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Guides



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States: New York

Counties: Bronx

Length: 1miles

Trail end points: Van Cortlandt Park to Van Cortlandt Park

Trail surfaces: Dirt,Gravel,Woodchips

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Walking

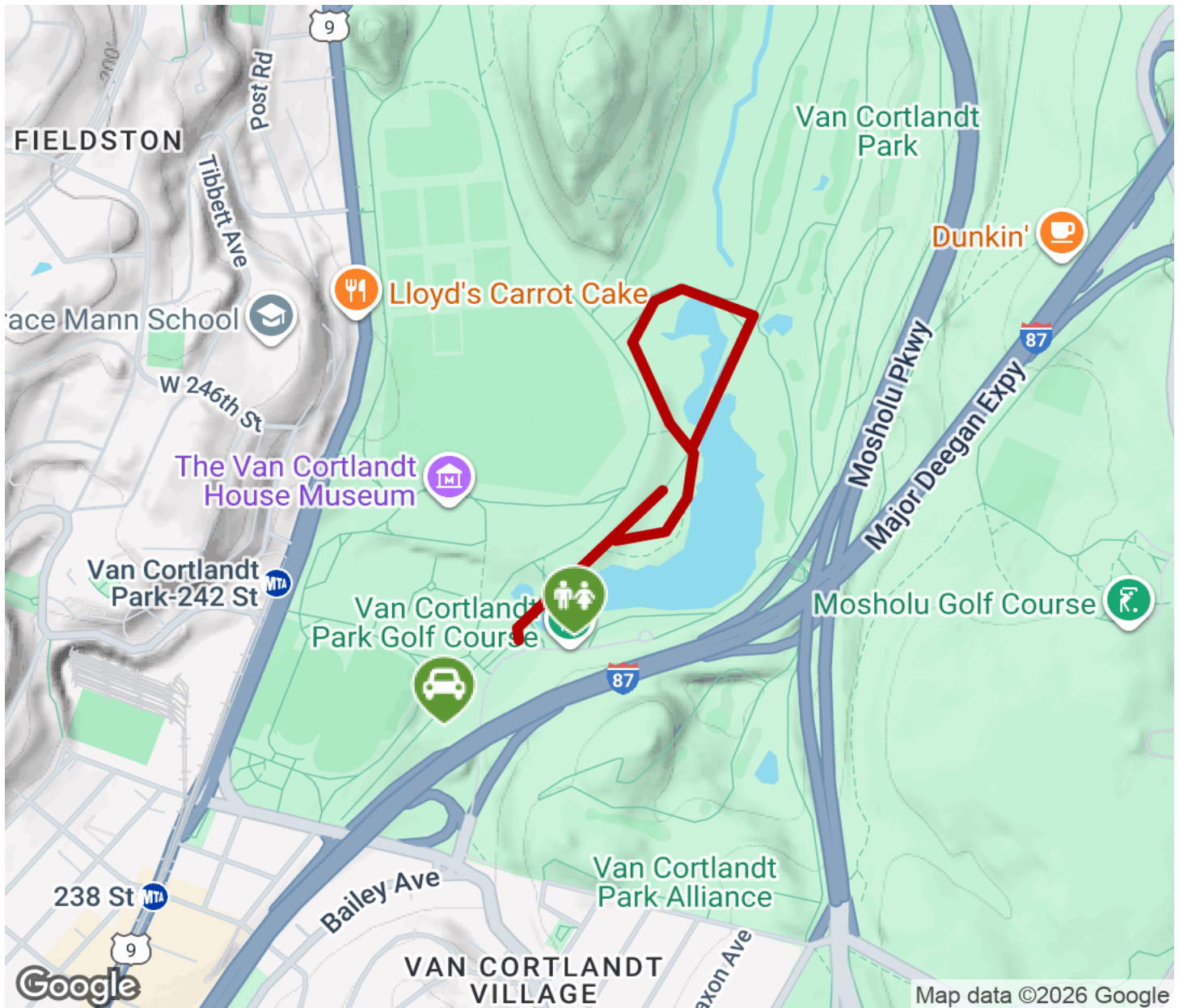
Parking & Trail Access

A free parking lot is available at the south end of the trail.
Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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