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Prince George's County's Paint Branch Trail (not to be confused with Montgomery County's [Paint Branch Trail](#) farther north) runs for 4 miles between Lake Artemesia and Cherry Hill Road Community Park in the Washington, DC, suburb of College Park.

About the Route

The southern end of the Paint Branch Trail begins at scenic Lake Artemesia, where it can connect directly with the [Indian Creek Trail](#), [Lake Artemesia Trail](#), and [Northeast Branch Trail](#). Heading west, the trail exits the Lake Artemesia Natural Area at its southwest corner, where it travels under Washington Metro railroad tracks and enters a wooded area in Paint Branch Stream Valley Park. A direct connection to the [Rhode Island Avenue](#)

[Trolley Trail](#) can be found here.

After crossing busy US-1/Baltimore Ave (the route briefly splits and has two options, so trail users can travel under the road or cross it), the trail curves north and continues past the eastern edge of the main campus of the University of Maryland. Soon the trail reenters a heavily-wooded landscape, passes under University Boulevard/State Route 193 and skirts the edge of the Paint Branch Golf Course. Continuing north to Cherry Hill Road Community Park where the trail connects to the [Little Paint Branch Trail](#), which continues under the Beltway and north to Little Paint Branch Park.

Connections

The trail is a part of the larger [Anacostia Tributary Trail System](#), which provides miles of off-road paved paths along the various branches of the Anacostia River.

At its northern end on Cherry Hill Road, the trail connects to the [Little Paint Branch Trail](#).

At its southern end, the trail connects to the [Indian Creek Trail](#), [Lake Artemesia Trail](#), and [Northeast Branch Trail](#). Heading west from the lake, the trail connects to the [Rhode Island Avenue Trolley Trail](#) in Paint Branch Stream Valley Park.



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States: Maryland

Counties: Prince Georges

Length: 4miles

Trail end points: Cherry Hill Road Community Park (4620 Cherry Hill Rd, College Park) to Lake Artemesia (off Pierce Ave, College Park)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike,Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Paint Branch Trail in Prince George's County runs between Lake Artemesia (off Pierce Ave, College Park) and Cherry Hill Road Community Park (4620 Cherry Hill Rd, College Park), where there is parking.

Parking is available at:

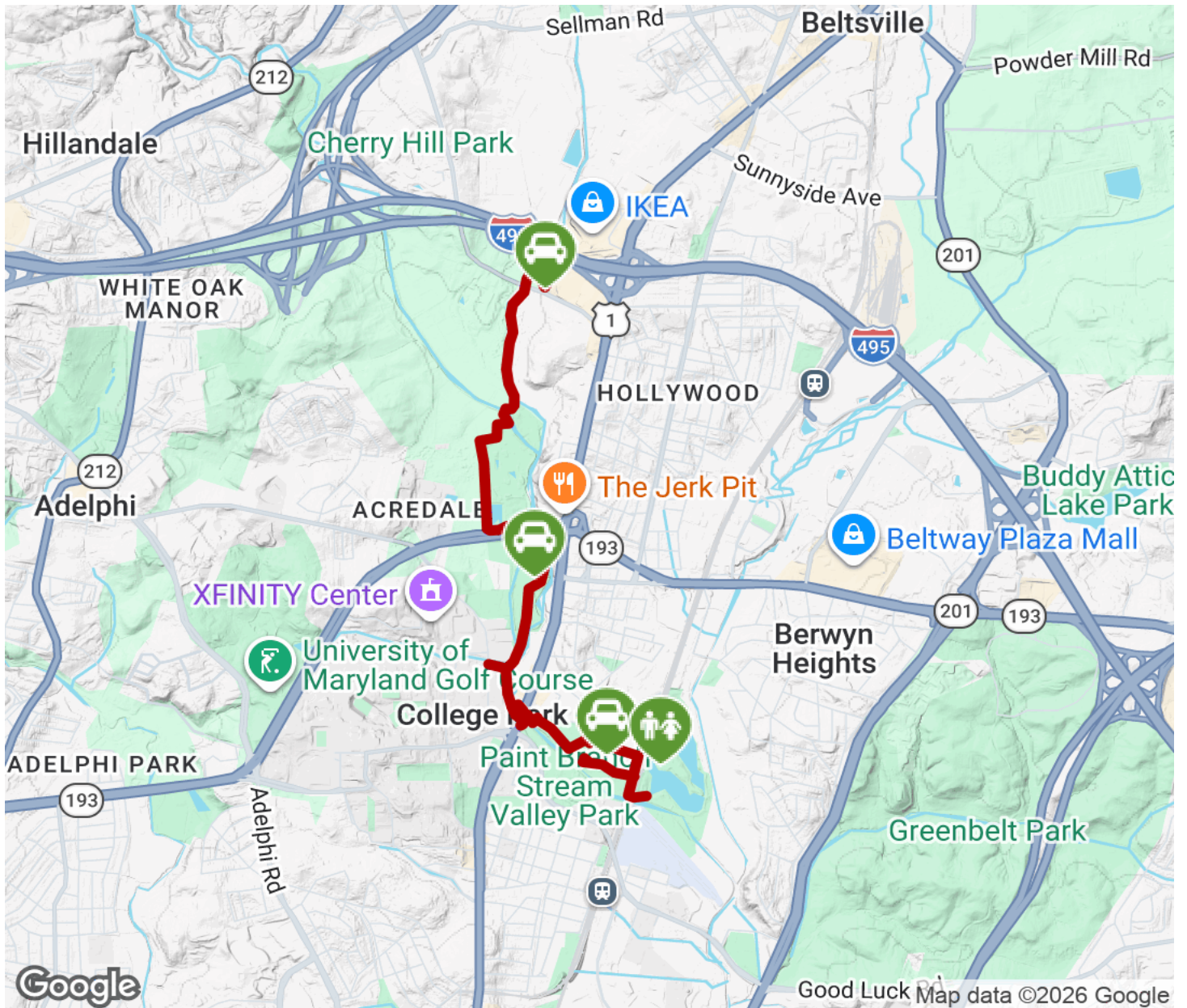
- Acredale Community Park, 4200 Metzert Rd (College Park)
- College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Ave (College Park)

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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