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Guides



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From the Barton Creek Greenbelt, hikers can also access footpaths that stray away from the main path into the hills but cyclists must remain on the main Greenbelt corridor. The trail is open from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

About the Route

Leaving off from the trail's eastern endpoint in Zilker

Park, which is considered Mile Marker 0, the trail heads west, entirely following Barton Creek. This trail end is also home to Barton Springs Pool, a natural spring water pool filled with cold water from the local springs, making it a perfect start, end, or return point for any trail users.

Although the trail is a narrow dirt track for nearly the entire route, there are several sections where the greenbelt is divided into individual hiking and mountain biking trails, including between mile markers 1.5-1.75, 2.5-3, and 3.75-4.

Other than Barton Springs Pool, other swimming holes along the trail include Campbell's Hole (MM .75) and Gus Fruh (MM 2.25).

Notable falls along the route, most prominent in the spring, include the Flats (MM .75), Twin Falls (MM 5), and Sculpture Falls (MM 6.25).

Climbing walls along the route include New Wall (MM 1.5), Gus Fruh (MM 2), Urban Assault Wall (MM 2.5), Kirk and Allvin's Wall (MM 3), Maggy's Wall (MM 3.5), and Beehive Wall (MM 4.25).

The westernmost endpoint of the trail is located at Camp Craft Rd., which offers limited on-street parking (paid).

Connections

At the eastern end of the trail, the Barton Creek Greenbelt connects to the [Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail](#).

Near the Sculpture Falls Parking Lot, the trail connects with the [MOPAC Mobility Bridges](#).



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States: Texas

Counties: Travis

Length: 7.6miles

Trail end points: Barton Springs Pool, 2201 Barton Springs Rd. (Austin) to 1710 Camp Craft Rd. (Austin)

Trail surfaces: Dirt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Fishing, Mountain Biking, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Barton Creek Greenbelt runs between 2201 Barton Springs Rd. (Austin), where parking is available, and 1710 Camp Craft Rd. (Austin).

Parking is also available at:

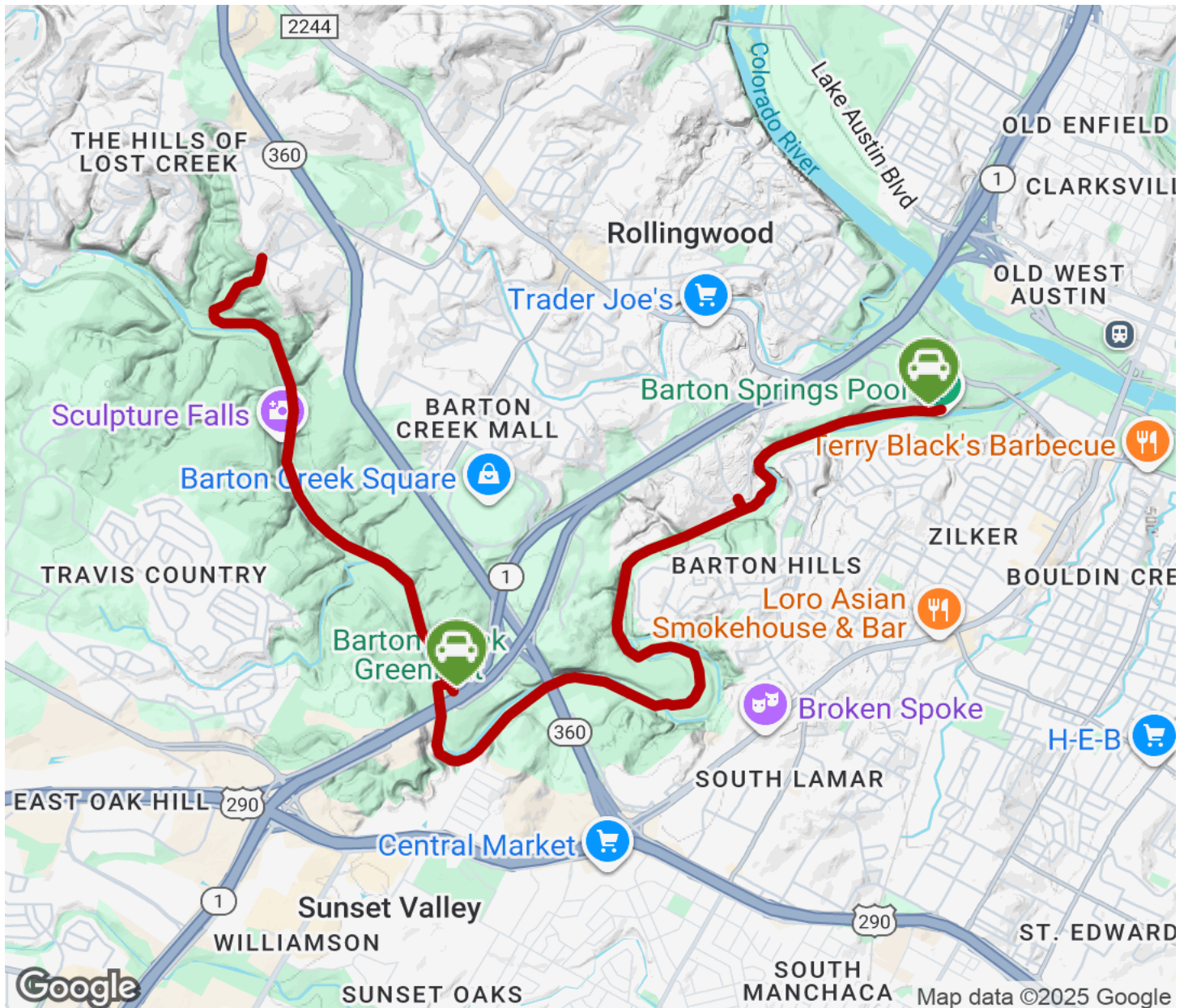
- Sculpture Falls Parking, 3918 S MoPac Expy (Austin)
- 3753 S Capital of Texas Hwy (Austin)

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



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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