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**Trail of Tears Greenway** *Missouri* 



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In Springfield, a paved half-mile section parallels the Trail of Tears historical route and interpretive signage along the trail delineates its history. Starting from Nathanael Greene Park, the path continues south towards Battlefield. This trail is open to walkers, runners, bicyclists, and accessible for those with mobility aids or families with strollers.

Additional sections of the trail have retained their natural



surface in an attempt to preserve the trail conditions the Cherokee people may have encountered nearly 180 years ago. A natural-surface trail segment in Battlefield travels south from the Ewing Sports Complex to Cloverdale Street, where future on-street connections will connect the trail to Battlefield City Hall and City Park. Another portion of this route near Republic Road and Golden Avenue has also been preserved with a natural surface trail.

Learn more about the Trail of Tears from the Cherokee Historical Association <u>here</u>.





States: Missouri Counties: Greene Length: 0.5miles Trail end points: South Creek Greenway (south of Nathanael Greene Park in Springfield) to W Marcella Dr & S Golden Ave (Battlefield) Trail surfaces: Asphalt Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

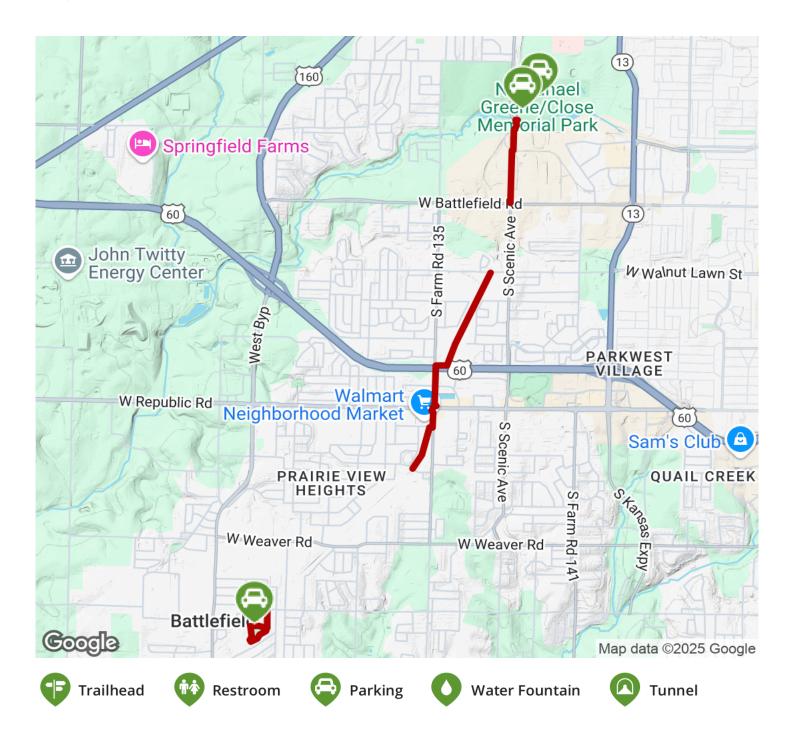
## **Parking & Trail Access**

Parking is available at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park (2400 S Scenic Ave, Springfield) and at Battlefield City Park (5434 Tower Dr, Battlefield).



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