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**Ann and Roy
Butler Hike-
and-Bike Trail**
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About the Route

The trail is bookended by two major recreational areas: Zilker Park on its western end and Guerrero Park on its eastern tip. The lush, tree-lined pathway also provides access to Lamar and Waller Beaches. Fishing is allowed from the rest areas but not along the main route. A unique highlight of the trail is its passage under the Ann W. Richards Congress Avenue Bridge, home to thousands of

bats that canvas the sky at sundown during the summer months.

In June 2014, a lakefront boardwalk, including a series of bridges directly over the water, was completed, closing a short gap on the trail's south side and uniting its east and west halves. The 7,250-foot boardwalk is composed of concrete deck planks, is well-lit, and includes an art installation by Ken Little, 7 viewing areas, an ADA accessible pier, and a trailhead restroom. Water and restrooms are available at numerous locations along the trail. Refer to the [TrailLink map](#) for the exact locations of these amenities.



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States: Texas

Counties: Travis

Length: 14.59 miles

Trail end points: Zilker Metropolitan Park (2100 Barton Springs Rd, Austin) to Longhorn Shores Park (60 S Pleasant Valley Rd, Austin)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Boardwalk, Concrete, Gravel

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

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

Parking & Trail Access

The Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail runs between Zilker Metropolitan Park (2100 Barton Springs Rd, Austin) and Longhorn Shores at Town Lake Metropolitan Park (60 S Pleasant Valley Rd, Austin), both of which offer parking.

Parking is available at:

- Shoal Beach Park, 707 W Cesar Chavez St (Austin)
- Auditorium Shores Park, 900 W Riverside Dr (Austin)

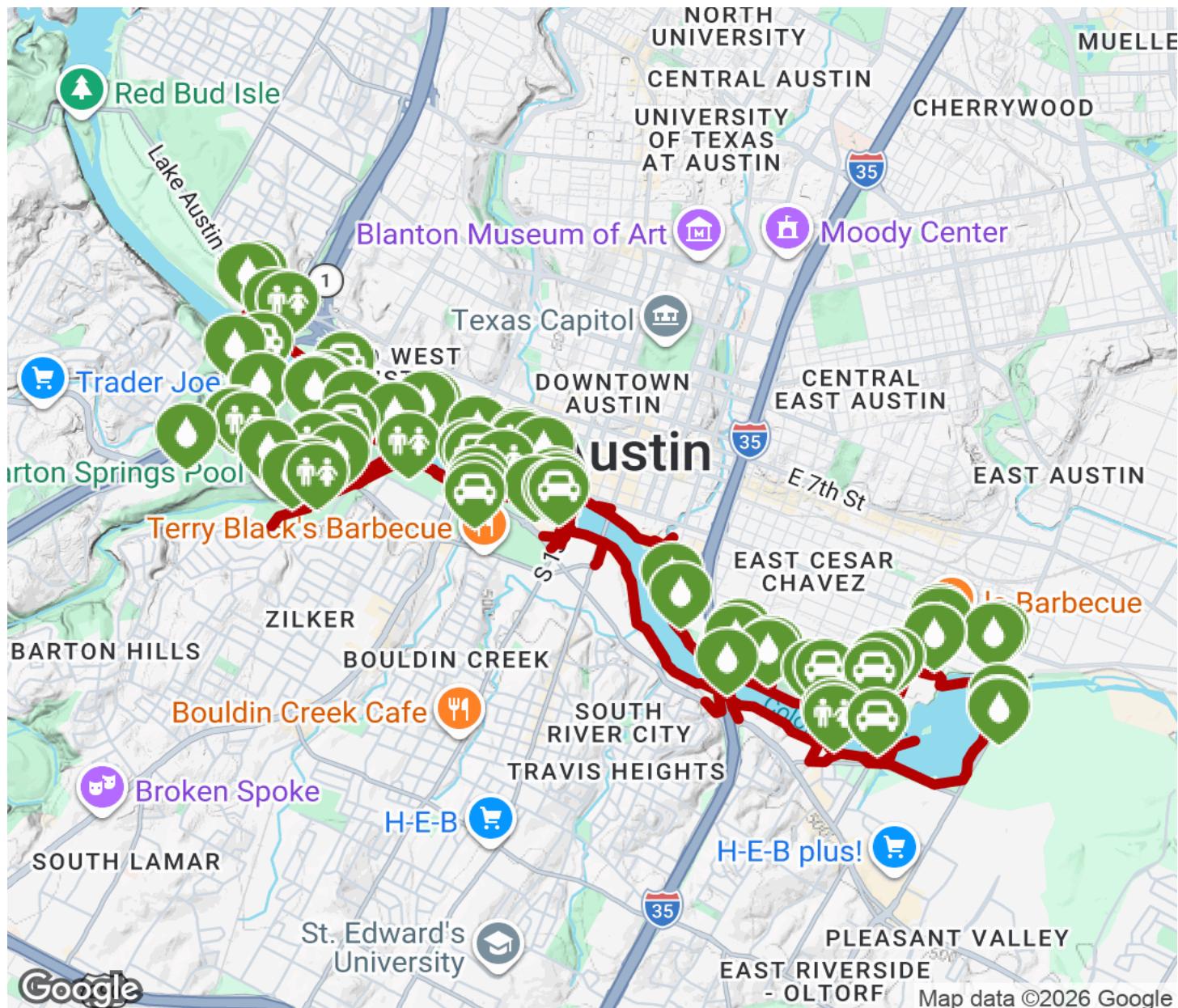
Austin's regional public transportation system (CapMetro) provides access to the trail.

Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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