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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

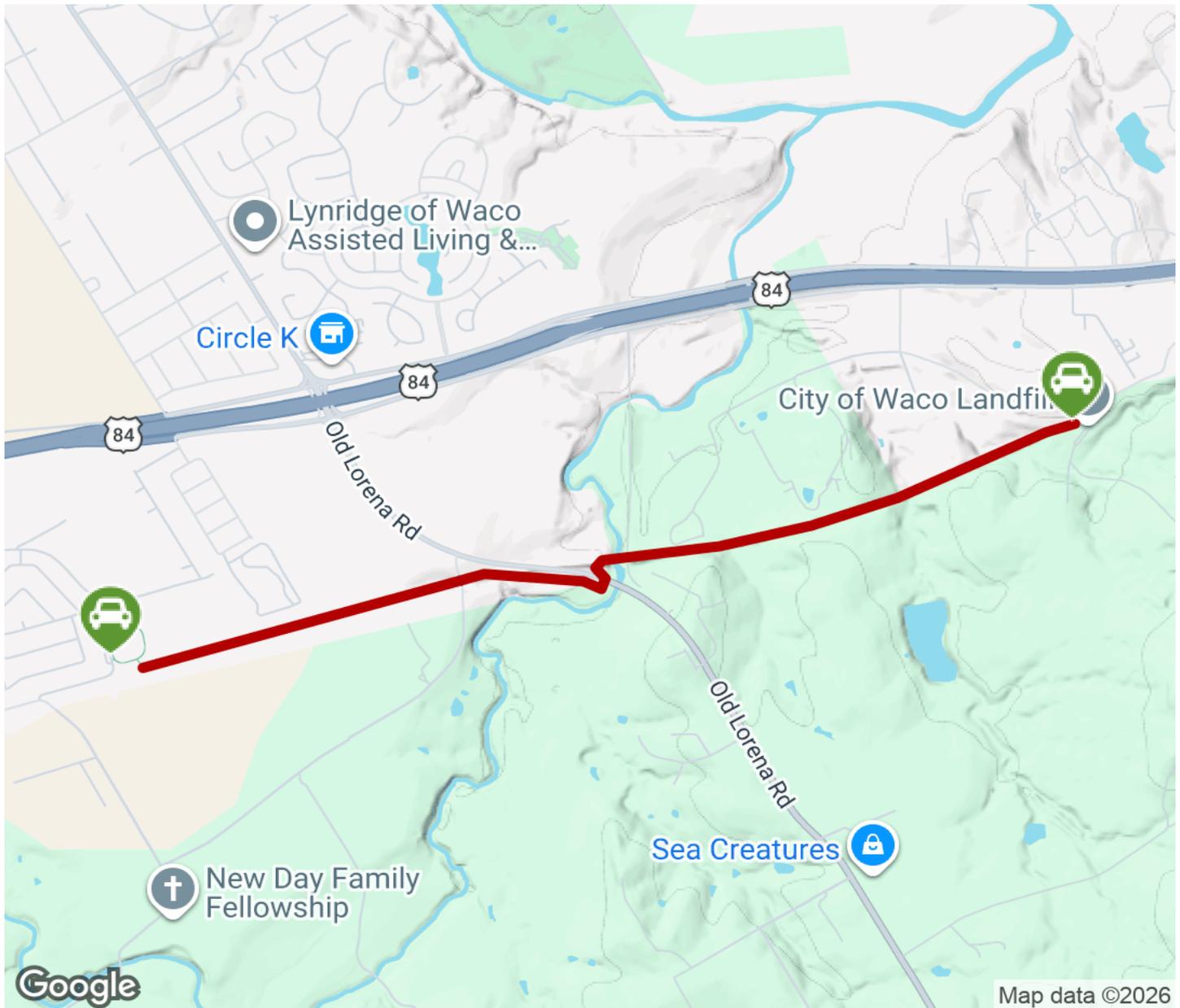
Parking & Trail Access

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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