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**Cotton Belt
Trail**
Texas



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About the Route

The trail's southernmost endpoint is located along Latham Dr. in North Richland Hills and the trail heads north from here along a winding concrete corridor. There is a brief gap in the trail corridor between Glenview Dr. and Blvd. 26, where the trail resumes and heads east until reaching Suncrest Ct. This section is also referred to as

the Joann Johnson Trail.

The main section of the trail picks up just on the other side of North Richland Hills on the other side of Rte. 820. This section of the trail heads northeast along an active rail corridor, which is separated from the trail by a small metal fence. The route passes a number of greenspaces including Dick Faram Park, LD Lockett Park, and Pleasant Run Park.

In Grapevine, the trail leaves the rail corridor briefly to follow a sidewalk route and then picks back up as a rail-with-trail along S Dooley St. The eastern end of the trail comes to a close at the Texan Trail Highway.

The final section of trail, also called the Hutton Branch Trail, picks up along N. Denton Dr. and heads northeast along two greenway corridors. The trail here passes through the Josey Ranch Athletic Complex and then the trail splits in two, with a northern route heading through Mill Valley Park and the southern spur heading through the Josey Ranch Greenbelt.

Connections

At Dick Faram Park in North Richland Hills, the Cotton Belt Trail intersects with the [Walker's Creek Trail](#).

In Colleyville, the trail connects to the [Pool Road Trail](#).

The Cotton Belt Regional Trail Corridor includes the Cotton Belt Trail, The [Joann Johnson Trail](#) and the [Hutton Branch Trail](#).

Trail History

The Cotton Belt Trail follows the former St. Louis Southwestern Railway, nicknamed the Cotton Belt Line, which began running in the late 1800s and was discontinued in the 1970s.



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States: Texas

Counties: Tarrant

Length: 19.84miles

Trail end points: Latham Dr. (N. Richland Hills)
to Keller Springs Park, 2146 Kelly Blvd
(Carrollton)

Trail surfaces: Concrete

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Inline

Skating,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Cotton Belt Trail runs between Latham Dr. (N. Richland Hills) and Keller Springs Park, 2146 Kelly Blvd (Carrollton), where parking is available.

Parking is also available at:

- Pleasant Run Park, 6517-6543 Pleasant Run Rd (Colleyville)
- Josey Ranch Athletic Complex, 1440 Keller Springs Rd (Carrollton)

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



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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