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The Huckleberry Trail winds through a mix of urban, agricultural, forested, and wetland landscapes. In addition to the 8.2-mile main trail spine, between Blacksburg and Christiansburg was expanded to include two additional segments, Huckleberry North and Huckleberry South.

## About the Route

The 8.3-mile main spine of the Huckleberry Trail leaves off in the north from the Blacksburg Library, just a couple blocks from the Virginia Tech campus. Along the northernmost 2 miles, trail users may hear a marching

band in the distance or notice a game at the nearby Lane Stadium. Continuing along this meandering trail, the trail leaves the town of Blacksburg and enters a rural landscape, passing quiet homes, open fields, and pockets of forests.

After a large tunnel passing under US 460, the trail reaches a roundabout. Here, trail users can either turn right to hop on the northern spur of the Huckleberry Trail or turn left to stay on the main Huckleberry Trail heading south. The 5-mile Huckleberry North segment reaches a trailhead at Heritage Community Park and Natural Area, a 169-acre park on the north side of Blacksburg. At the northern end of the park, trail users will find both the Gateway Trailhead and the Blacksburg-Rotary Mountain Bike Skills Park.

Continuing south on the original Huckleberry Trail, trail users will hit the Coal Mining Heritage Park and Loop Trail at mile 5—just before reaching a railroad bridge over the still-active Norfolk Southern rail line. The park borders the Huckleberry Trail on both sides and contains old mining equipment and interpretive signage.

The trail continues to the west of New River Valley Mall in Christiansburg, running adjacent to the active rail line. Using the Renva W. Knowles Bridge over VA 114, the trail continues behind big-box stores to Cambria Street NW and a trailhead at the Christiansburg Recreation Center.

The Huckleberry Trail southern spur picks up at the intersection of Cambria Street NW and Providence Boulevard and winds through residential neighborhoods to the new southern terminus at Christiansburg High School. Unlike most rail trails, the Huckleberry Trail is quite hilly. While certain sections of the trail were built on former rail line alignments, the trail also rolls through agricultural fields where the climbs are short but the grades can be as steep as 6%. Where the grades are greater than 5%, turnouts are provided. The Huckleberry Trail connects to a series of natural-surface trail systems, including the McDonald Hollow



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**States:** Virginia

**Counties:** Montgomery

Length: 15.2 miles

**Trail end points:** 2701 Meadowbrook Dr.  
(Blacksburg) to Independence Blvd. SW  
(Christiansburg)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Boardwalk

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking, Cross  
Country Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

The Huckleberry Trail runs between 2701 Meadowbrook Dr. (Blacksburg), which offers parking, and Independence Blvd. SW (Christiansburg).

Parking is also available at:

- 2300 Glade Rd (Blacksburg)
- 751 Merrimac Rd (Blacksburg)
- 1600 N Franklin St (Christiansburg)

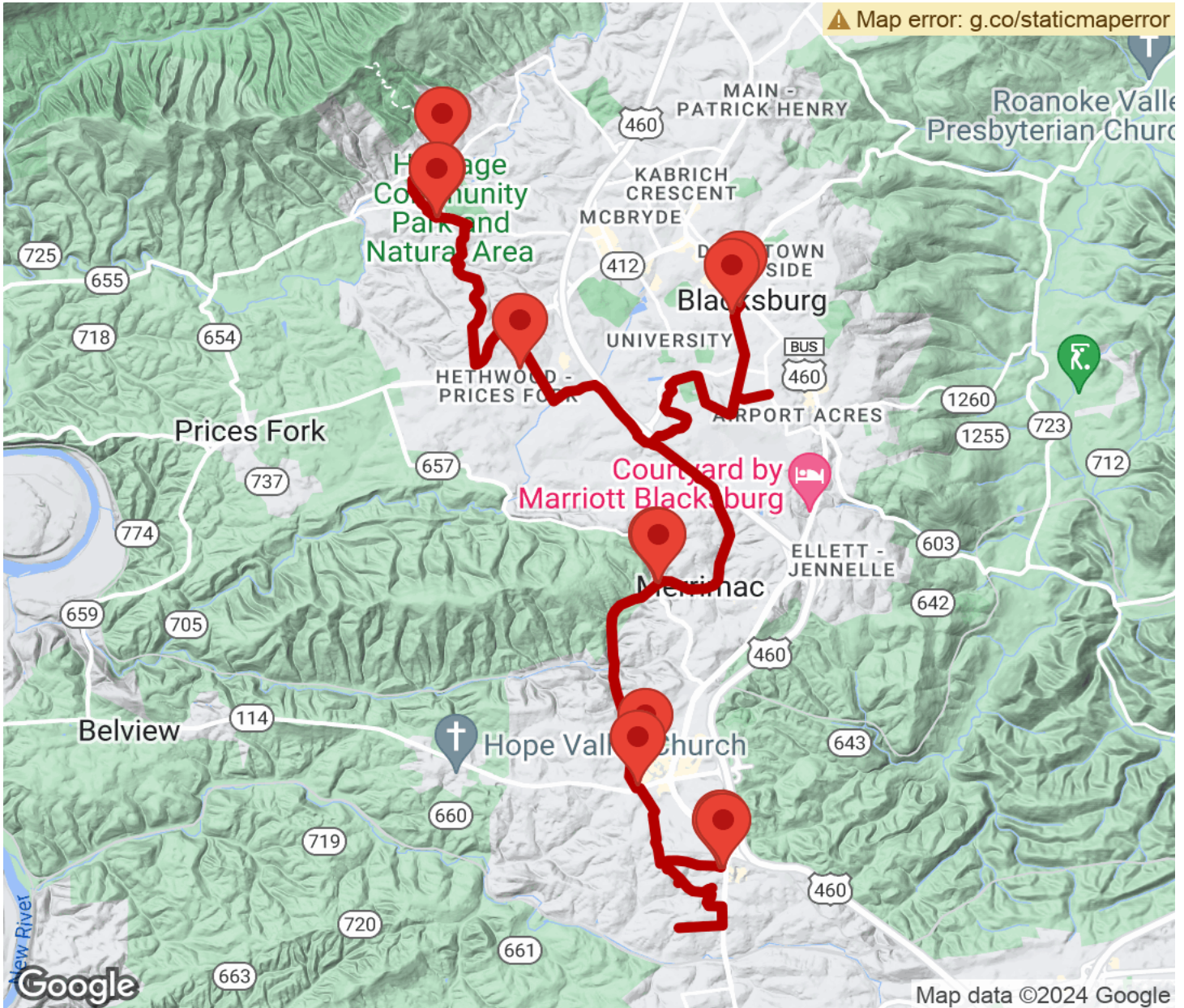
Blacksburg Transit also provides access to the trail.

Please see [TrailLink map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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