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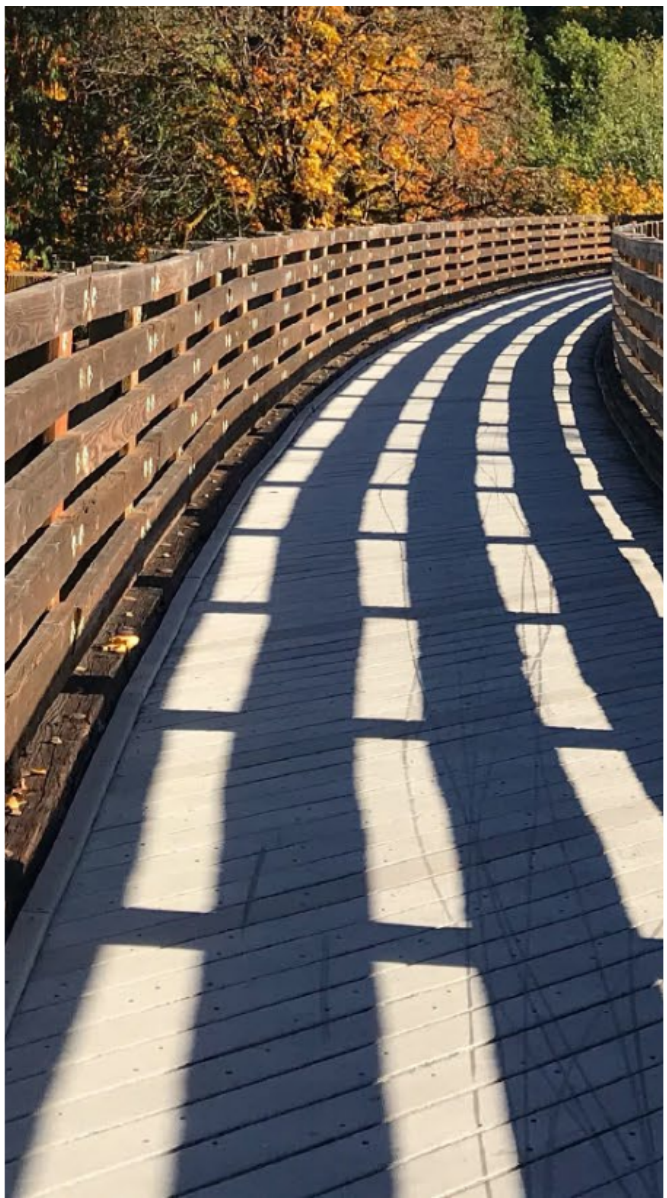

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About the Route

Currently, two portions are open for use: In the north, the oldest section of the trail begins at the intersection of Deborah Drive and heads south past residences in Charlottes Hall, Northern County Senior Center, Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, St. Mary's County Welcome Center, and the Charlotte Hall Library. Local Amish and Mennonite residents are permitted to bring horses and buggies onto this section of the trail as an alternative to the congested local highways.

This section of trail once ended at Thompson Corner Road, but it was connected with another discreet piece to form a continuous path down to Laurel Grove's John V. Baggett Park, which contains basketball courts, tennis courts, baseball fields, and softball fields. North of the park, the trail is enveloped by wooded scenery for nearly the entire length of the trek to Point Lookout Road/SR 5.

The southernmost open section of the trail leaves off at the Wildewood Shopping Center at Wildewood Boulevard in the town of California. Private developers constructed much of the route south of this point; trail users should be aware that this portion of the Three Notch Trail courses between commercial properties and crosses numerous busy parking lot access roads. The trail currently ends in the south at Chancellors Run Road/State Route 237.

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States: Maryland
Counties: Charles,St. Marys
Length: 13.1miles
Trail end points: Deborah Dr. (Laurel Park) to Chancellors Run Rd. (California)
Trail surfaces: Asphalt
Trail category: Rail-Trail
Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Horseback Riding,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Three Notch Trail runs between Deborah Dr. (Laurel Park) and Chancellors Run Rd. (California).

