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A unique feature of the trail is an 80-foot-long trestle bridge that was reconstructed in 1998. The trail also features trailheads at 4 locations, giving users the option to enjoy the entire trail or separate the visit into more manageable portions.



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**States:** Arizona

**Counties:** Apache

Length: 19 miles

**Trail end points:** SR 260 northeast of SR 273 to Big Lake

**Trail surfaces:** Cinder

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Horseback Riding, Mountain Biking, Walking

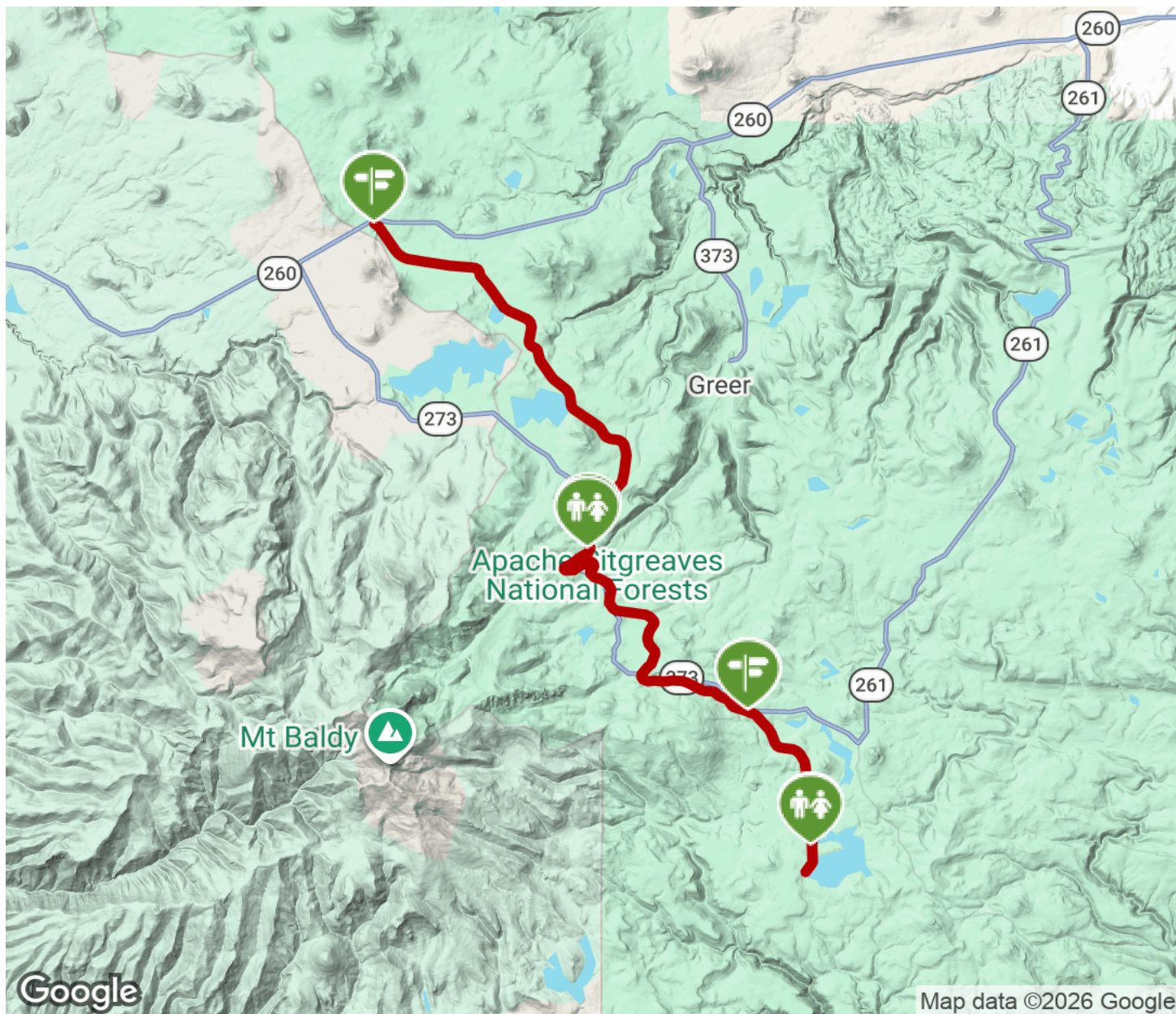
## Parking & Trail Access

Each of the 4 trailheads has a vault toilet and a parking capacity for at least 10 vehicles. The trailheads are located at Railroad Cove at Big Lake, Lightning Ridge, Sheep Crossing and at the northern endpoint on State Route 260 (northeast of SR 273).



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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