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Guides



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The wide trail connects the Harris Creek neighborhood on the west side of Waco, which features a short loop trail at the new Trail Blazer Park, with Hannah Hill Road, closer to Lake Waco. The Cotton Belt Trail runs primarily through a flat landscape of open fields dotted with trees, but the highlight is undoubtedly the winding route under Old Lorena Road leading to the stunning bridge over the Bosque River. The bridge is lit for use at night.



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**States:** Texas

**Counties:** McLennan

Length: 2.5miles

**Trail end points:** Trail Blazer Park on Harris  
Creek Rd. to Hannah Hill Rd. near Waco  
Regional Landfill

**Trail surfaces:** Concrete

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike,Inline

Skating,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible

## Parking & Trail Access

Parking for the Cotton Belt Trail can be found at Trail Blazer  
Park on Harris Creek Road.



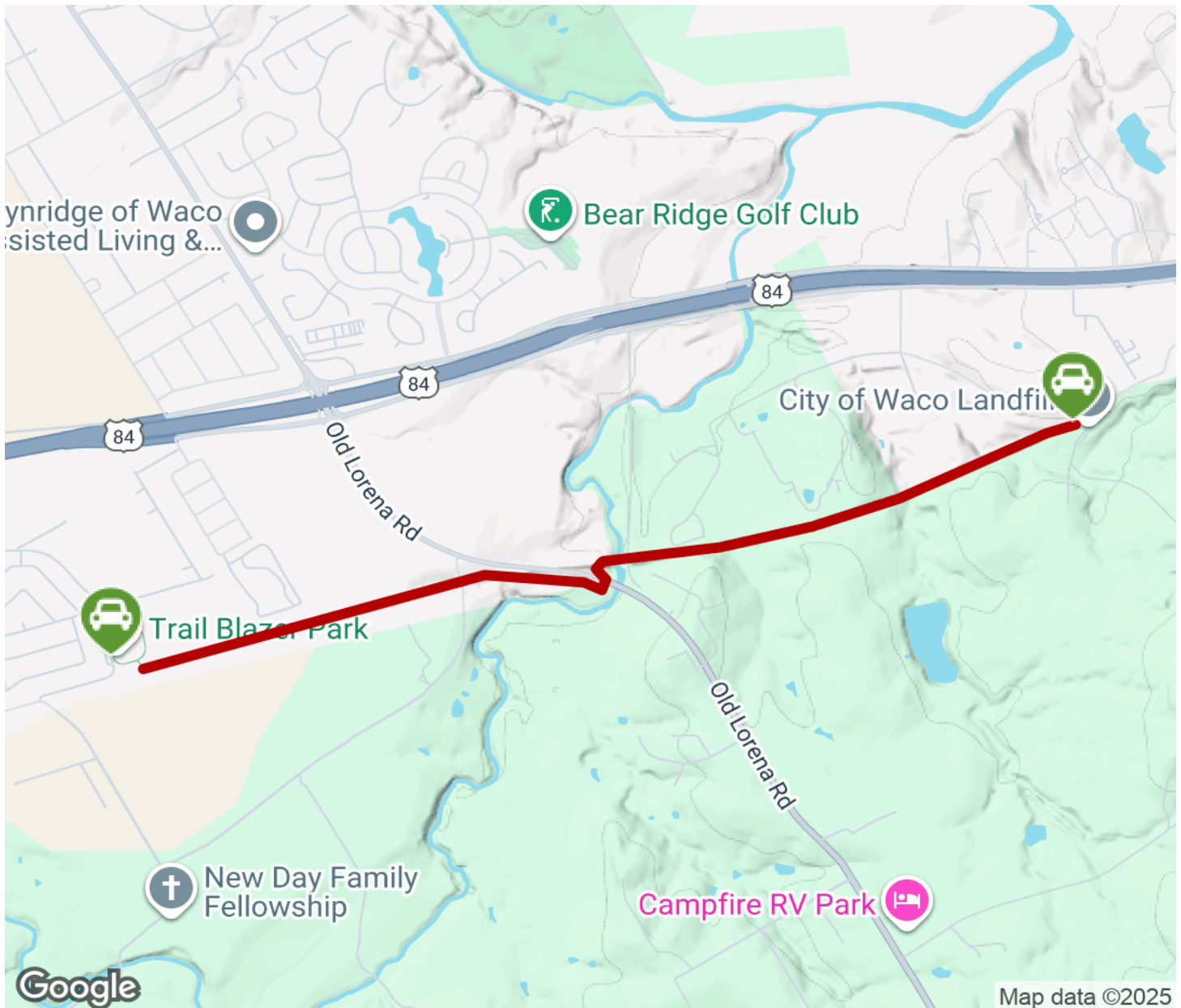
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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