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trails (including equestrian paths) are available, as well as campsites, a rock-climbing area, and a lake in which to swim, boat, or fish.

While pedaling through the countryside and heading through sections of woodland, keep an eye out for wildlife, including turtles, cottontail rabbits, deer, foxes, coyotes, and even bobcats. Trail users may also see horses and cows in the pastures.

Trail History

The rail-trail traces the corridor of the former Weatherford, Mineral Wells & Northwestern Railroad, a passenger line which was popular in the late 1890s due to the area's mineral baths that were believed to provide healing properties. The line was later owned by the Texas & Pacific Railway Company and then the Union Pacific Railroad. The railroad provided freight service for its last few years of operation until it was no longer economically viable; the corridor opened as a trail in 1998.

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About the Route

Beginning in downtown Mineral Wells, the trail is paved for 2 miles. For its remaining 18 miles, the pathway is surfaced in finely crushed limestone suitable for hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians.

After five miles of riding from the trail's west end, trail users will hit one of the highlights of the journey: a 500-foot bridge, adorned with 104 Lone Stars, across US Highway 180. Shortly after the bridge, travelers will have access to Lake Mineral Wells State Park, where additional



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States: Texas

Counties: Palo Pinto, Parker

Length: 20miles

Trail end points: SW 2nd Ave. (Mineral Wells)
to Cartwright Park Rd. (Weatherford)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Horseback
Riding, Mountain Biking, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross
Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Lake Mineral Wells State Trailway runs between SW 2nd Ave. (Mineral Wells) and Cartwright Park Rd. (Weatherford), with parking available at both ends.

Parking is also available at:

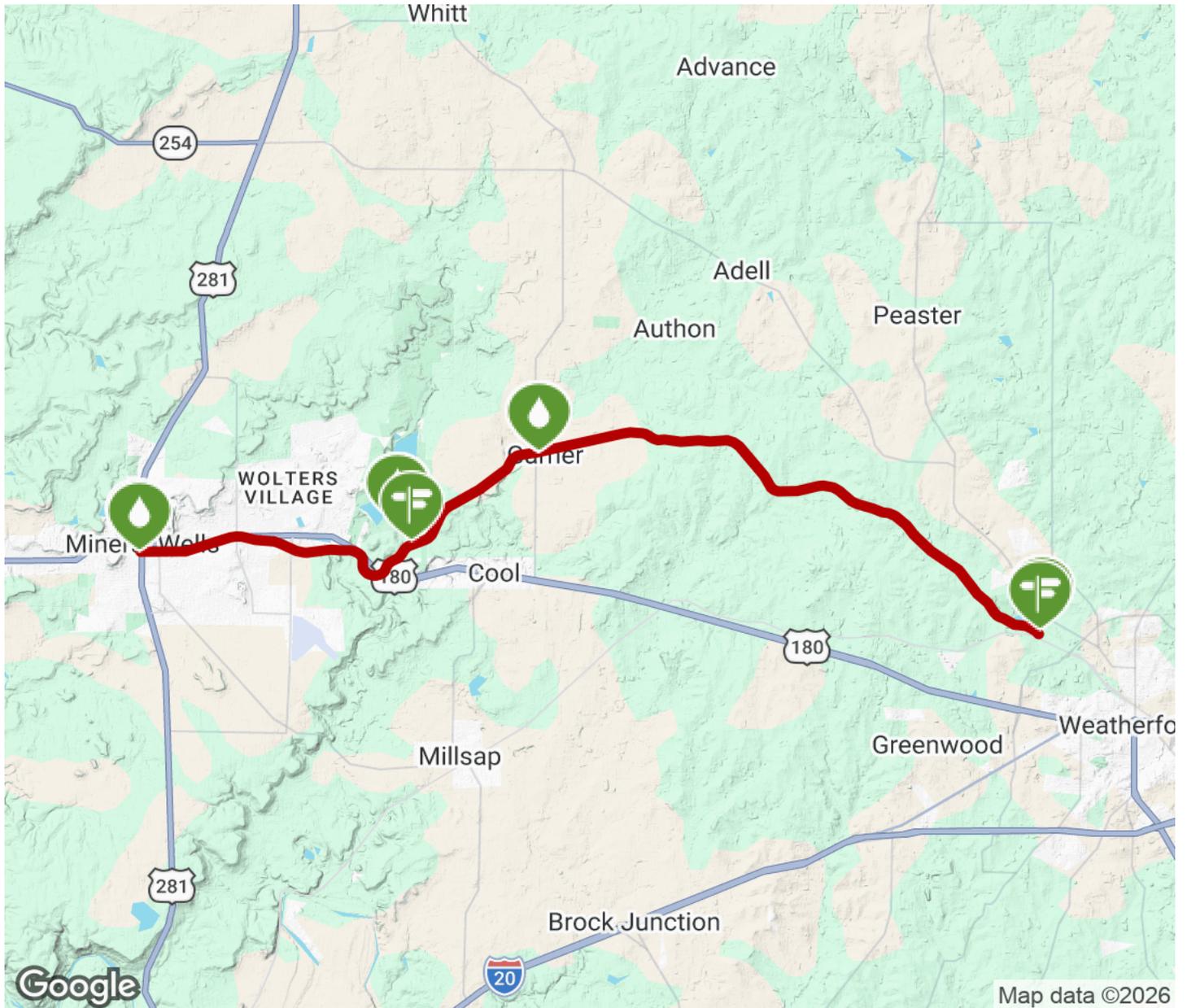
- Lake Mineral Wells State Park, 100 Park Road 71 (Mineral Wells)

Self-pay stations are located at each trailhead, or fees can be paid at the Lake Mineral Wells State Park headquarters. The daily entrance fee is \$7 (children 12 and younger are free), or you can purchase an annual pass for \$70 that grants you access to all Texas state parks.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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