Parking is available at:

- 37600 New Market Rd. (Charlotte Hall)

Please see TrailLink Map for all parking options and detailed directions.

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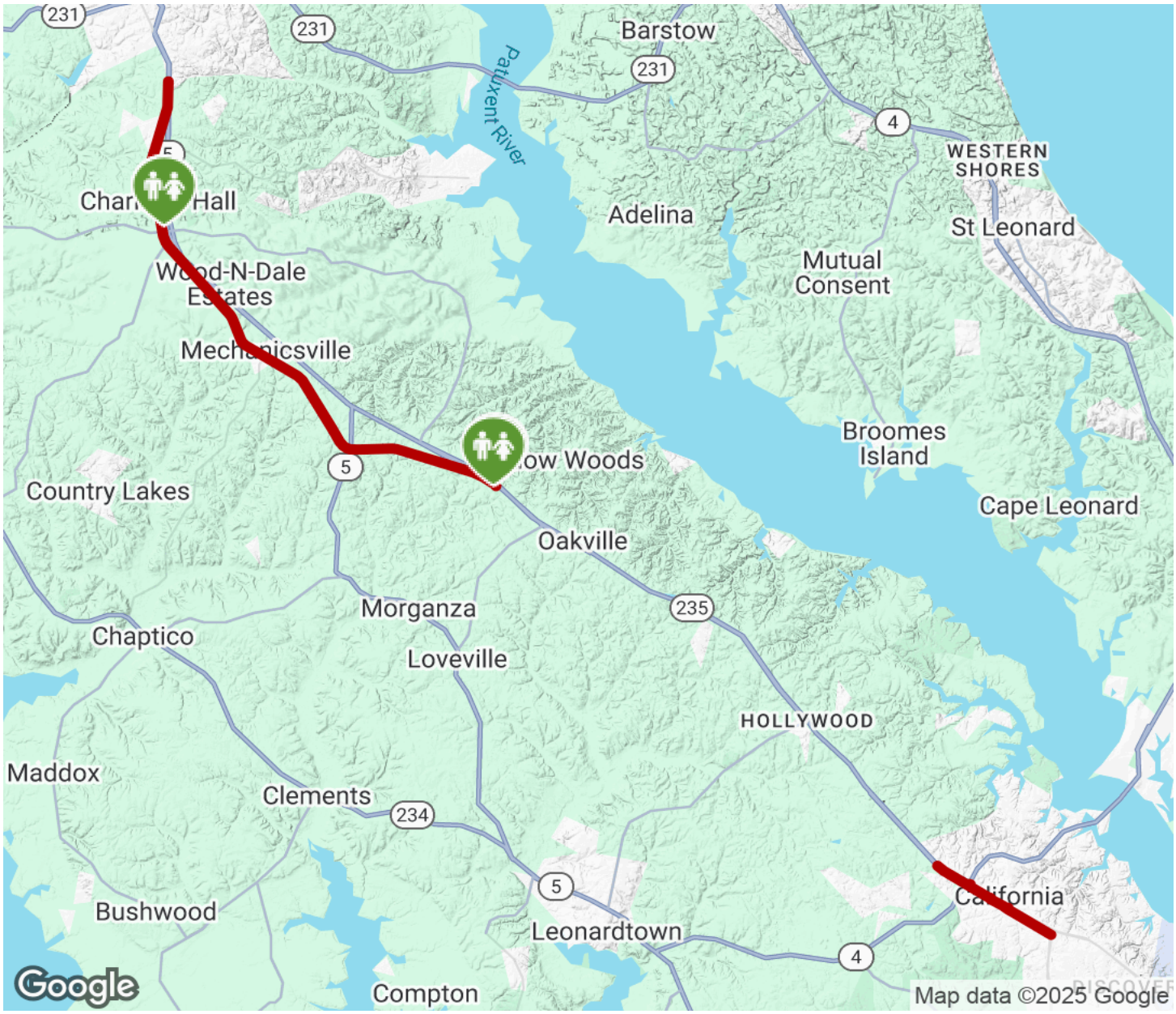

Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel

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