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Guides



**Virginia
Central
Railway Trail**
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Virginia Central Railway Trail

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Situated midway between the nation's capital and the Virginia capital of Richmond, the Virginia Central Railway Trail currently



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.

Situated midway between the nation's capital and the Virginia capital of Richmond, the Virginia Central Railway Trail currently spans 4.5 miles throughout Fredericksburg.

About the Route

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. While the western segment is far more rural, the eastern segment runs through a more densely populated area of Fredericksburg.

Trail History



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States: Virginia

Counties: Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania

Length: 4.5 miles

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

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Concrete

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Virginia Capital Railway Trail runs between Essex St. (Fredericksburg) and Gordon Rd. (Chancellor) in two distinct segments.

Parking is available at:

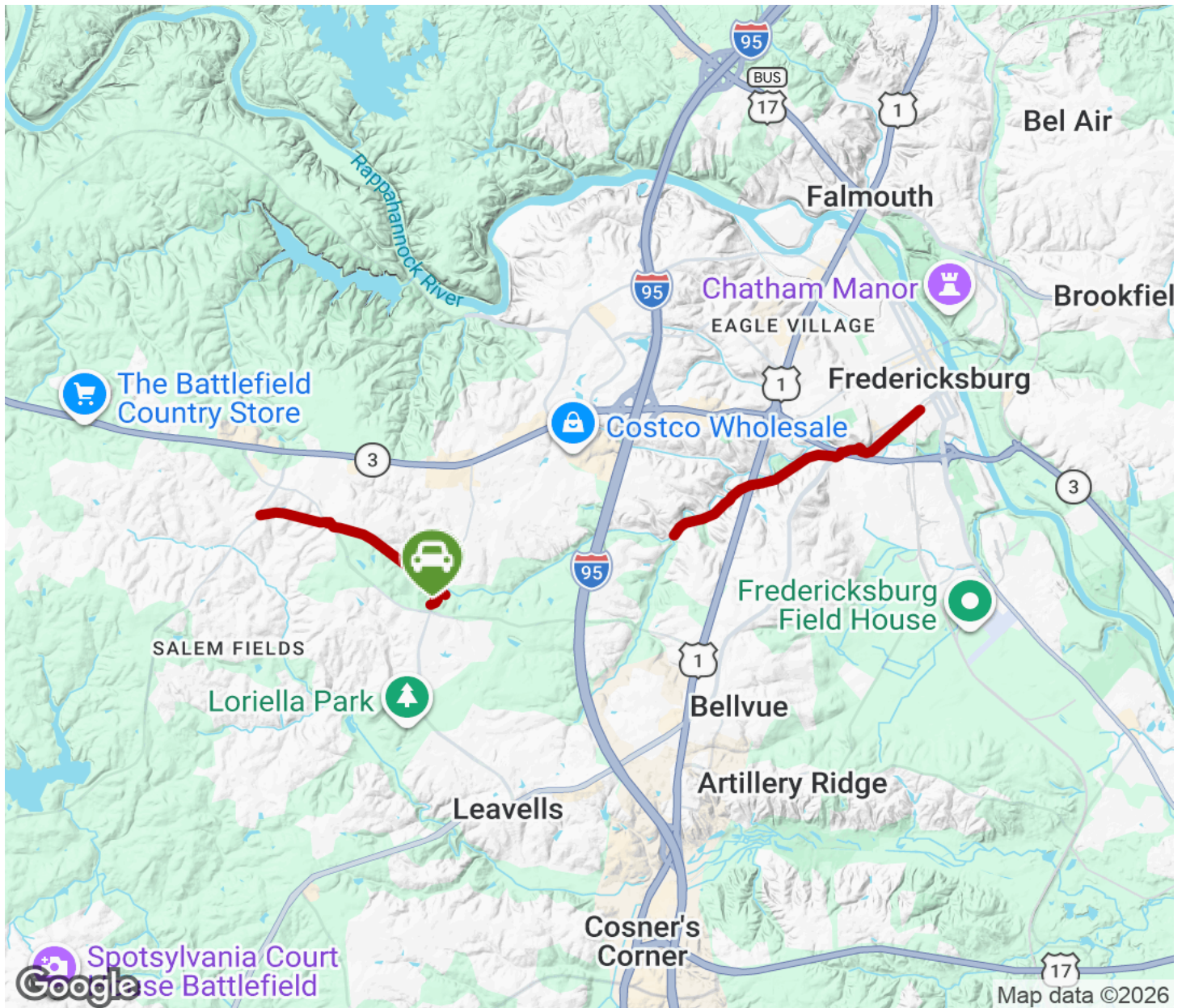
- Harrison Park, 5917 Co Rd 620 (Fredericksburg)

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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