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you'll find restaurants and some shops, as well as through the Air Force Academy, so don't be surprised to see jets overhead.

At the southern end of the trail at Woodmen Road, the New Santa Fe Regional Trail becomes the [Pikes Peak Greenway Trail](#).

The New Santa Fe Regional Trail provides a scenic journey along the front range of the mountains, from Palmer Lake Recreation Area in northern El Paso County through the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. The trail follows a portion of the former Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad line, which, heading north to south drops 1,200 feet in elevation.

The trail is popular among hikers, cyclists (hybrids or mountain bikes would be best-suited to the trail), equestrians and families out for a stroll. Along the way you'll find interpretive signs, wildlife and interesting geological features, not to mention incredible views, in particular Pikes Peak.

The trail passes through the town of Monument, where



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States: Colorado

Counties: El Paso

Length: 17miles

Trail end points: County Line Rd (Palmer Lake Rec Area) to Woodmen Rd (Colorado Springs)

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone,Gravel,Sand

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Fishing,Wheelchair Accessible,Horseback Riding,Mountain Biking,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

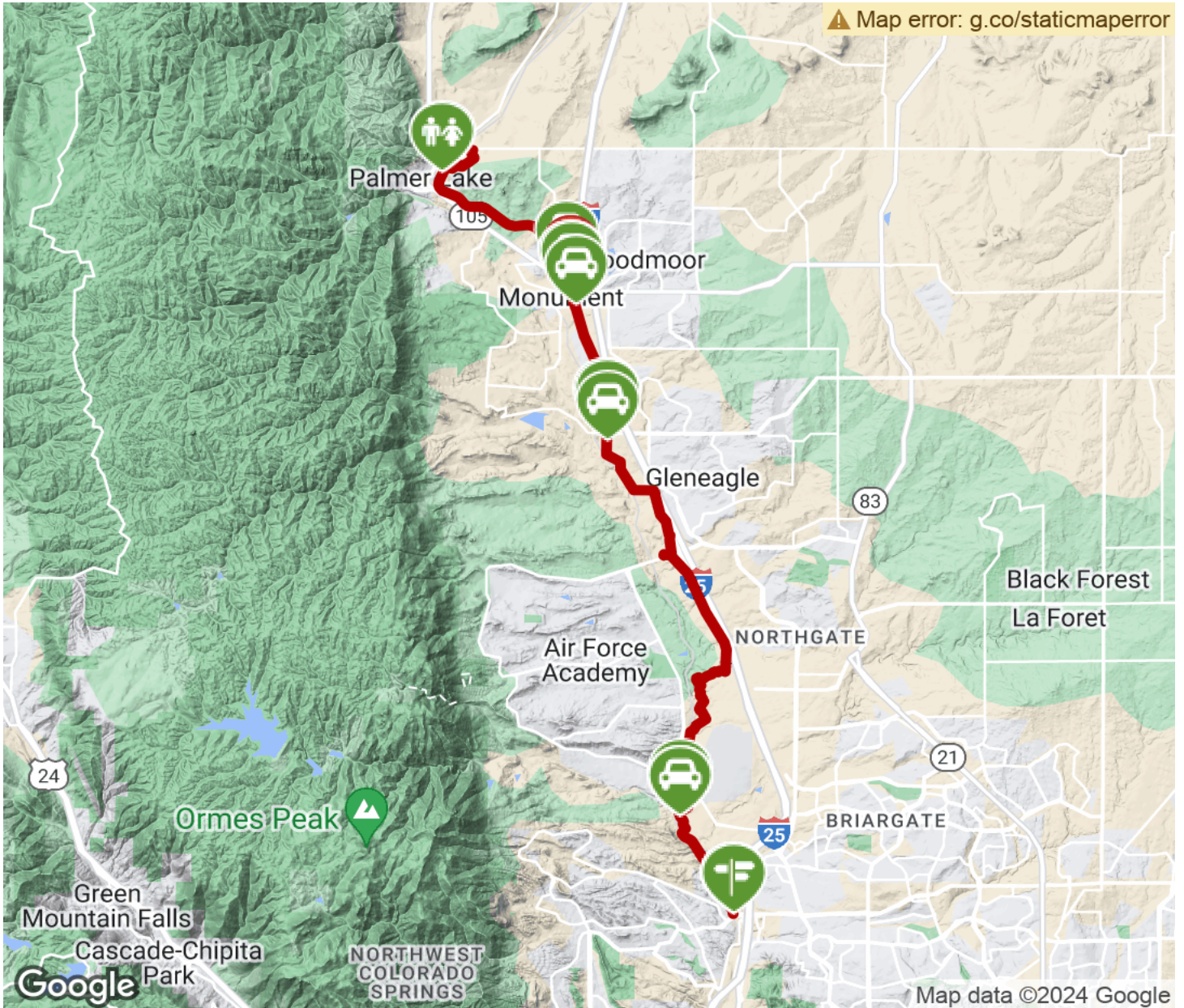
The trail has several access points:

- Palmer Lake Recreation Area: Take I-25 north to Exit 161; head northwest on Route 105 for about 5 miles, then east on County Line Road to the park entrance.
- Third Street in Monument
- 55 Beacon Lite Rd in Monument (lot is across the street from this address).
- CLOSED w/ a new one under construction: North Gate Road (north entrance of the Air Force Academy)
- Baptist Road (south of Monument)
- Ice Lake trailhead at the Air Force Academy
- Two places at E. Woodmen Road: Going westbound on Woodman, parking is north of the road. If you're eastbound on Woodmen, turn south on Corporate Drive, then west on Mark Dabling Boulevard, followed by an immediate right into the lot.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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