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Guides



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States: District of Columbia

Counties: Washington

Length: 7miles

Trail end points: Bruce Pl. SE (Fort Stanton) to
42nd St. NE (Fort Mahan)

Trail surfaces: Dirt,Gravel

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Mountain Biking,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

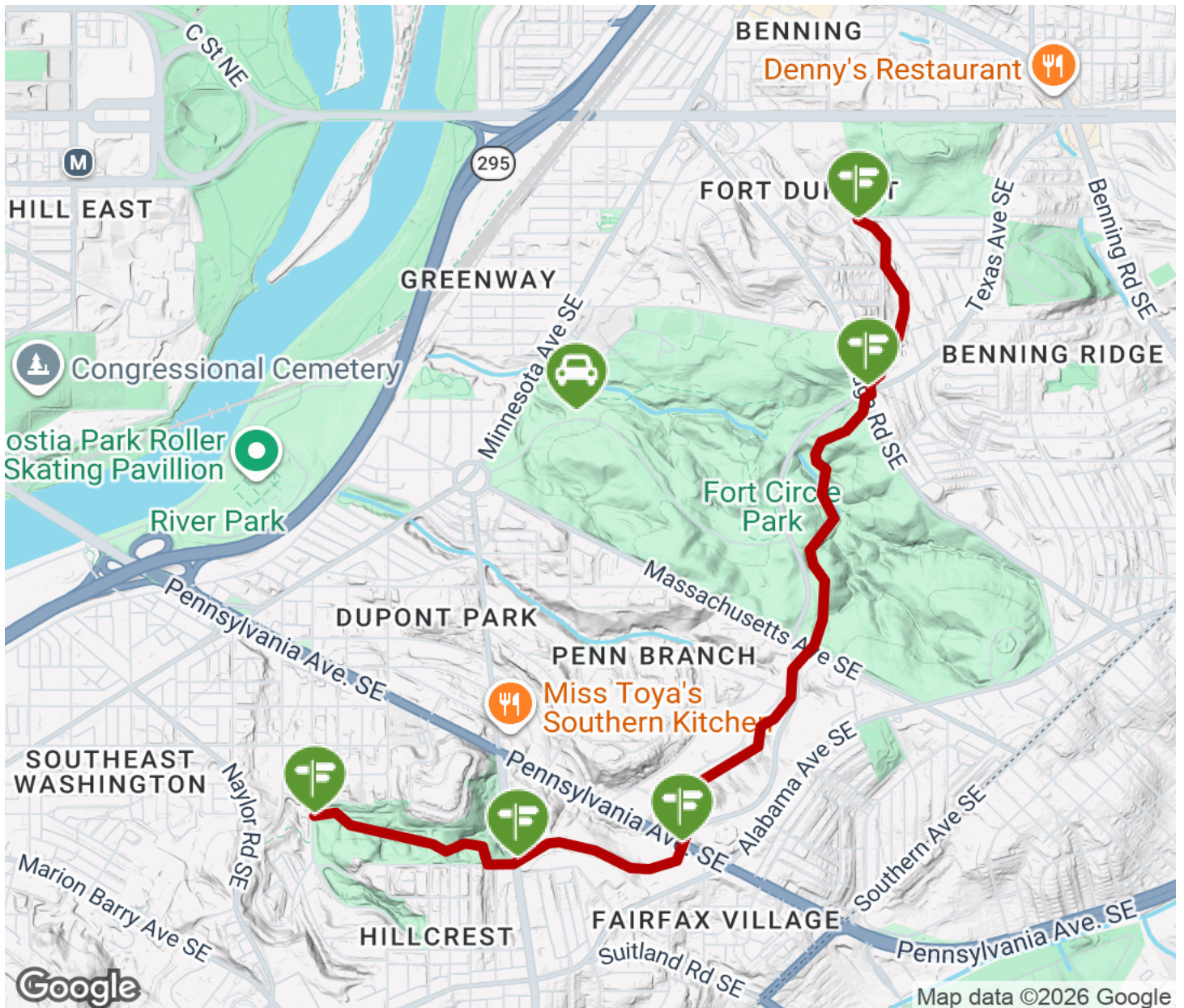
The best place to park is midway along the route in Fort Dupont National Park. Take Pennsylvania Avenue SE to Minnesota Avenue SE and turn northeast. At the Randle rotary, take the 3rd exit (Ft. Dupont Dr.) and follow it to the activity center on the left. Here you can meet the tour.

If you're exploring on your own, the best place to park is off Alabama Ave. on the far eastern side of the park. To reach it from the Randle rotary, take the 2nd exit for Massachusetts Ave. SE; when you reach Alabama Ave. SE, turn left. Look for the park entrance on the left just a short distance up the road.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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