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Guides



**Poudre Trail
(Fort Collins)**
Colorado



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The Poudre Trail in Fort Collins follows the meandering course of the Poudre River between the Bellevue Watson Fish Hatchery and



crosses into the Cattail Chorus Natural Area. Just south of this, the trail comes to its southern end at the Prospect Ponds Natural Area and nearby CSU Environmental Learning Center.

Connections

At the Cattail Chorus Natural Area, the trail connects to the [Spring Creek Trail \(CO\)](#).

The Poudre Trail in Fort Collins follows the meandering course of the Poudre River between the Bellevue Watson Fish Hatchery and Colorado State University's Environmental Learning Center for 12.2 miles. The trail passes through wooded corridors and among agricultural and natural areas, small lakes and holding ponds, parks, and light industrial sites.

About the Route

Across the entire 12.2-mile route, the trail offers a variety of sites. Heading south from Bellevue, the trail enters Lions Open Space and then across the river from the North Shields Ponds Natural Area. The trail heads into downtown Fort Collins, as well as the Lee Martinez Community Park and Springer Natural Area. The trail also



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States: Colorado

Counties: Larimer

Length: 12.2miles

Trail end points: Rist Canyon Rd. (Bellevue) to
2400 S County Rd 9 (Fort Collins)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Concrete

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Poudre Trail runs between Rist Canyon Rd. (Bellevue) and 2400 S County Rd 9 (Fort Collins), with parking available at both ends.

Parking is also available at:

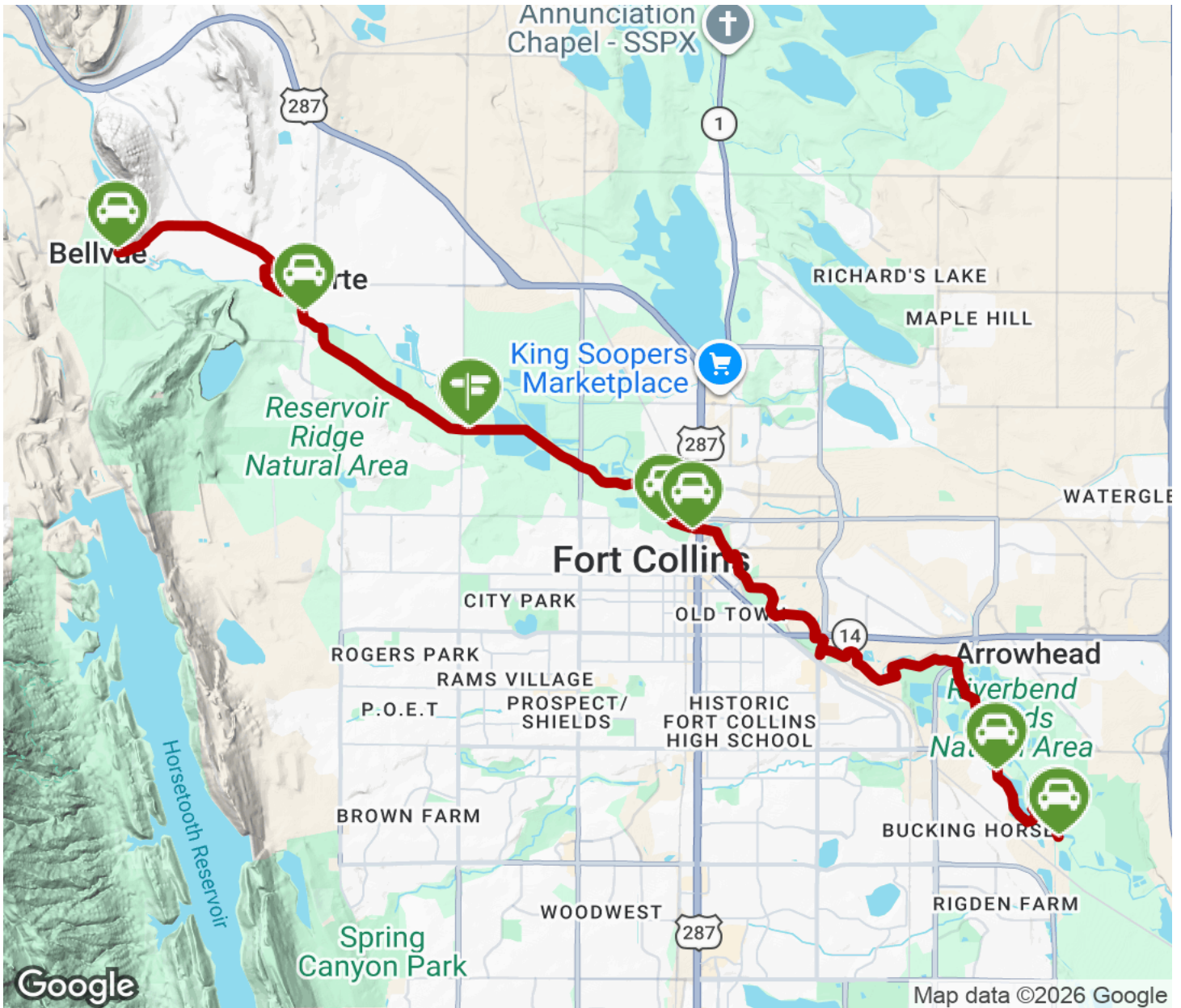
- Lions Open Space, 2425 N Overland Trail (Laporte)
- Lee Martinez Community Park, 660 Elm St. (Fort Collins)
- 2025 Sharp Point Dr. (Fort Collins)

See [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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