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Guides



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Trail (NC)**  
*North Carolina*



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### About the Route

The trail affords stunning views of Lake Johnson, wildlife viewing (turtles, waterfowl, numerous bird species), a unique stand of big leaf magnolia (in Lake Johnson Park), access to the Walnut Creek Wetland Center, and passage through areas of large loblolly pine. In addition, the trail passes recreational parks, running adjacent to a state farmers' market, amphitheater, and swimming pools.

### Connections



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**States:** North Carolina

**Counties:** Wake

Length: 15.8miles

**Trail end points:** Lake Johnson Park (Raleigh)  
to Neuse River Trail (Raleigh)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Concrete, Crushed  
Stone, Gravel

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike, Fishing, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

## Parking & Trail Access

The Walnut Creek Trail runs between Lake Johnson Park (4601 Avent Ferry Rd, Raleigh), where there is parking, and the Neuse River Trail in Raleigh.

Parking is available at:

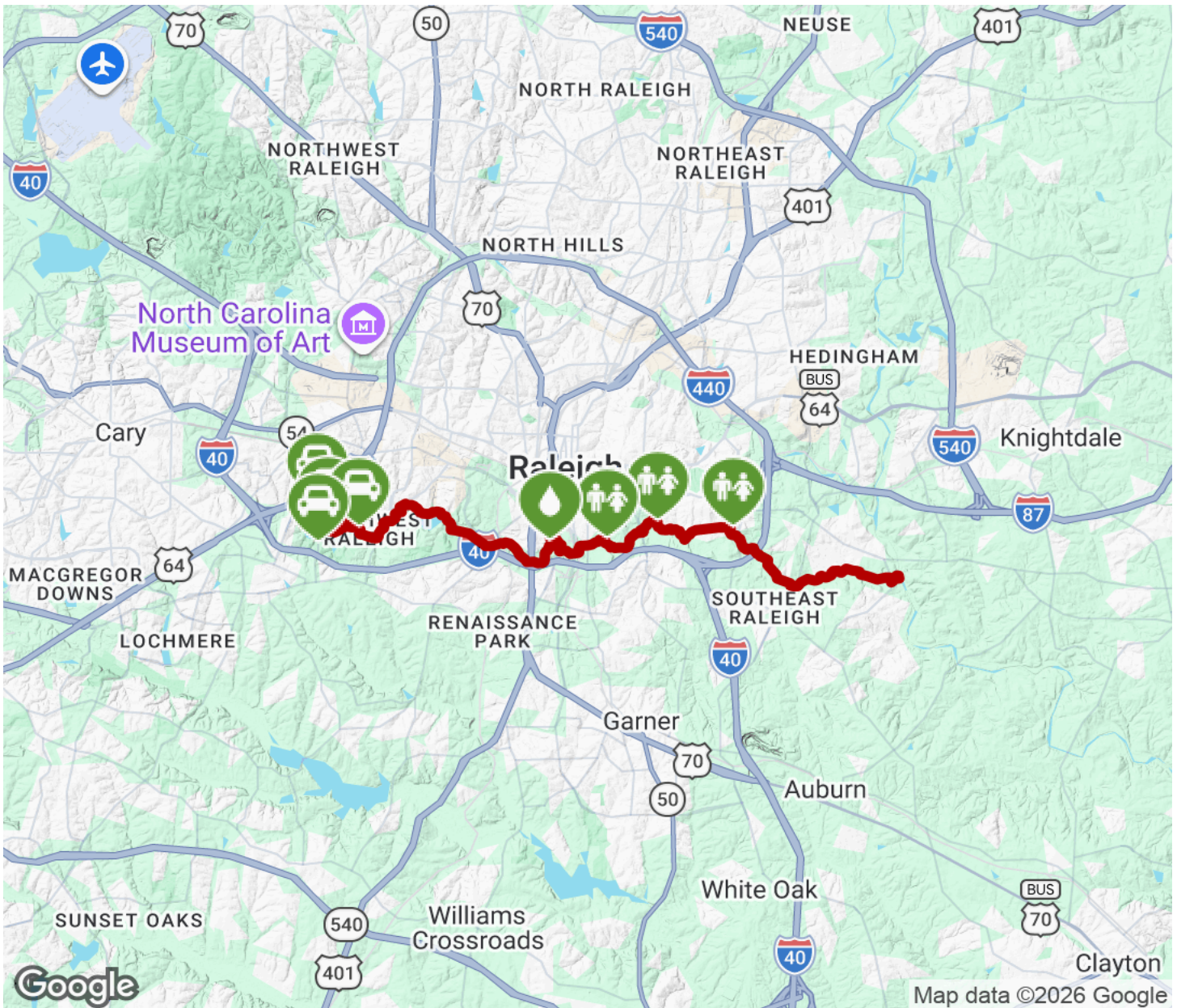
- Eliza Pool Park, 1600 Fayetteville St (Raleigh)
- Walnut Creek Wetland Center, 950 Peterson St (Raleigh)
- Worthdale Park, 1001 Cooper Rd (Raleigh)

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



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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