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Guides

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Most of the road crossings on this trail go under the roads, making for a pleasant—and safe—ride or walk. The adjacent canal and wooded lands make for scenic accompaniment, although the trail itself receives minimal shade, so be sure to come prepared with sunscreen. Keep an eye out for wildlife like egrets and heron along this wooded trail - and signs warn to be mindful of alligators, which can occupy the canal.

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States: South Carolina

Counties: Dorchester

Length: 6.9miles

Trail end points: E Richardson Ave. to Crosscreek Dr. (by the YMCA)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

E Richardson Ave: A trailhead is available at the northern end of the trail here, located just a quarter-mile southeast of Main Street on Richardson Avenue, near Challedon Drive just past the parkway overpass.

Gahagan Road: From Exit 199 on I-26, drive west on US 17A into Summerville. Turn left onto Gahagan Road (S-18-199) and cross the canal.
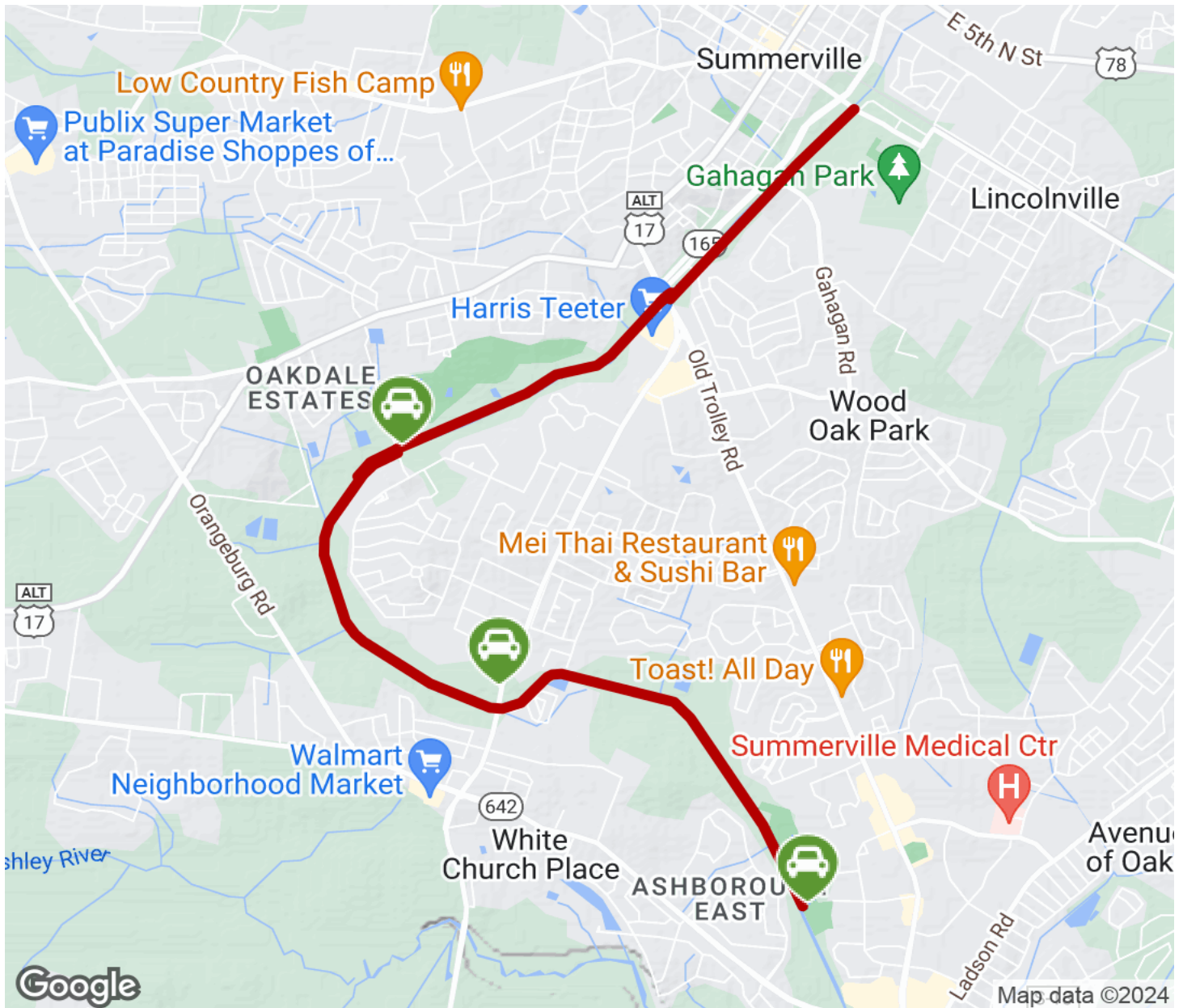
Luden Drive parking area: From Exit 199 on I-26, drive west on US 17A into Summerville. Turn left onto Luden Drive (S18706). Drive to the canal and 6-car parking area adjacent to the trail.

Crosscreek Drive: From Exit 199 on I-26, drive west on US 17A into Summerville. Turn left onto E. Carolina Ave. then left onto Old Trolley Rd. Drive about 3 miles and turn right onto Cross Creek Drive.

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Legend:
- **Trailhead**
- **Restroom**
- **Parking**
- **Water Fountain**
- **Tunnel**