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One of the city's three major trails, the Jones Falls Trail is a corner-stone of the [Baltimore Greenway Trails Network](#), a Rails-to-Trails Conservancy [TrailNation](#) project to create a 35-mile network of trails that will connect more than 75 neighborhoods in Baltimore City. The trail is also part of the larger East Coast Greenway, a growing network of

multiuse trails connecting 15 states and 450 cities and towns on a 3,000-mile route between Maine and Florida.

Beginning at the northern endpoint at Greenspring Avenue, you'll head east on the trail along Cross Country Boulevard/Kelly Avenue for about 1.5 miles, and then south to Rogers Avenue via an elevated boardwalk that whisks you through a peaceful wooded area. From here, the route winds through Northwest Park and along a 400-foot bike/pedestrian bridge that crosses over Northern Parkway and connects to Cylburn Arboretum. This is the newest segment of the Jones Falls Trail, completed in 2020.

After about 4.5 miles, the trail meets Druid Hill Park, which offers a natural escape from city life with many historical and cultural amenities, including the Baltimore Zoo and the Rawlings Conservatory and Botanic Gardens.

Upon exiting the southeastern side of the park, you'll head south along Falls Road, where the trail's surroundings become more urban. Along the way, the Baltimore Streetcar Museum is a worthwhile stop.

An on-road portion of the trail begins just past Penn Station, taking you south via a separated shared-use path to the Inner Harbor, a major tourist destination with restaurants, shops, museums, and other attractions. While navigating this section of the trail, look for painted green trail markings along the ground to help guide you. Hop on the [Gwynns Falls Trail](#) at the Inner Harbor at Light Street and East Barre Street to extend your trek another 3.5 miles through southwest Baltimore to Middle Branch Park and Cherry Hill Park.

Just before the Inner Harbor, you'll pass the Phoenix Shot Tower, a redbrick pillar built in 1828 that stands more than 200 feet above down-town. Molten lead was once dropped from its top into a vat of cold water at the bottom to produce shot for pistols, rifles, and other weapons. Today, it is one of only a handful of similar structures around the country.



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States: Maryland

Counties: Baltimore, Baltimore City

Length: 11.1 miles

Trail end points: Greenspring Ave/Pimlico Rd & Cross Country Blvd (Baltimore City) to Gwynns Falls Trail/Light St & E Barre St (Baltimore City)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

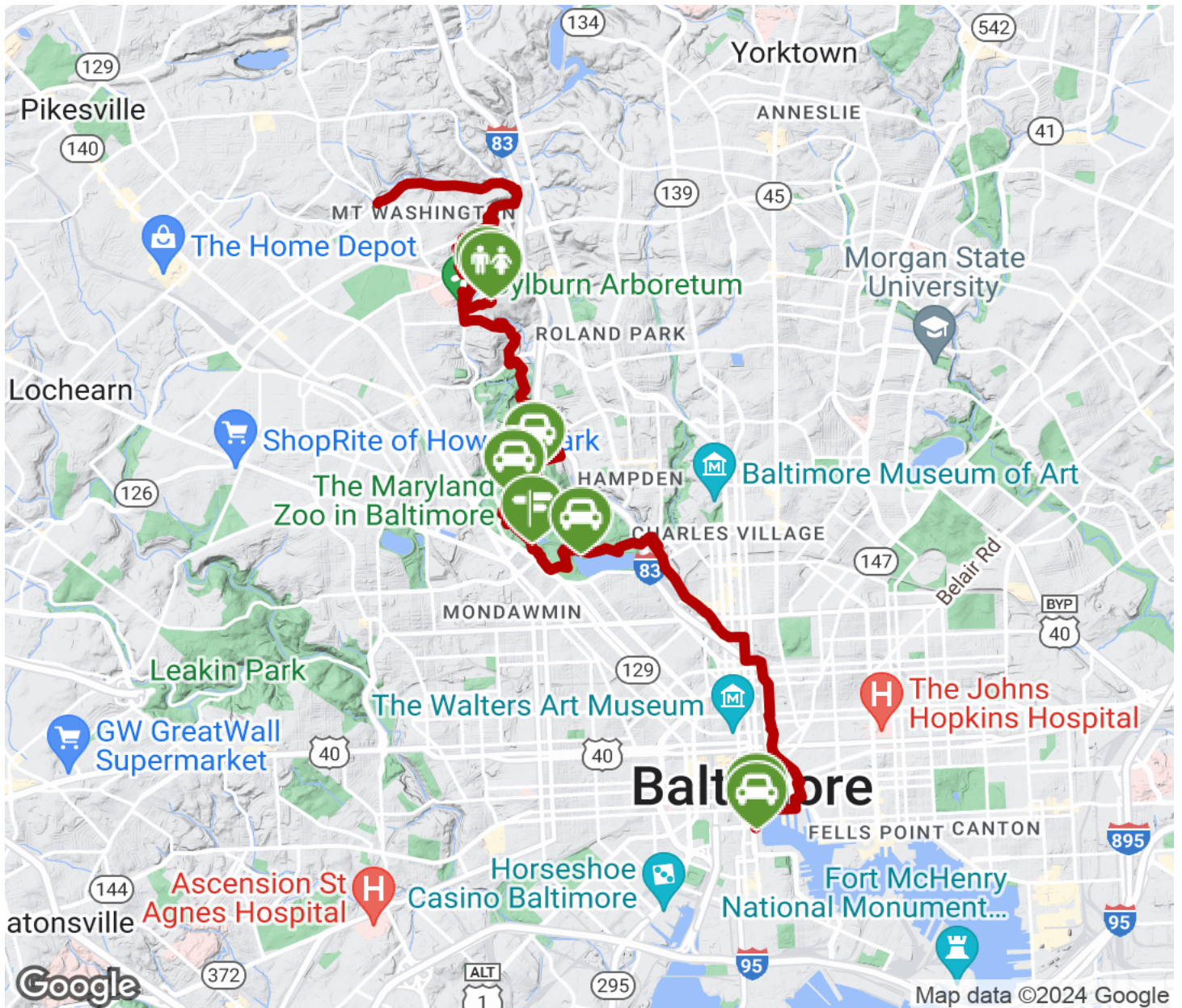
Parking & Trail Access

While there are no official parking lots for the trail in Druid Hill Park, abundant on-street parking is available at the park's entrances: Parkdale Ave, 0.2 mile south of Clipper Park Rd; Gwynns Falls Pkwy & Beechwood Dr; Swann Dr & East Dr; and 3300 Crow's Nest Rd. Additional street parking is available by the park across from the Rawlings Conservatory (3100 Swann Drive), at the Cylburn Arboretum (4915 Greenspring Ave) and at Light St & E Barre St (parking only at limited times). The trail is also accessible from the [city's subway system](#); several stations are either adjacent to the trail or just a few blocks away.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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