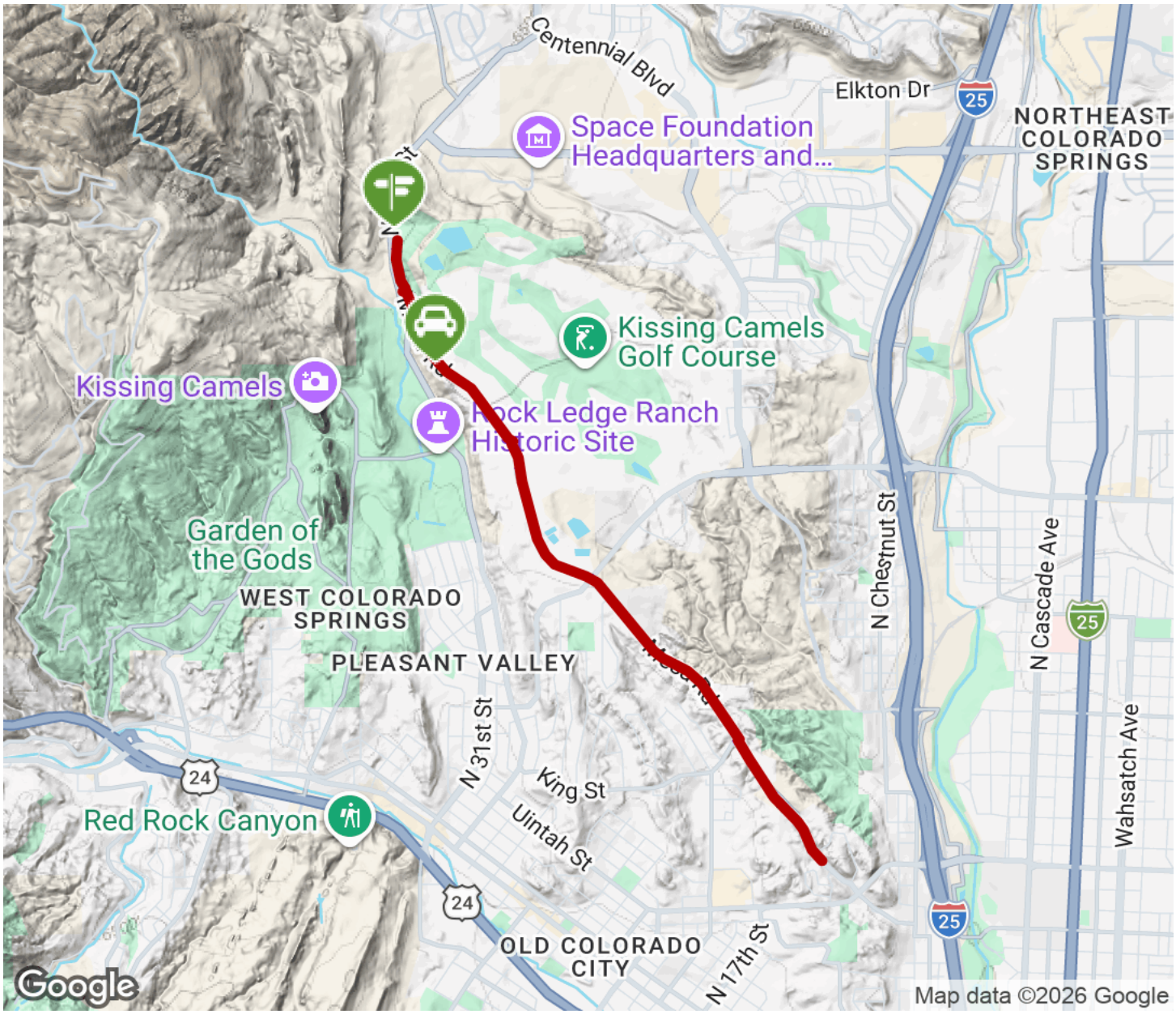


Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel

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