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The railroad for which the trail was named began in 1857, but wasn't completed until 1877 due to the Civil War. The future trail will follow the former rail line, connecting three major Civil War battlefield sites in Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Wilderness. Each is a National Park service site with its own network of trails.

As of summer 2015, the trail offers more than 4 miles of trail across two disconnected segments: one from downtown Fredericksburg to the Idlewild neighborhood and the other in nearby Chancellor.



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States: Virginia

Counties: Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania

Length: 4.5 miles

Trail end points: Essex St. and Lafayette Blvd.
(Fredericksburg) to Gordon Rd. (Chancellor)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Concrete

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

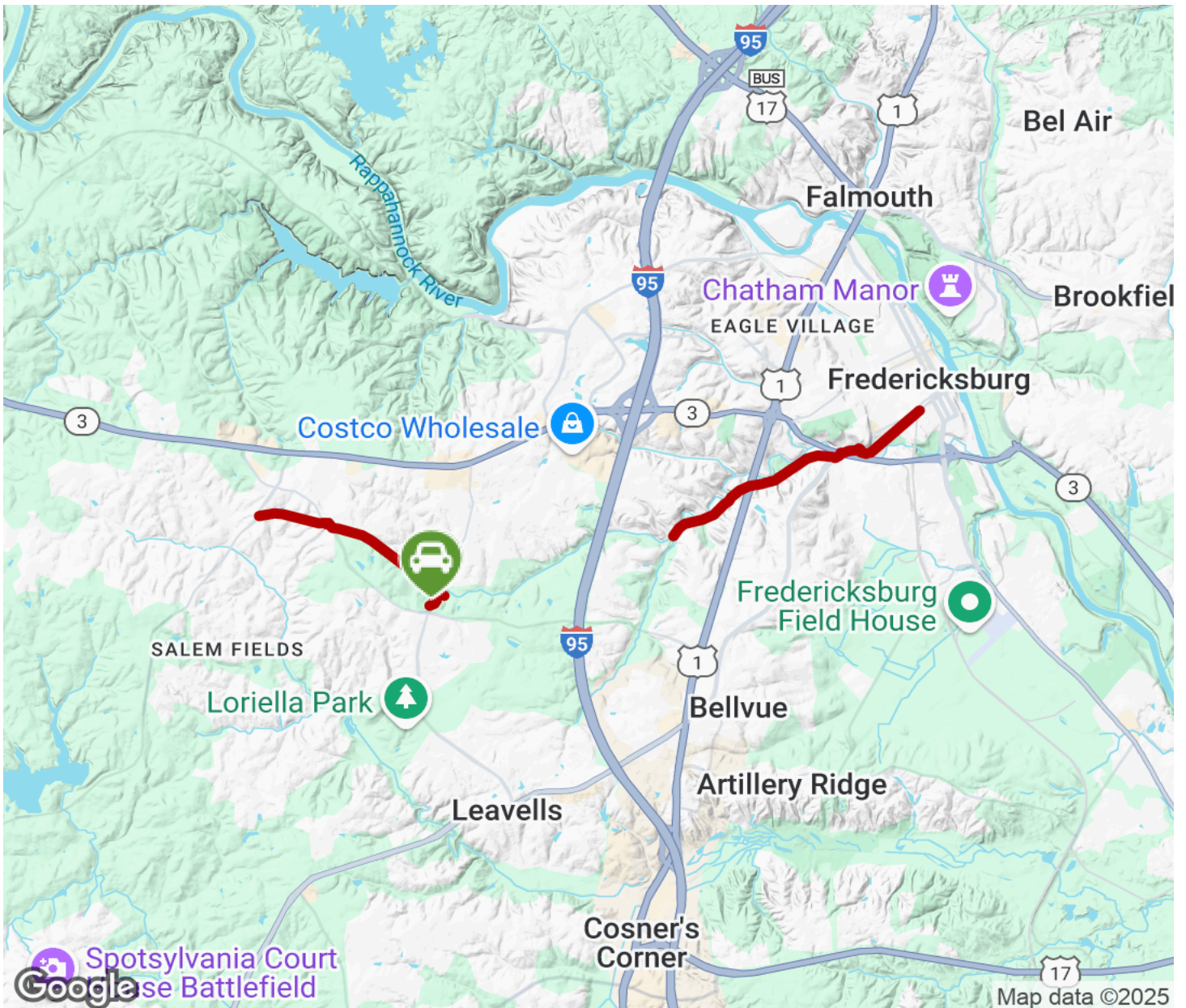
Parking & Trail Access

To access the western trail segment: Enter the Harrison Road Convenience Center at 5917 Harrison Road in Fredericksburg, and turn right toward the ball fields at the top of the hill. The trailhead is at the far end of the parking lot.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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