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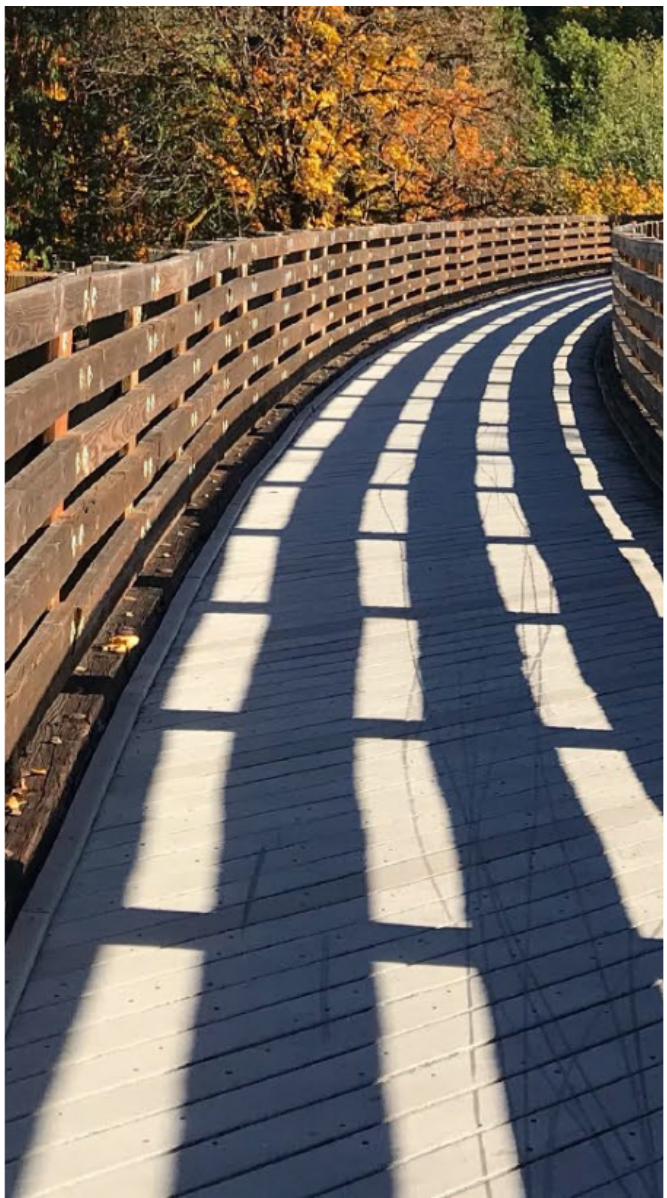
Guides



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Much of the trail is landscaped and features extensive bollard lighting for night use. Street underpasses take you down into the wash and back up again. Bike lanes along Portola Parkway allow for trips farther inland.

In addition to the Harvard Trail, which parallels the Peters Canyon Trail, the trail connects to several other paths in Irvine's impressive system, including the Hicks Canyon Trail, Venta Spur Trail, Walnut Trail and San Diego Creek Trail.

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States: California
Counties: Orange
Length: 5.6miles
Trail end points: San Diego Creek Trail near Bill Barber Community Park to Portola Pkwy. and SR 261
Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Concrete
Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT
Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

There are no dedicated trailheads for the Peters Canyon Trail, but the local parks serve that function well. Bill Barber Community Park on Harvard Avenue sits across a pedestrian bridge from the lower trail end. It's a full-service pit stop with parking, drinking fountains, restrooms and picnic shelters.

Harvard Community Athletic Park on Harvard Avenue south of Walnut Avenue likewise provides parking, drinking fountains, restrooms and benches.

Farther north, Hicks Canyon Community Park at the intersection of Culver Drive and Viewpark Avenue is also a full-service pit stop with parking, drinking fountains, restrooms and picnic shelters. Take the Hicks Canyon Trail 0.33 mile northwest from the park to reach the Peters Canyon Trail.

