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Chaparral Rail Trail, connecting four counties northeast of Dallas, has been developing since it was first envisioned in 1995. The 36-mile route is the westernmost leg of the regional Northeast Texas Trail system, which will one day span more than 130 miles and 19 communities.

About the Route

The southwest end of the rail-trail begins in Farmersville, where its first 2.5 miles are paved. The Audie Murphy Trailhead is located a block from downtown at the Onion Shed, a restored building from the 1930s that was once used as a loading dock for the onion industry.

When the pavement ends, expect crushed-stone, dirt, and gravel surfaces. Outside the city, the route feels remote

and forested.

The trail continues through the communities of Merit, Celeste, Ladonia, and Wolfe City with several miles between each. Though these are small towns, most have a grocery store and restaurants that make helpful and much-needed stopping points to rest and refuel.

The trail peters out at Farm Road 904 on the outskirts of Pecan Gap. From there, trail becomes overgrown and nearly impassable, though travelers can drive about 30 miles northeast, to the city of Paris, to pick up two more sections of the Northeast Texas Trail, both fully paved. The [Trail de Paris](#) begins just a couple of blocks from Paris' Main Street and heads east, connecting directly with the [Reno Rail-Trail](#), which continues through Reno to Blossom.

Connections

The Chaparral Rail Trail is part of the Northeast Texas Trail, which includes several other trails: the [Trail de Paris](#), the [Reno Rail-Trail](#) and the [DeKalb Trace](#).



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States: Texas

Counties: Collin, Delta, Fannin, Hunt

Length: 36.4 miles

Trail end points: historic Onion Shed (154 S Main St, Farmersville) to Farm Road 904 (Pecan Gap)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Crushed Stone, Dirt, Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Horseback Riding, Mountain Biking, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Chaparral Rail Trail runs between the historic Onion Shed (154 S Main St, Farmersville), where parking is available, and Farm Road 904 (Pecan Gap).

Parking is also available at:

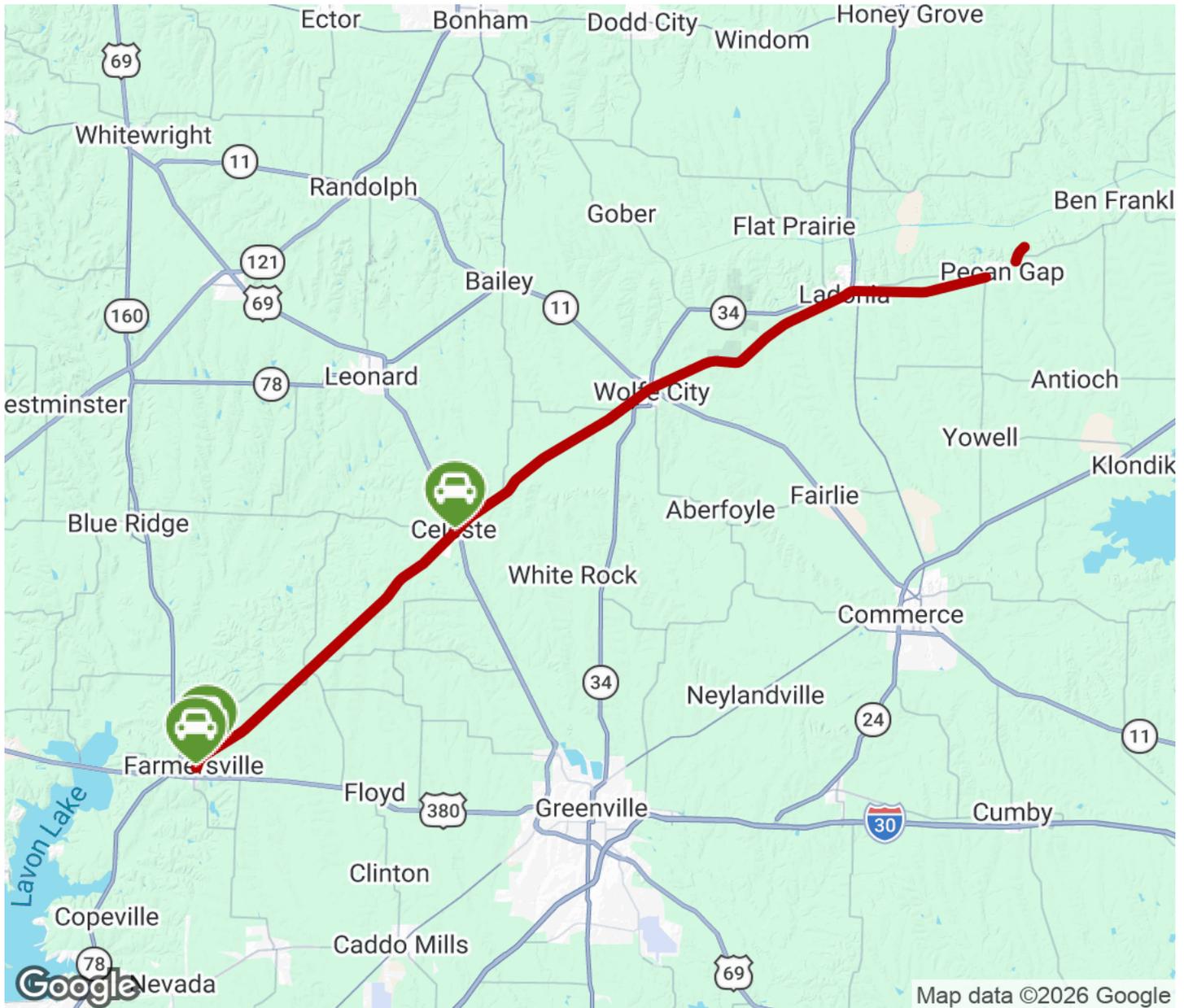
- J.W. Spain Athletic Complex, 400 Merit St (Farmersville)

Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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