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Columbia City's Blue River Trail weaves throughout the small city along the banks of the Eel River, linking residents with schools,

baseball fields and mountain bike trails. At the park's north end, the trail makes a loop around a quiet pond.

A new addition to the trail connects residents of the northern neighborhoods of Columbia City with Morsches Park via a bridge over the river north of US 30. In the future, the Blue River Trail will connect at its south end with the Eel River Trail, a proposed rail-trail that may eventually reach the community of South Whitley.

Columbia City's Blue River Trail weaves throughout the small city along the banks of the Eel River, linking residents with schools, businesses, activity hubs and parks. The main trailhead, which offers a bike rack, parking, drinking fountain, benches and restrooms, is located just north of the Columbia City Fire Museum on S. Whitley Street, although a recent extension to the west of there takes trail users to S. Main Street/US 30.

The trail meanders east from the trailhead along the waterway until it crosses the river on a footbridge at the YMCA property. At E. Van Buren Street/State Route 205, trail users must cross the river on the road bridge. The trail resumes immediately after the bridge, and extends north to popular Morsches Park. The 117-acre park contains a splash pad, pavilion, skate park, tennis courts,

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States: Indiana

Counties: Whitley

Length: 2.5miles

Trail end points: S. Main St./US 30 north of E. Hanna St. to Morsches Park

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

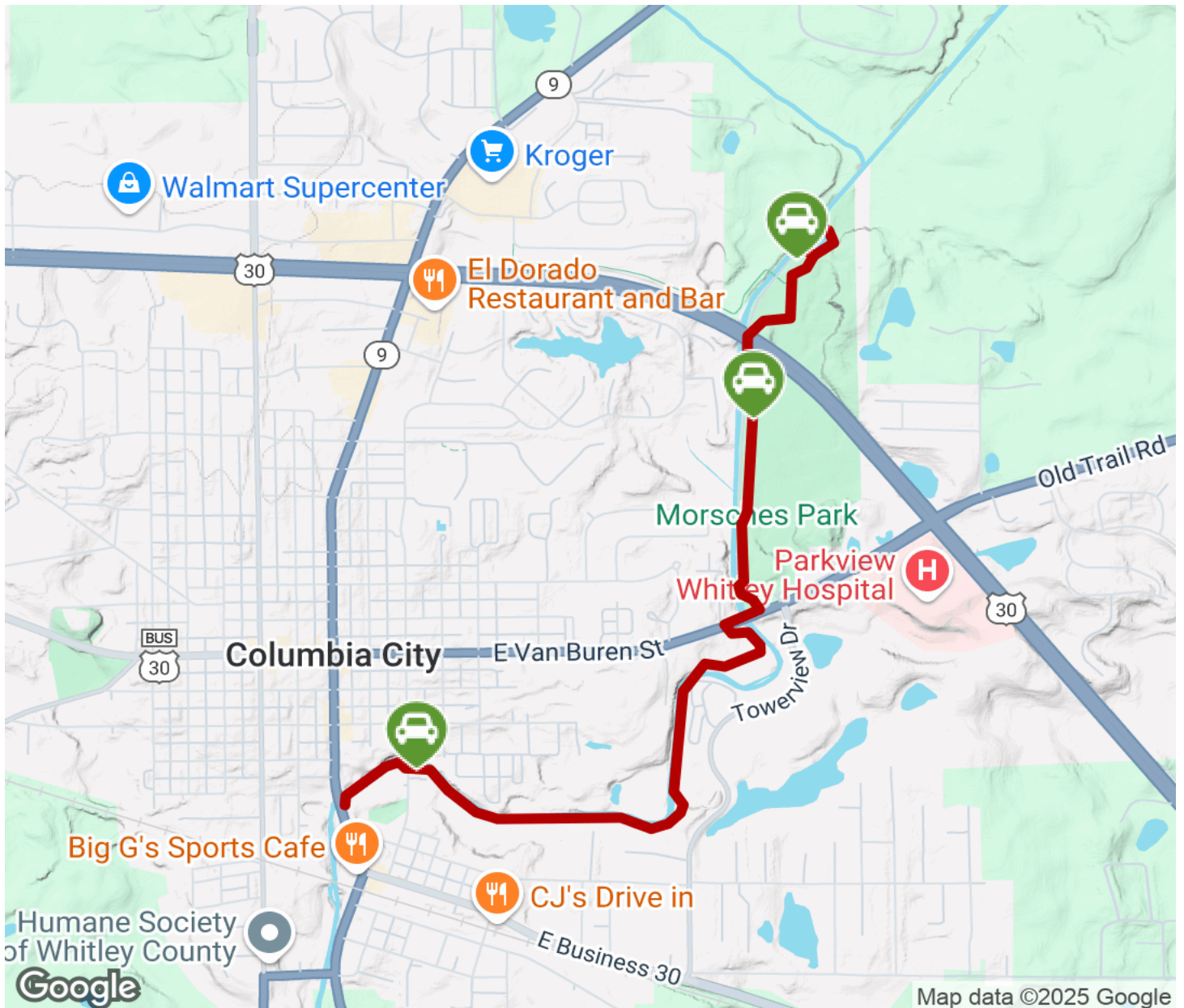**Trail activities:** Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

Parking for the Blue River Trail is available at the trailhead on S. Whitley Street adjacent to the Columbia City Fire Museum. Additional parking can be found at the YMCA and in Morsches Park, both accessed from E. Van Buren Street/SR 205.

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Kroger

Walmart Supercenter

El Dorado
Restaurant and Bar

Old Trail Rd

Morsches Park

Parkview
Whitley Hospital

Columbia City

E Van Buren St

Towerview Dr

Big G's Sports Cafe

CJ's Drive in

Humane Society
of Whitley County

E Business 30

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| | Trailhead | | Restroom | | Parking | | Water Fountain | | Tunnel |

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