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Gabe Nesbitt Park also features a trail that runs through

the park and leads to the Serenity Park.

The trail is 8-foot wide concrete and features underpasses to cross streets.

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States: Texas

Counties: Collin

Length: 2.8miles

Trail end points: Pine Ridge Blvd to Collin McKinney Parkway

Trail surfaces: Concrete

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

Park at:

- EA Randles Park - 5400 Cedar Elm Dr, McKinney, TX

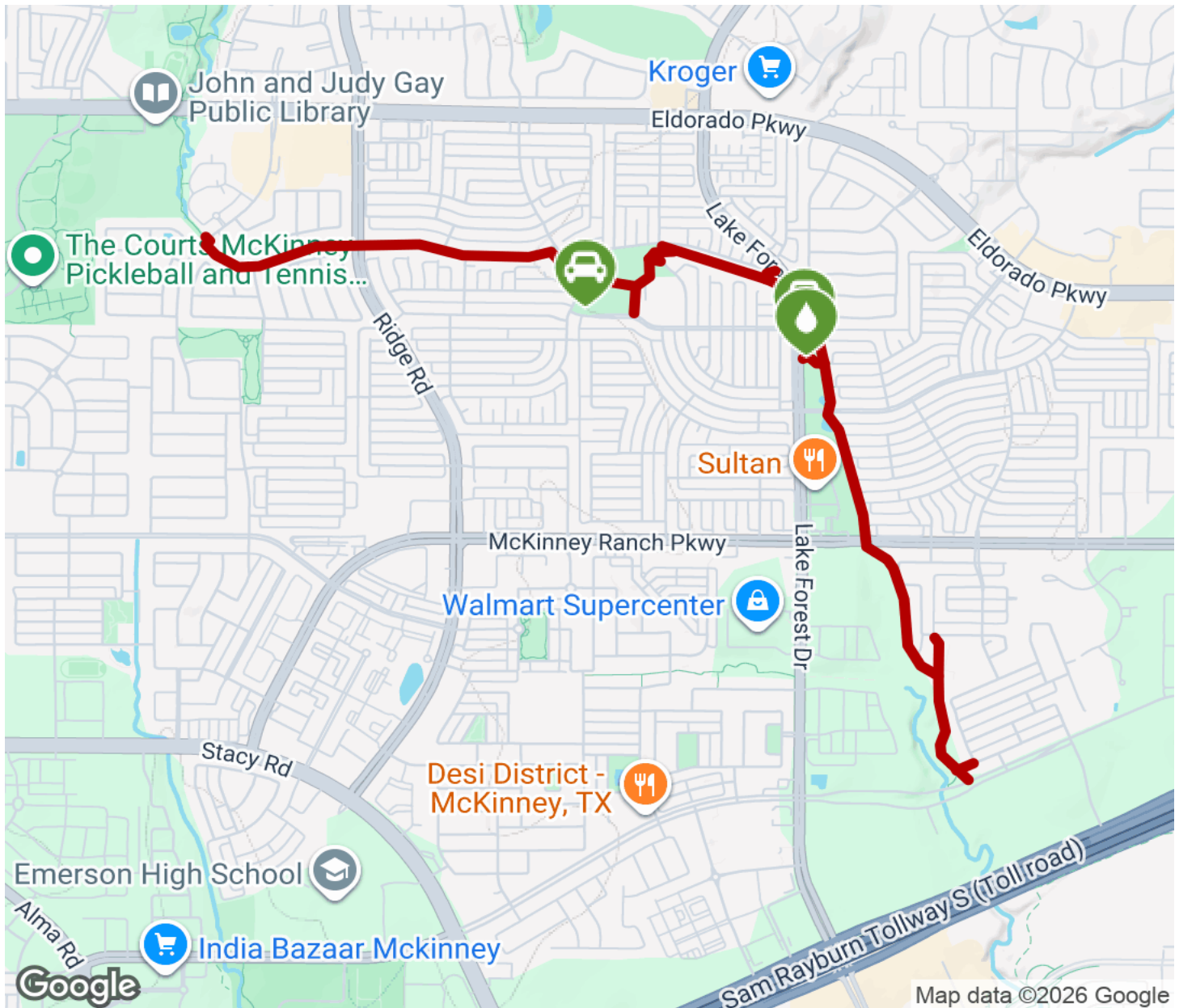- Katherine B. Winford Park - 4900 Highlands Dr, McKinney, TX

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Legend:
- **Trailhead**
- **Restroom**
- **Parking**
- **Water Fountain**
- **Tunnel**