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Guides



**Marcia H.
Cloninger
Rail-Trail**
North Carolina



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take in this enchanting town and trail.

The trail was named in memory of the woman who championed its cause and was instrumental in securing funds to build it. It is part of the growing Carolina Thread Trail, a trail network of more than 1,400 miles across North and South Carolina.

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The trail begins near Liberty Street and travels past the old railroad depot at Pine and North Poplar streets. As it winds through town, it briefly shares its corridor with an active railroad line. Expect to encounter both locals and visitors out for exercise or on a break from the specialty and antique shops. The smooth, paved trail is especially popular with inline skaters and parents pushing baby strollers. Benches line the route, inviting you to pause and



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States: North Carolina

Counties: Lincoln

Length: 1.7miles

Trail end points: City Park (1000 N Aspen St, Lincolnton) to Motz Avenue Dog Park (492 Motz Ave, Lincolnton)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

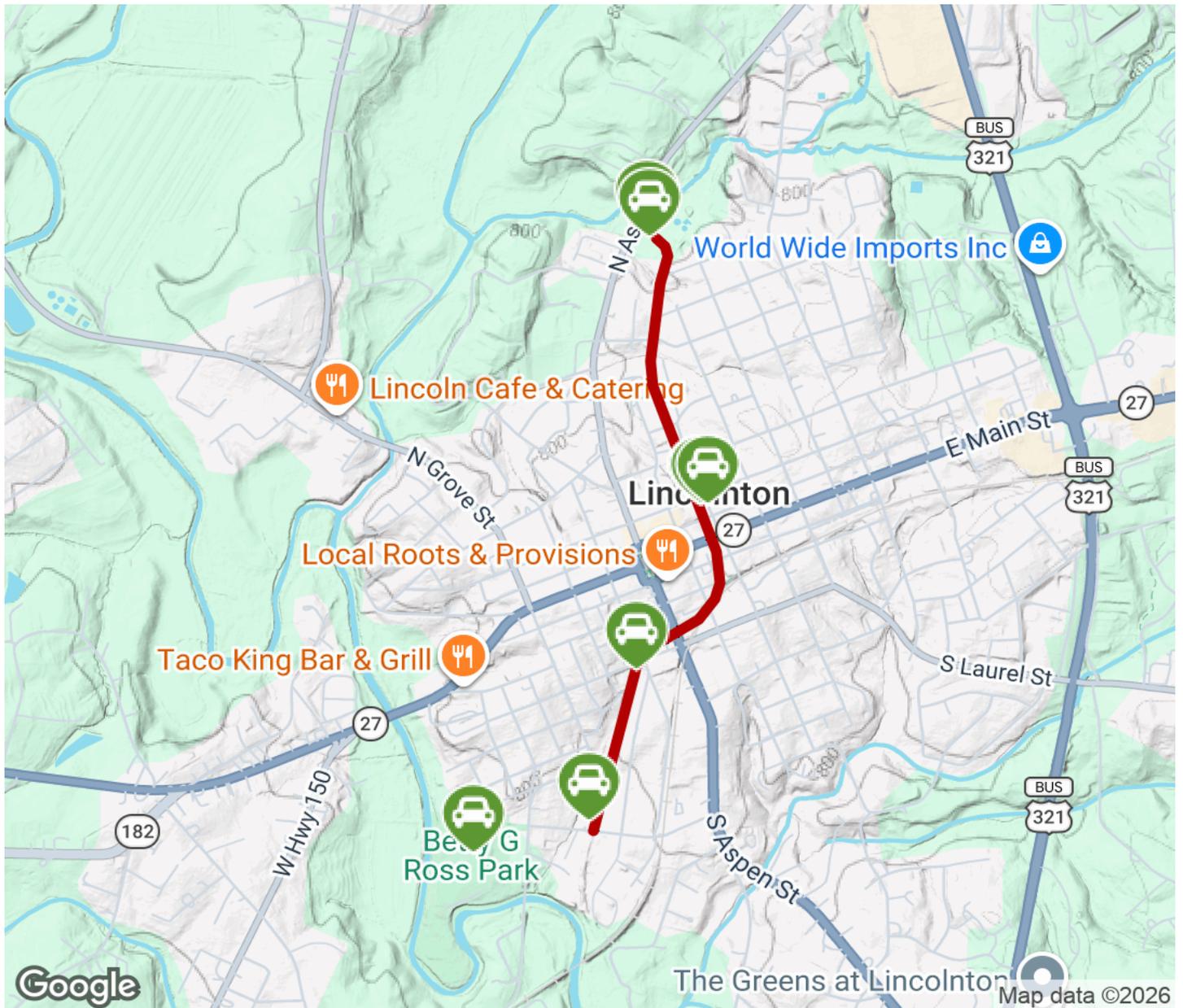
Parking & Trail Access

From Charlotte, take I-85 south to Exit 10 and head north on US Highway 321. Take Exit 24 and follow NC 27/Main Street west into Lincolnton. Turn right on North Poplar Street, and drive one block to the intersection of North Poplar and East Pine. The trailhead is on East Pine, behind the old railroad depot. Street parking is available across from the depot.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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