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Canal Trail**
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In addition to the lovely scenery along the trail, you can learn about the canal's history at a new museum, housed in the former generator house and office building for the Roanoke Navigation and Power Company (listed on the



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States: North Carolina

Counties: Halifax

Length: 7.8miles

Trail end points: Roanoke Rapids Lake nr.
Oakwood Ave. (Roanoke Rapids) to Rockfish Dr.
nr. US 158/301 (Weldon)

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone, Dirt

Trail category: Canal

Trail activities: Fishing, Mountain
Biking, Walking

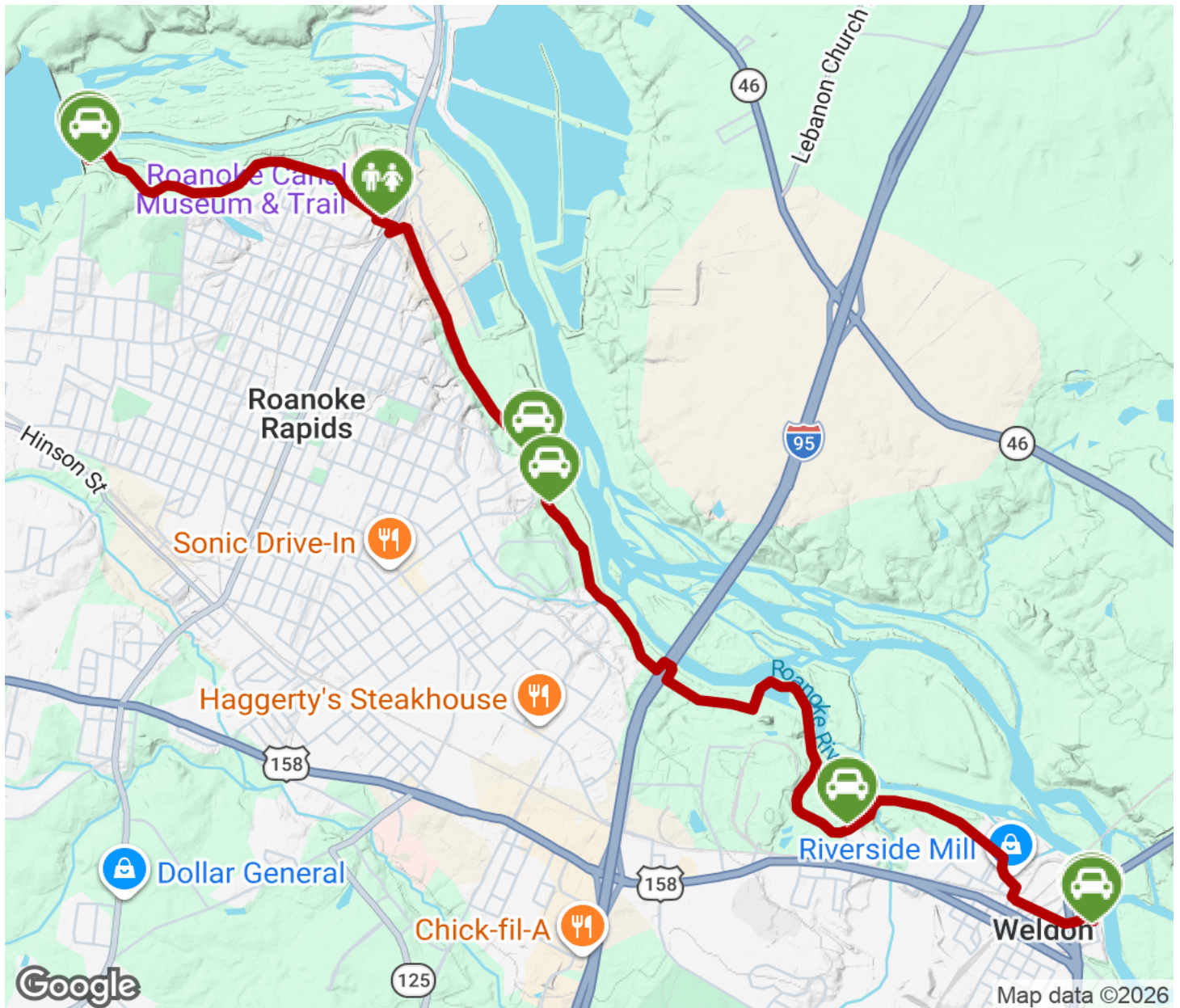
Parking & Trail Access

There are numerous access points and places to park throughout the length of the canal trail. Please see trail map for access points and driving directions. You can also visit the [Roanoke Canal & Museum website](#) to download a brochure that shows the access points.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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