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Guides



**South
Carthage Rail
Trail**
Tennessee



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The South Carthage Rail Trail begins at the Smith County Agricultural Center and makes its way north toward downtown along Old Highway 53. It follows the former Carthage Branch of the Tennessee Central Railroad, built in 1888, and offers scenic countryside views. The path is wide and paved with an easy grade.



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States: Tennessee

Counties: Smith

Length: 2 miles

Trail end points: South Main Street & TN Hwy 53 to South Main Street & US 70N

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

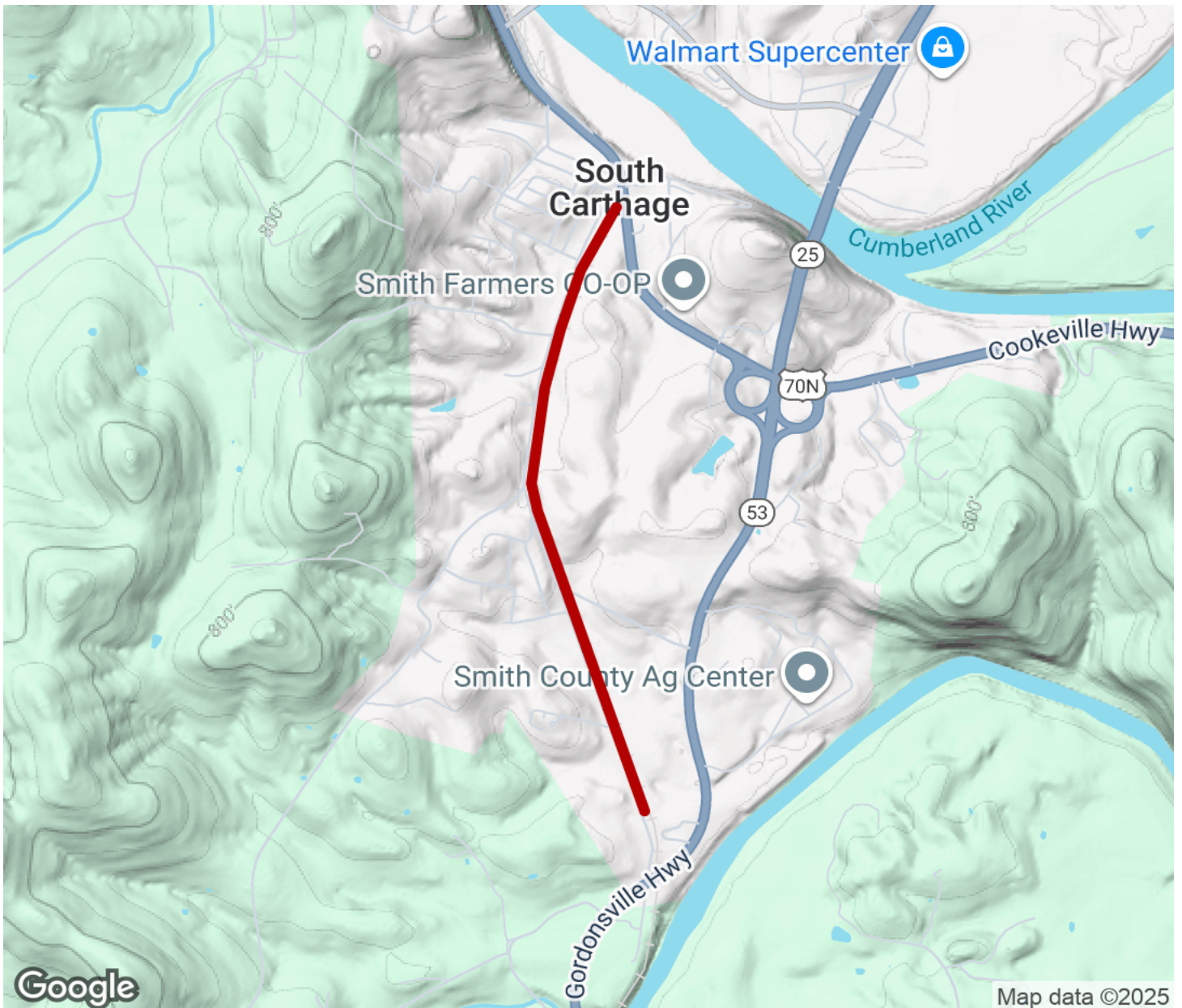
Parking & Trail Access

Paved parking lots are available at each trail endpoint. Take Exit 258 from I-40; travel north on TN Hwy 53 for approximately 3 miles. The trailhead will be on the left.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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