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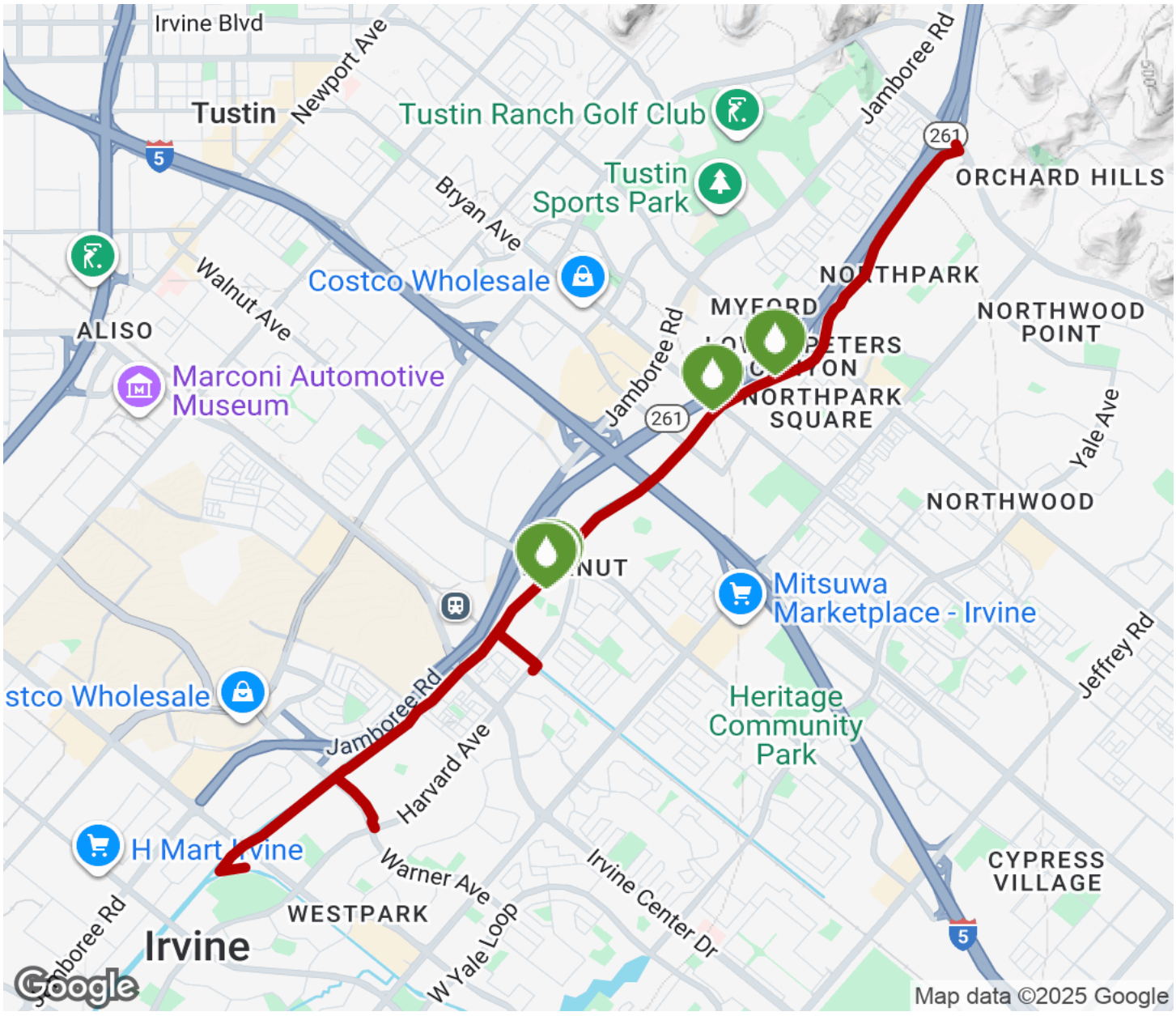

Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel