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On the eastern side of the trail, you'll traverse Roanoke's Piedmont Park, a small pocket of greenspace where you can stop and enjoy the river views. You'll find benches and a playground in the park.

Mid-trail, you'll reach the River's Edge Sports Complex with just about every facility for the athletically minded: baseball diamonds, tennis courts, and football and soccer fields. There are also restrooms and concessions available

here.

West of the sports complex, Smith Park offers a bike repair station, playground, picnic shelter, restrooms, and a drinking fountain. Less than a mile farther, the larger Wasena Park offers athletic facilities and a skate park.

From Wasena Park, cross a 215-foot pedestrian bridge over the Roanoke River and you will enter Vic Thomas Park, which is notable for its public art and exercise equipment. The 16-acre park is named after a local politician who served in the state legislature for 30 years.

The continuous trail ends a little over a mile farther at a parking lot off Bridge Street SW, before picking up again farther west just outside of Salem after a gap. Within Salem, the trail offers access to Salem Park and Riverside Park. In the former, you'll find a rain garden, picnic tables, and benches. Riverside Park offers fishing access.

Just west of Riverside Park, the trail continues through the James I. Moyer Complex, named for a former mayor of Salem. This portion of the greenway has been designated the David Smith Trail. Northwest of the sports complex, the trail winds through Ted Weber Park, which offers a baseball field, restrooms, and a playground.

The trail continues about a mile farther, hugging the tree-lined river, to Riverside Drive. There are then a couple of short breaks in the trail before it ends in Green Hill Park, one of the largest parks in the county and a popular spot for fishing.



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**States:** Virginia

**Counties:** Roanoke

Length: 13.6miles

**Trail end points:** Wise Ave SE (Roanoke) to W  
Riverside Dr (Salem)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Fishing, Wheelchair

Accessible, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

From east to west, parking along the Roanoke section of the trail is available in:

- Piedmont Park (450 Riverview Rd. SE)
- River's Edge Sports Complex (302 Wiley Dr. SW)
- Smith Park (1618 Wiley Dr. SW)
- Wasena Park (1101 Winchester Ave. SW)
- Vic Thomas Park (1225 Midvale Ave. SW)

From east to west, parking along the Salem section of the trail is available in:

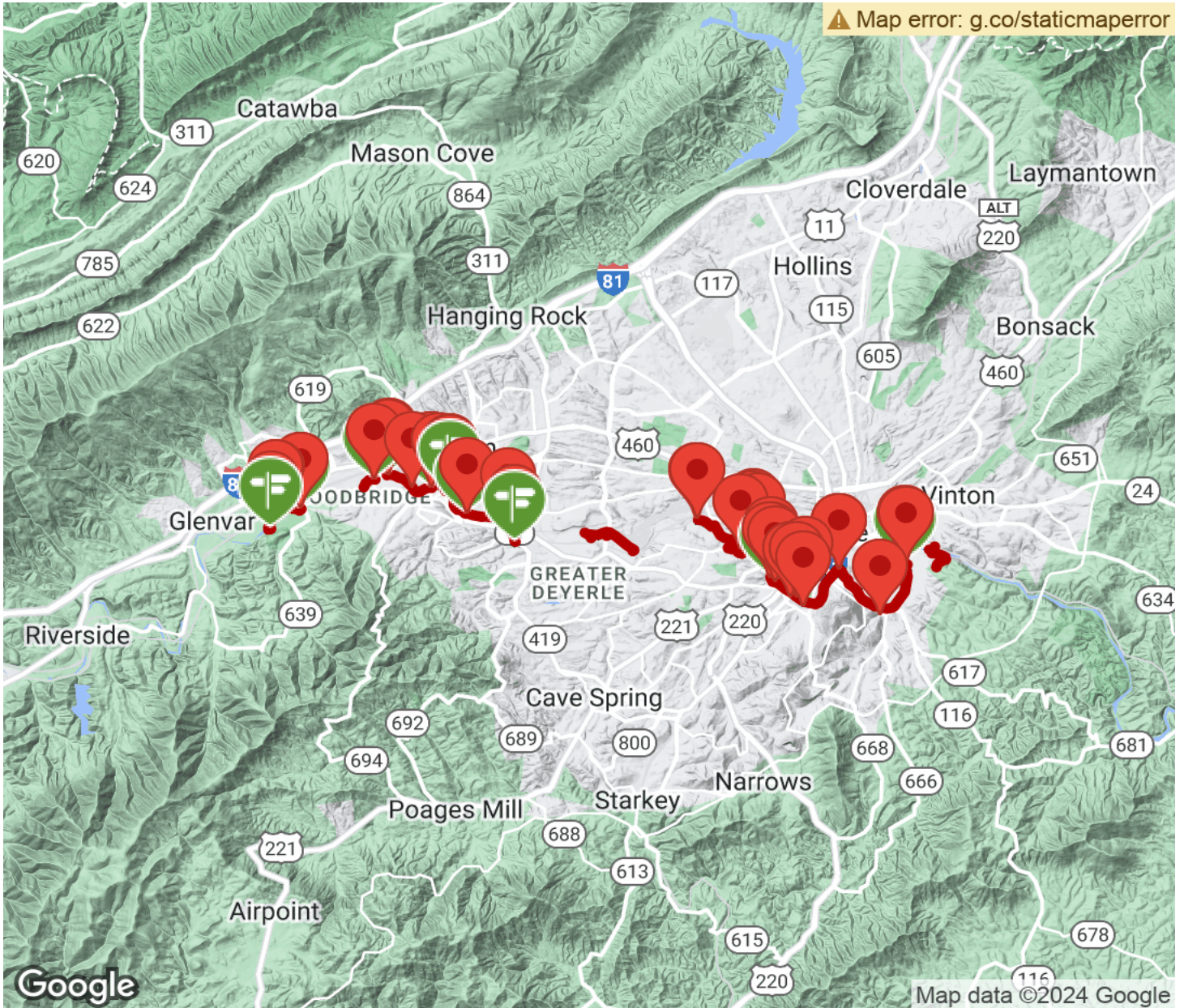
- Salem Park (Route 419 near the intersection with Apperson Dr.)
- Riverside Park (East Riverside Dr.)
- James I. Moyer Sports Complex (1000 Union St.)
- Ted Weber Park (Front Ave.)
- Green Hill Park (2501 Parkside Dr.)





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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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