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Guides



**Bear Creek
Trail (Denver)**
Colorado



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Connections

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About the Route

The trail more-or-less sits in the tree-lined corridor along Bear Creek. The trail's western end offers forested landscapes through Bear Creek Lake Park, Bear Creek Greenbelt, and Bear Valley Park. The eastern half of the trail provides a connection to shopping centers and commercial areas. It winds closer and further from the highway (US-285) at different points but the trees provide enough of a screen.



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States: Colorado

Counties: Arapahoe, Denver, Jefferson

Length: 12.7 miles

Trail end points: Turtle Pond (Bear Creek Lake Park) to S Platte River Dr. (Sheridan)

Trail surfaces: Concrete

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Mountain Biking, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Bear Creek Trail (Denver) runs between Turtle Pond (Bear Creek Lake Park) and S Platte River Dr. (Sheridan).

Parking is available at:

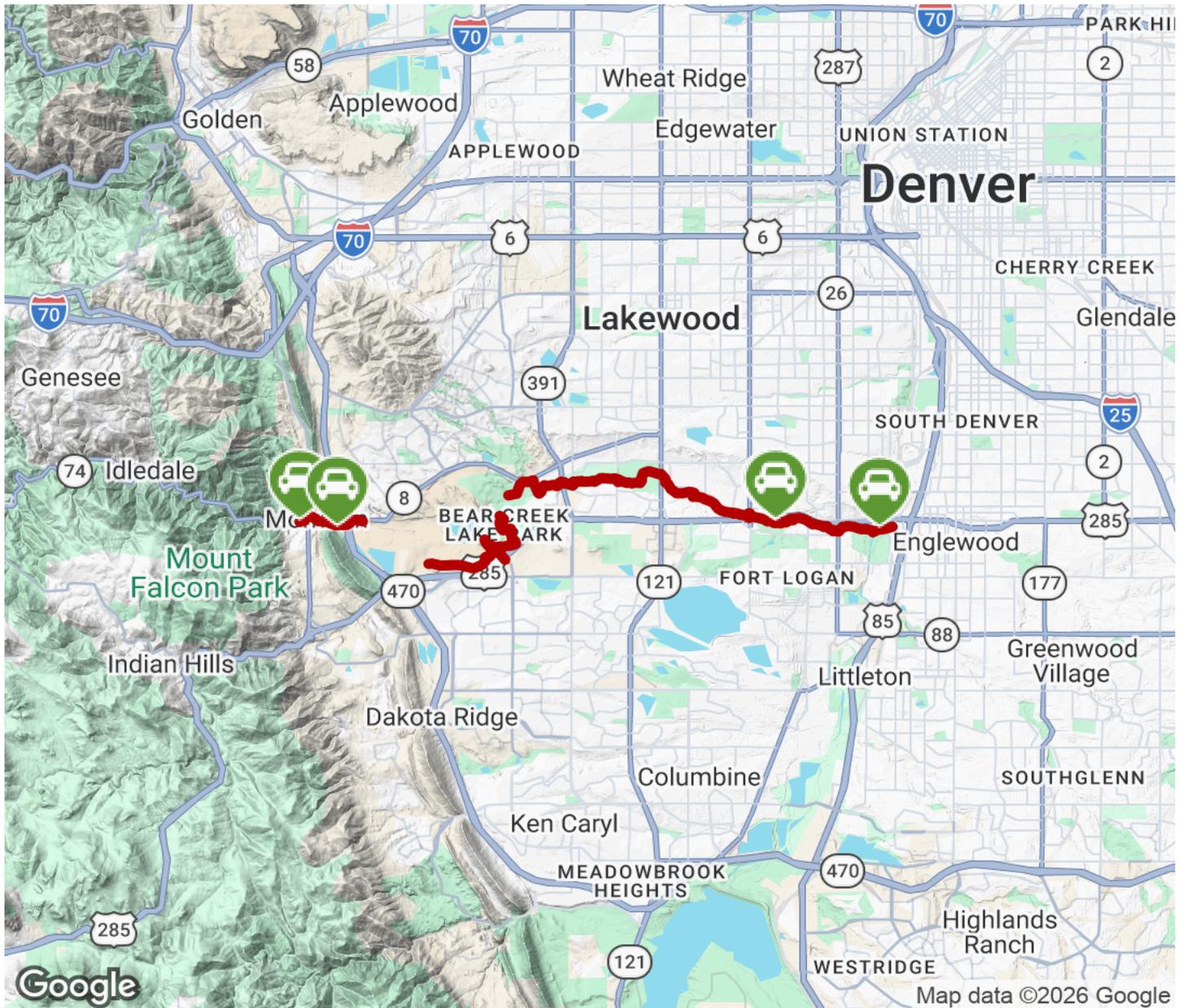
- 303-319 CO-8 (Morrison)
- Bear Creek Park, 3550 S Raleigh St. (Denver)
- 3541 River Point Pkwy (Englewood)

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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