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Guides



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River Trail**  
*Colorado*



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The Platte River Trail is just one of many of Denver's superb multi-use trails, this one stretching from just north and west of Englewood and heading north toward Henderson. The 45-mile trail follows the winding Platte River, coursing through Denver's urban landscape—including its industrial face—and incorporating high plains grassland landscapes with the Rockies as a backdrop.

## About the Route

For most of its 45-mile route, the trail winds alongside the South Platte River. From its northern terminus, the trail passes by several notable sites including Veteran's Park in the very north, Pelican Ponds Open Space, through the River North Art District, Commons Park, the Denver

Broncos Empower Field, Ruby Hill Park, and Overland Golf Course before reaching its southern end in Englewood where it connects to several other trails.

Trail users will find bicycle traffic circles at trail intersections, as well as interpretive signs and nature areas along the route. There are cafes, memorials, botanical gardens, and numerous parks, offering plenty to see and do. A popular stop for trail users is to stop and watch kayakers ply the Union Avenue boat chutes.

The southern 10 miles of the trail are also referred to as the [Mary Carter Greenway](#).

## Connections

In Welby, the trail connects to the [Niver Canal Trail](#), and the [Clear Creek Trail](#).

In Commerce Creek, the trail connects to the [Sand Creek Regional Greenway](#).

In downtown Denver, the trail connects to the [Cherry Creek Regional Trail](#).

In the Villa Park neighborhood, the trail connects to the [West Line Rail Bike Path](#) and [Weir Gulch Trail](#).

In the South Platte neighborhood, the trail connects to the [Sanderson Gulch Trail](#) and the [West Harvard Gulch Trail](#).

At the beginning of the Mary Carter Greenway, the South Platte River Trail connects to the [Bear Creek Trail](#).

At the southern end of the trail, it connects to the [C470 Bikeway](#).



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**States:** Colorado

**Counties:** Adams, Denver

Length: 44.7 miles

**Trail end points:** 405 W Bridge St (Brighton) to C470 Bikeway (Littleton)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Cinder, Concrete

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross Country Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

The South Platte River Trail runs between 405 W Bridge St (Brighton) and the C470 Bikeway (Littleton), where parking is available.

Parking is also available at:

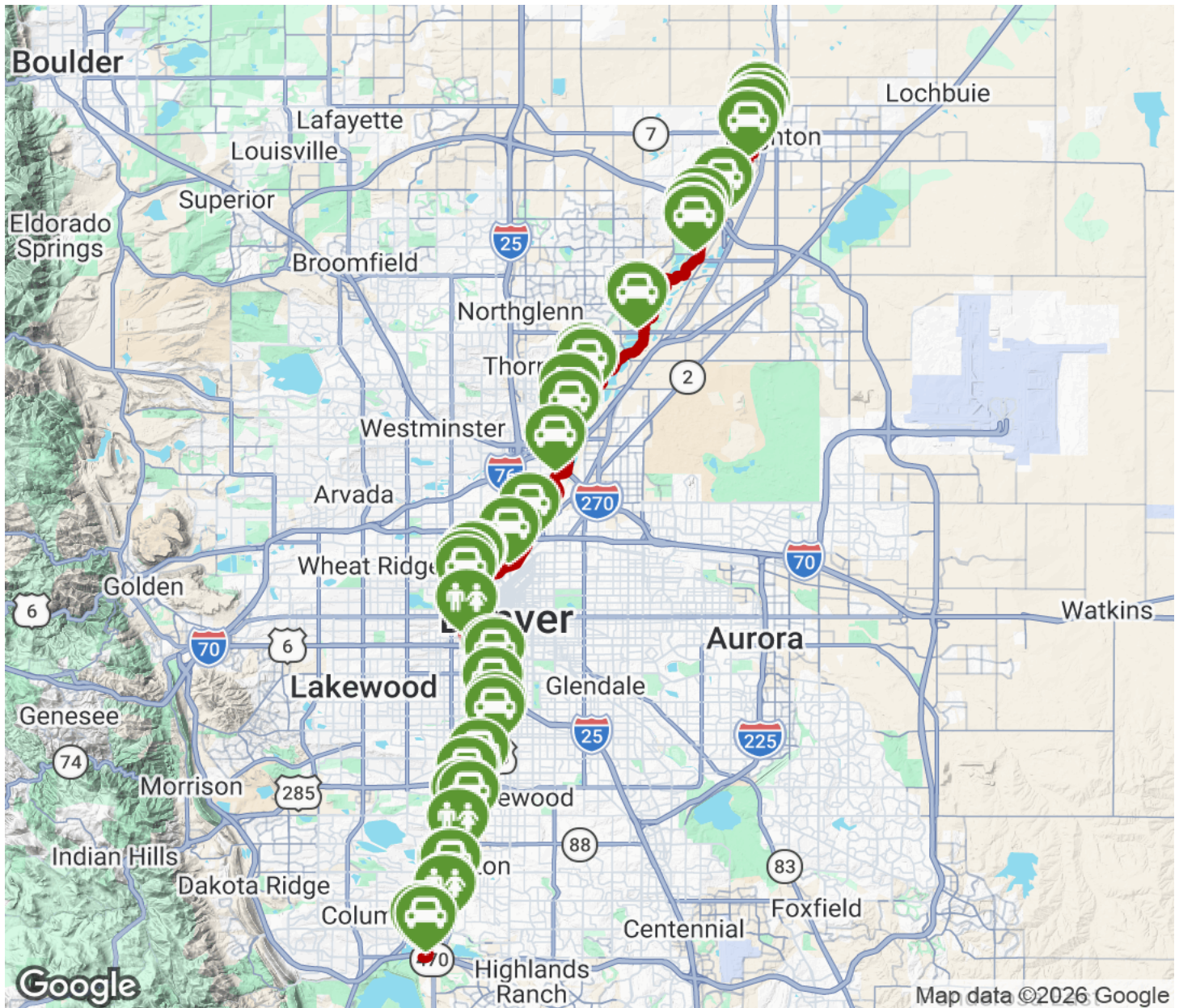
- 6821 E 104th Ave (Denver)
- 8554 Colorado Blvd (Thornton)
- Frog Hollow Park, 2350 W 8th Ave (Denver)

There are numerous parking options along the route. Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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