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Guides



**Guild-Hardy
Trail**
Tennessee



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About the Route

From St. Elmo, at the foot of the mountain's eastern side, the rail-trail winds up the forested slope for a gentle climb of more than 1,000 feet. Along the way, trail users will encounter Civil War relics, such as battleground markers and old cannons, and pass the historical Cravens House. Natural beauty includes the stunning Ruby Falls, a 145-foot-high underground waterfall, and views of the



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States: Tennessee

Counties: Hamilton

Length: 5miles

Trail end points: 498 Ochs Hwy. (Chattanooga)
to Lookout Mountain Scenic Highway
(Chattanooga)

Trail surfaces: Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Mountain Biking, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Guild-Hardy Trail runs between 498 Ochs Hwy. (Chattanooga), where parking is available, and Lookout Mountain Scenic Highway (Chattanooga).

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



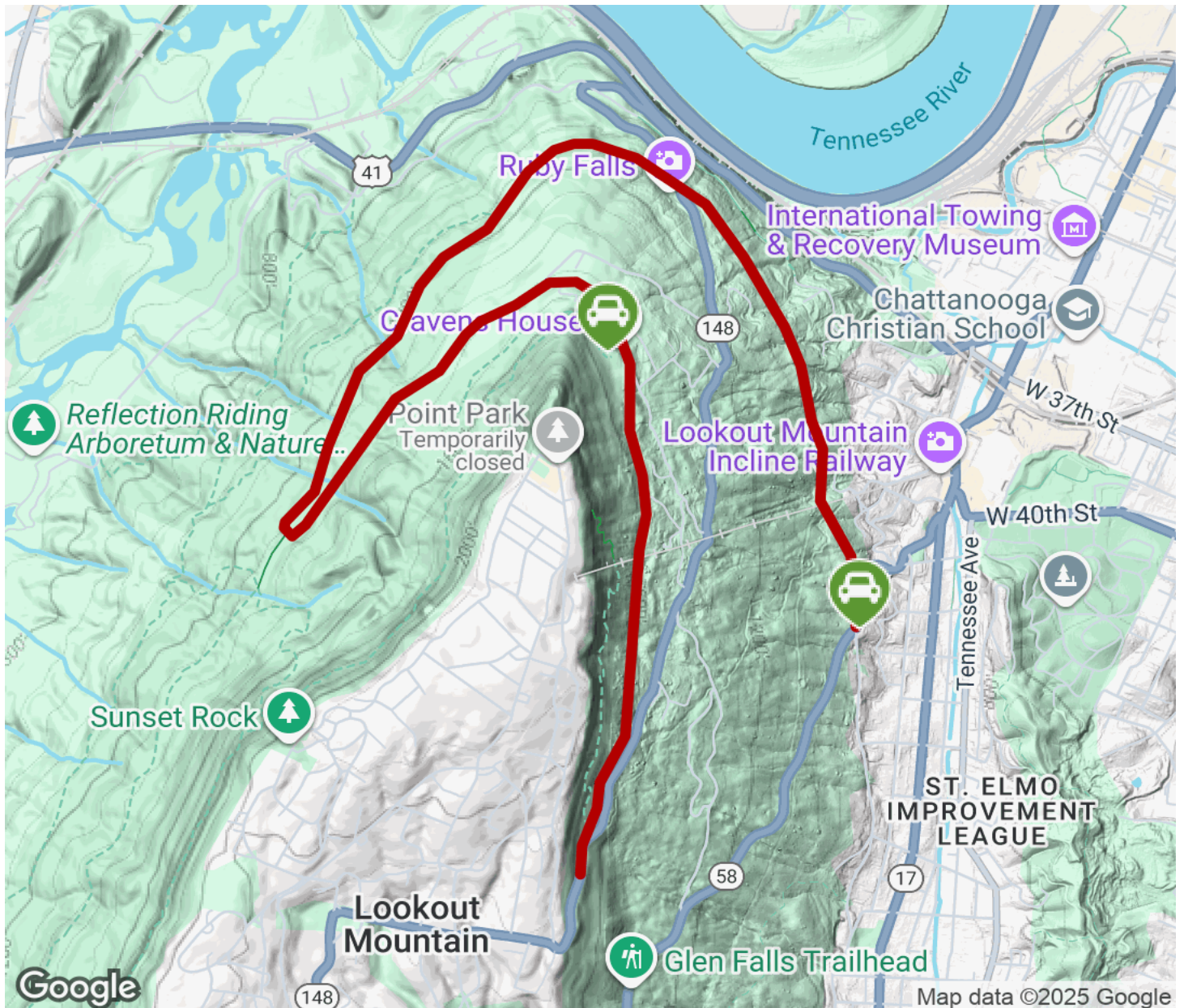
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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