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About the Route

More than half of the smooth, flat, 7-mile Heritage Rail-Trail has a parallel 4-mile horse trail. The equestrian corridor runs between the Cemetery Pike trailhead and Hayden Run Road. Pick up the southeast end of the trail at Hilliard's Station Park (Main St, Hilliard) in downtown Hilliard. Heading northwest, the trailhead along Center Street has an abundance of parking, a warm-up area and

bike rack; the adjacent Old Hilliard historic district has numerous shops and eateries.

Journeying northwest from the southeast end of the trail, there is a lovely fountain and a pond on the south side of the trail. From an observation platform on the banks of the pond, trail users can view Canada geese. There is also an excellent display of public art includes some colorful sculptures.

This trail has numerous well-designed connections to soccer fields, tennis courts and the local high school football field. There are also connecting paths to the many housing subdivisions in this rapidly growing part of central Ohio. For example, the Vaniard Trail branches off to the south at Hoffman Farms Drive and connects to a subdivision of homes and Hoffman Farms Elementary School. It ends at Municipal Park and Pool, which has baseball diamonds, soccer fields, a pool and plenty of parking.

The trail links two major parks: Homestead in Washington Township and Hayden Run Metro. Homestead Park is approximately 1.3 miles from the start in downtown Hilliard and has a restored Conrail caboose, restrooms, parking, vending machines, public telephones, a 0.75-mile loop trail, playground equipment, an information kiosk, a fishing pond and picnic tables.

After Homestead Park the trail continues through the countryside. For those interested in birding, there are many bluebird boxes along the trail. Hayden Run Metro Park, on Hayden Run Road, is just 1.1 miles from Homestead Park. The parallel equestrian path begins in this park, and the area features a corral and horse trailer parking. The coarse gravel horse trail runs on the east side of the Heritage Trail until Amity Pike, where it switches to the west side.

From Amity Pike, the northern-most 2 miles of the tree-lined trail allow glimpses of classic Midwest farmland. The trail's northern end is at Cemetery Pike just over 1 mile southeast of



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States: Ohio

Counties: Franklin, Madison

Length: 7 miles

Trail end points: Cemetery Pike Rd (Plain City)
to Hilliard's Station Park (Main St, Hilliard)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Horseback Riding, Inline
Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross
Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Heritage Rail-Trail runs between Cemetery Pike (Plain City) and Hilliard's Station Park (Main St, Hilliard).

Parking is available at:

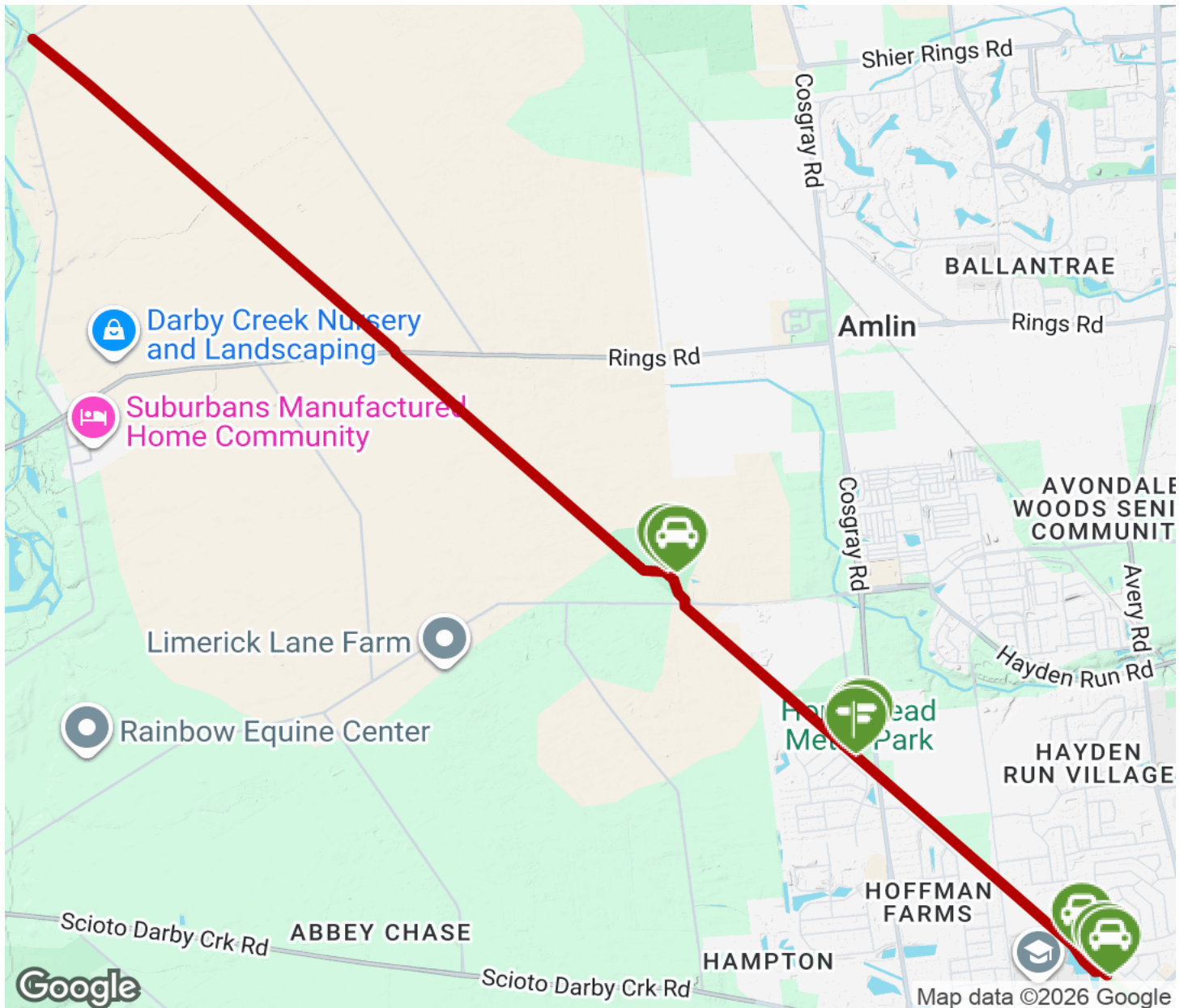
- Heritage Trail Dog Park, 7262 Hayden Run Rd (Hilliard)
- Homestead Metro Park, 4675 Cosgray Rd (Hilliard)

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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