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The Redbud Trail takes users on a journey via the former BNSF railway corridor that slices right through downtown Wichita and its surroundings. The corridor has now been remade as a linear park, with a 10-foot wide trail for walking, jogging, biking, dog-walking, and other non-motorized uses.

About the Route

Beginning at the trail's western end, the Redbud Trail passes by residential areas, churches, and parks up to E 17th Street, close to Wichita State University. Here, the trail heads directly east until it crosses over into Butler County, where it begins to angle to the south slightly. The

trail crosses over many roadways along the way (occurring every mile or so), all of which are at-grade and many of which feature no marked crosswalks or even curb cuts.

The trail is paved for the first 6 miles in Wichita, while much of the rest is surfaced with gravel or crushed limestone.

The trail was extended eastward into Butler County and this section is also known as the Andover-Augusta Rail-Trail, and is paved between the county line (N 159th Street) and East 13th Street in Andover, with the remaining trail to the south featuring a crushed limestone surface. This section of the trail has an eastern endpoint at US-400 outside of Augusta. The railbed corridor does continue here but is currently rough and impassable.

There is an unconnected section of trail in downtown Augusta that runs between Lulu St. and Frisco St. (for approximately 0.5 miles). This section is part of the same rail corridor as the rest of the Redbud Trail and will one day connect.

Connections

At the trail's western end, it connects to the [Canal Hike and Bike Trail](#).

Nearly 7 miles from the western endpoint, the trail connects to the [K-96 Bicycle Path](#).

Trail History

The railroad was once the lifeblood of the growing city of Wichita and played a crucial role in the development of the region. It was used to export local agricultural commodities like hay and livestock and brought in manufactured goods from across the country.



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States: Kansas

Counties: Butler, Sedgwick

Length: 16.1 miles

Trail end points: 702 N Hydraulic Ave (Wichita) to US-400 (Andover) to Lulu St. (Augusta) to Frisco St. (Augusta)

Trail surfaces: Concrete, Crushed Stone, Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

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

Parking & Trail Access

The Redbud Trail runs between 702 N Hydraulic Ave (Wichita), where parking is available, and US-400 (Andover) and Lulu St. (Augusta) and Frisco St. (Augusta).

The three trailheads along the western section of the trail are marked by distinctive steel arches. The trailheads, known as pause points, feature amenities such as benches, signage, and parking.

Additional parking can be found at:

- N Hillside St & E 9th St N (Wichita)
- Augusta Historic Frisco Train Depot & Welcome Center, 618 State St (Kansas)

Please see TrailLink Map for all parking options and detailed directions.



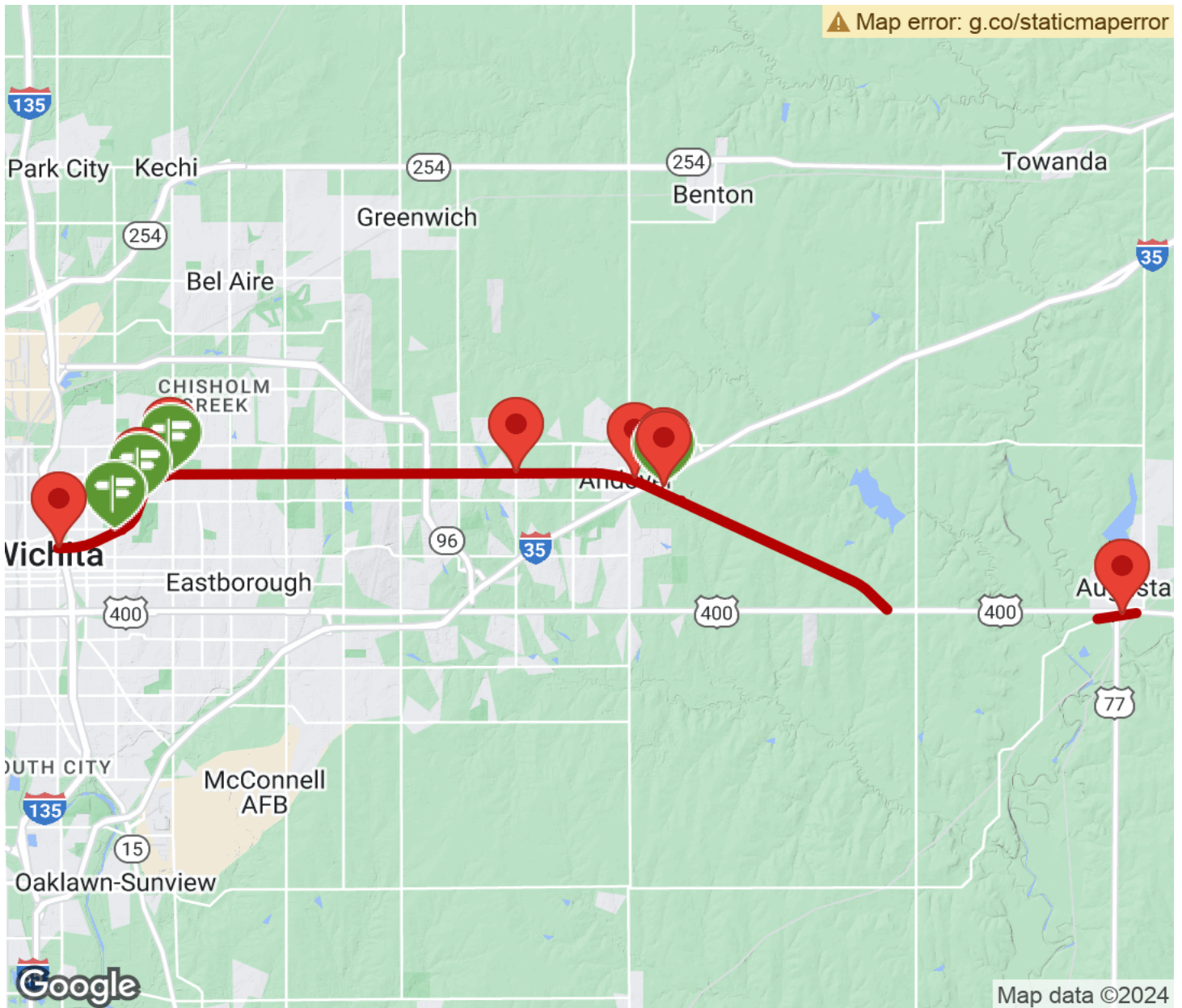
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



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