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For now, head north from the tunnel, where the NWP Railroad Trail begins with a crushed stone surface in a residential neighborhood. As it bisects downtown Corte Madera, the trail transitions to a paved surface. Restaurants and shops can easily be reached from the trail. Near Elm Avenue, the [Sandra Marker Trail](#) splits off from the main trail on another former Northwestern Pacific Railroad corridor. Take that path eastward to access additional trails and the San Francisco Bay.

Continuing north on the main trail, you'll soon reach downtown Larkspur. As in Corte Madera, food and shopping destinations are within easy reach of the trail. The path ends at Doherty Drive, although the scenic [Creekside Loop](#) is just a short hop across the road from the endpoint.

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A portion of the same corridor farther south has been converted into the [Mill Valley/Sausalito Multiuse Pathway](#). Between the two trails, the historic Alto Tunnel, long unused, blocks a continuous journey. The reopening of the tunnel, which cuts through challengingly hilly terrain, has long been a priority of Marin County trail advocates.



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States: California

Counties: Marin

Length: 1.31miles

Trail end points: Doherty Dr. and Magnolia Ave. (Larkspur) to Alto Tunnel between Montecito Dr. and Tunnel Ln. (Corte Madera)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

Parking for the NWP Railroad Trail is plentiful in downtown Larkspur and Corte Madera. Be sure to obey any posted parking restrictions.

To reach the southern trailhead from US 101 in Corte Madera, take the Tamalpais Drive exit, and head west on Tamalpais Drive, which becomes Redwood Avenue, to Montecito Drive. Turn left on Montecito Drive and continue south, following it for about 0.3 mile to a dirt parking area that is wedged between the roadway and the trail.



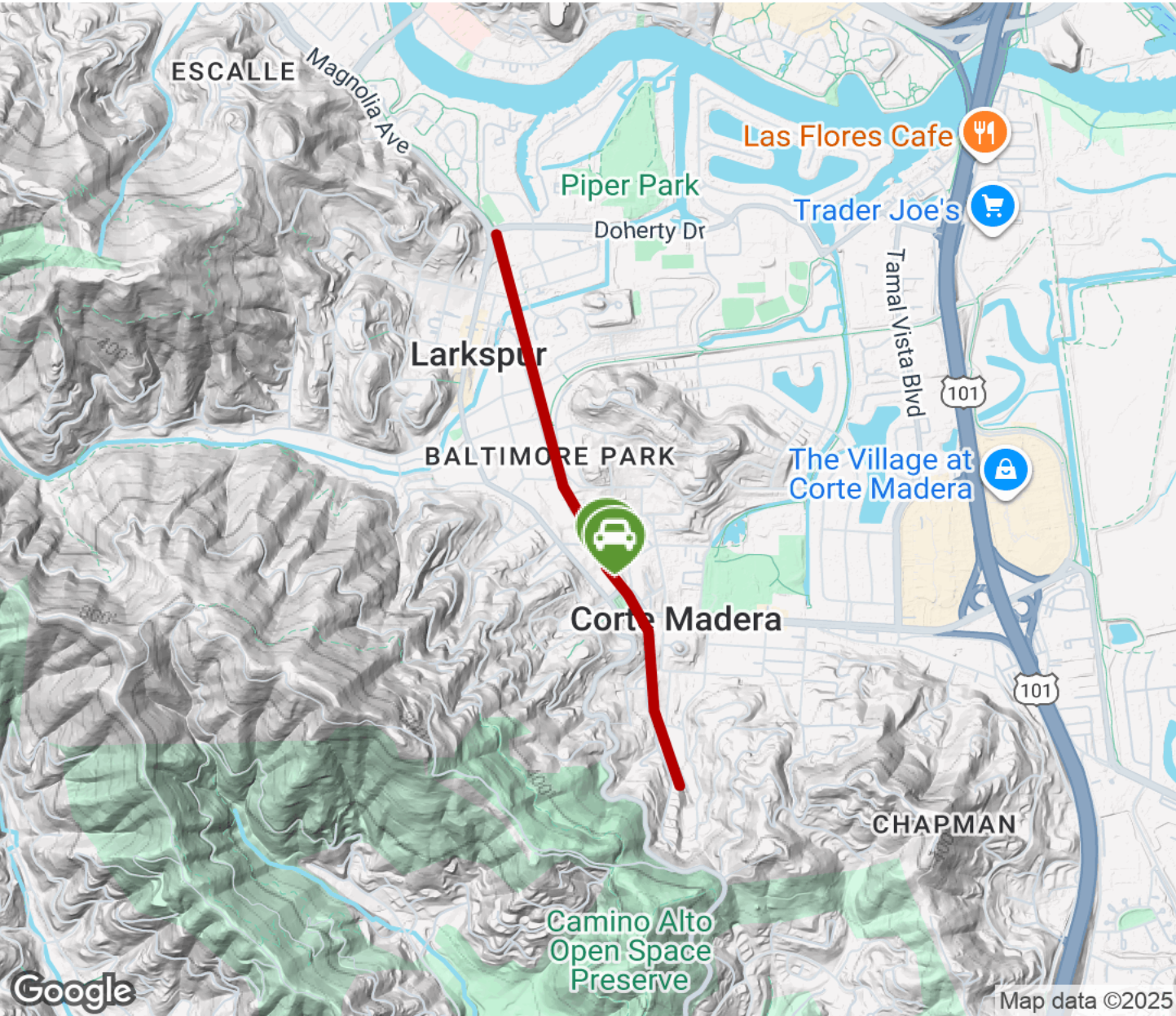
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-  Restroom
-  Parking
-  Water Fountain
-  Tunnel