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Guides

Dick & Willie Passage Rail Trail

Virginia

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In the east, a dead-end forces trail users to turn around, but trail users will want to linger at a scenic overlook of Mulberry Creek in the area's secluded woodlands. In the southwest, there are two disconnected segments that will one day connect to the longer Martinsville section to form an 11-mile trail in total.

Connections

At Pine Street in Martinsville, the Uptown Spur Trail branches off from the Dick & Willie Passage Rail Trail on a former railroad spur to head towards the city's charming downtown.

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About the Route

The paved trail passes through the heart of Martinsville, with short sections on both ends outside city limits in Henry County. Underpasses and restored trestles provide safe crossings of busy roads; there are only two at-grade crossings along the trail's entire length, and these are on low-traffic, rural roads.

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States: Virginia

Counties: Henry,Martinsville

Length: 6.9miles

Trail end points: 1094 Virginia Ave. (Martinsville) to 1000 Irisburg Rd. (Axton)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

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

Parking & Trail Access

The Dick & Willie Passage Rail Trail runs between 1094 Virginia Ave. (Martinsville) and 1000 Irisburg Rd. (Axton).

Parking is available at:

- 699 Liberty St. (Martinsville)
- 220 Doyle St. (Martinsville)
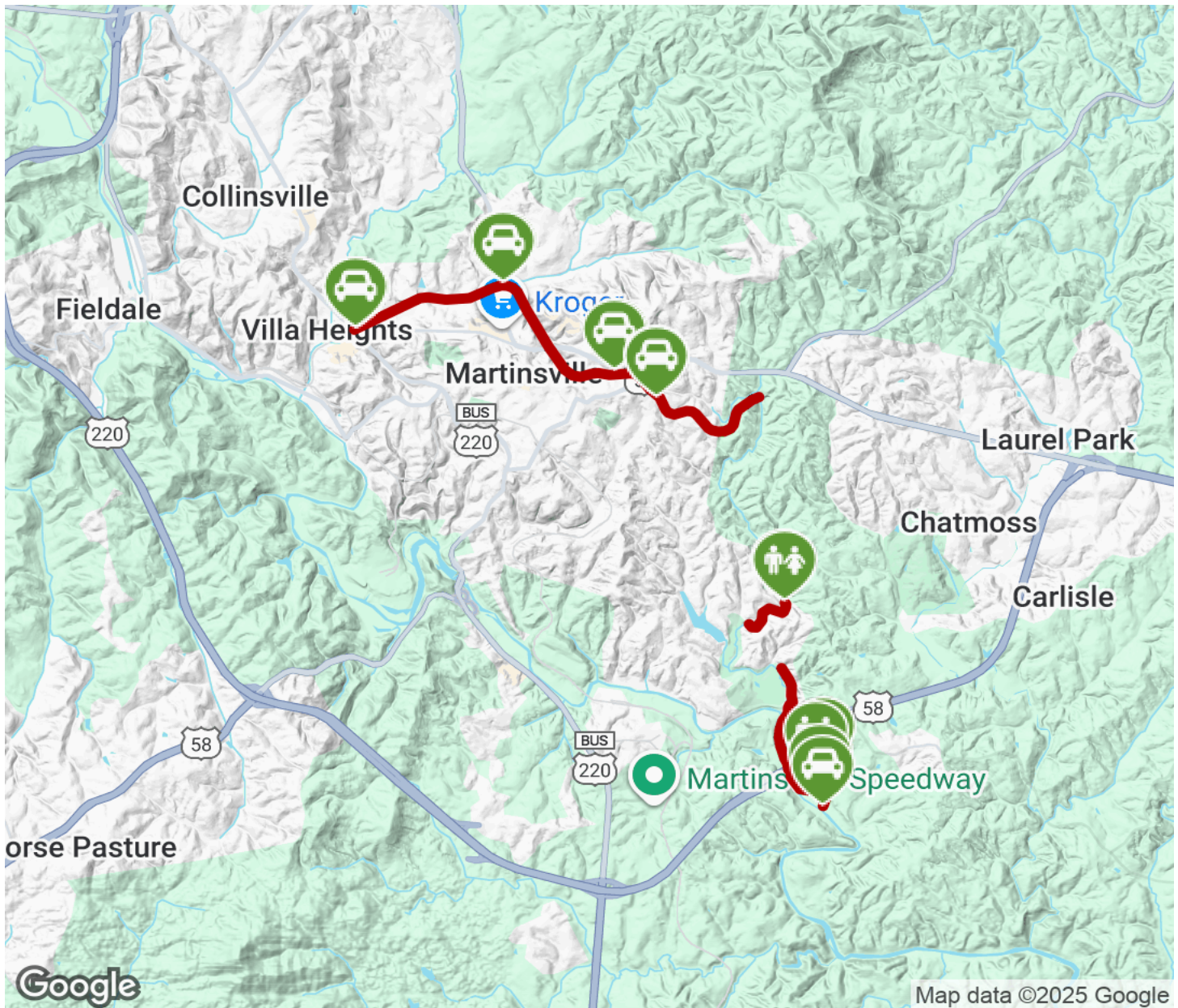- 815 Fisher St. (Martinsville)

Please see TrailLink Map for all parking options and detailed directions.

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Trailhead		Restroom		Parking		Water Fountain		Tunnel	