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Guides



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Eventually, local planners hope to connect the Little J Trail to its new sibling rail trail, the city's [Museum Trail](#), creating a network of paved pathways that connect some of the city's key destinations - for now, though, the Little J Trail simply offers a short, smooth path that lives up to its diminutive name.

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The short trail is built on the former railroad bed of the Little J spur of the former Illinois Central Railroad, which became the first narrow gauge railroad to service the community and played an important role in the industrial boom around the turn of the century. Currently, only around half a mile of the corridor has been converted into paved trail, but plans are in the works to utilize the rest of the route to provide a connection spanning Jackson State University in the east and Buddy Butts Park in the west.



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**States:** Mississippi

**Counties:** Hinds

Length: 0.5miles

**Trail end points:** West Highland Dr. to Yarbro St.

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

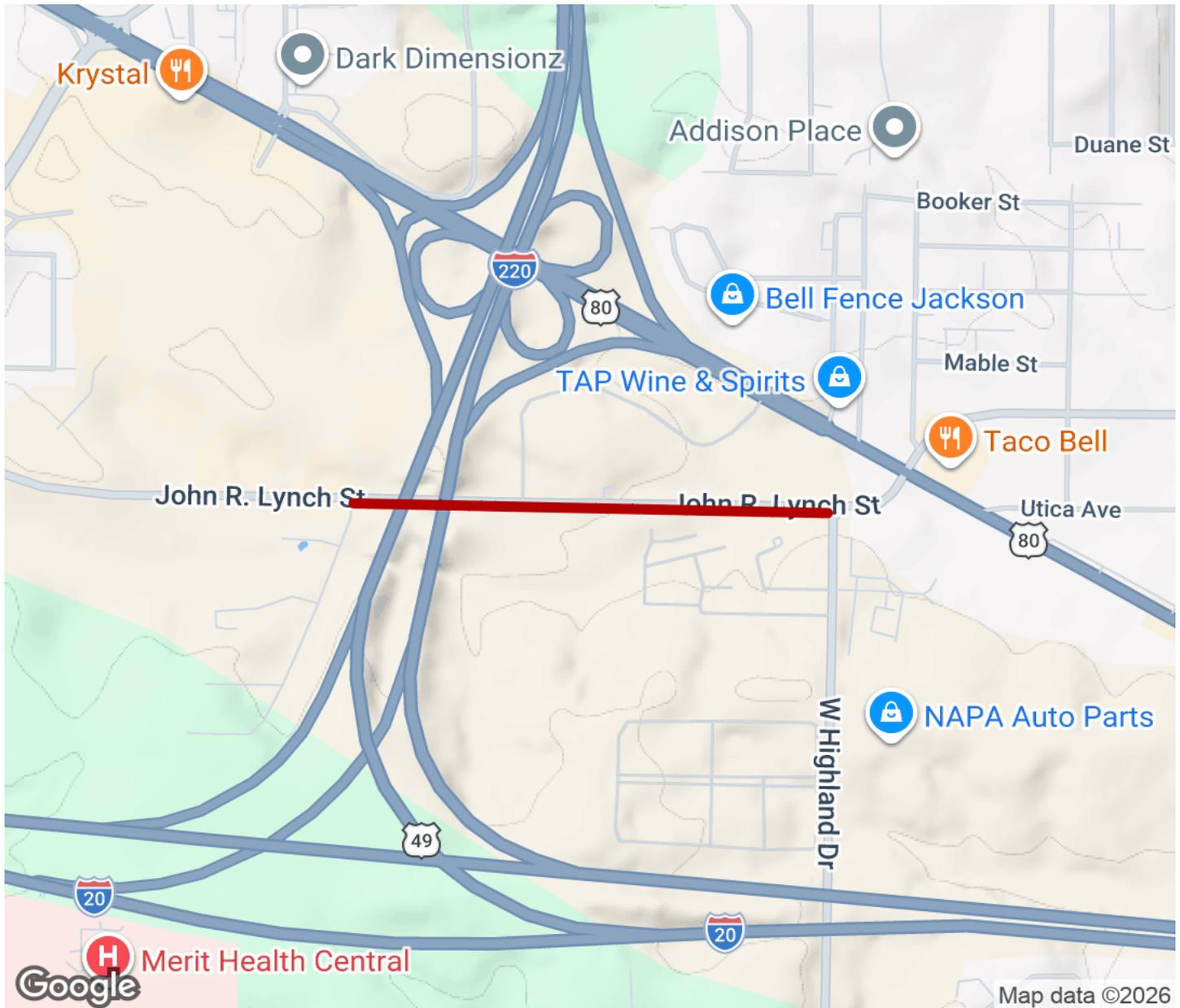
## Parking & Trail Access

No dedicated parking is provided for the trail; be sure to follow any posted signs and regulations when parking nearby. Trail access is located on John Lynch Street just west of Highway 80, at the intersection with West Highland Drive.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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