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Path**
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Like many of Mammoth Lakes' trails, the Lakes Basin Path features smooth pavement and a stunning backdrop of mountains, including the Sherwin Range to the north and Mammoth Mountain to the west. The area is justifiably popular with downhill skiers, and the Lakes Basin Path uniquely passes via a tunnel under a ski slope at one point.

The lakes near the trail's southern endpoint—Horseshoe



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States: California

Counties: Mono

Length: 5.2miles

Trail end points: Lake Mary Rd. and Minaret Rd. to Horseshoe Lake on Lake Mary Rd.

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross Country Skiing

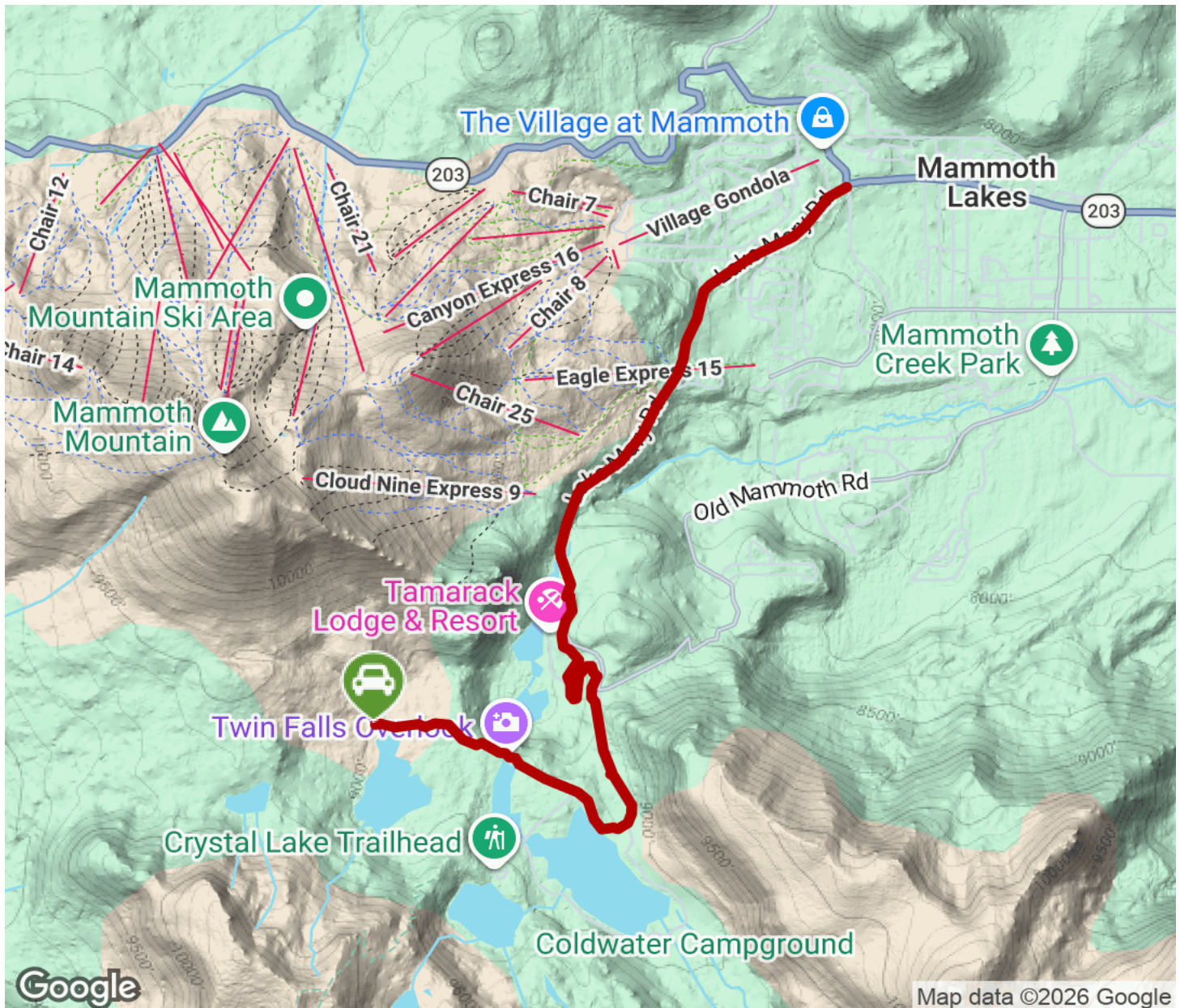
Parking & Trail Access

Parking for the Lakes Basin Path is available at the western end of Lake Mary Road (southwest of Mammoth Lakes). Limited parking can also be found at a scenic overlook where the trail crosses Mammoth Creek (at the trail's approximate midpoint).



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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