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Leaving from the water park in downtown Chesapeake Beach. Be sure to check out the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum located just a few blocks from the trailhead. The museum is the last remaining depot of the railway, which is still standing on its original site. The railroad's last known passenger railcar also sits behind the building.

Heading away from downtown, the trail offers panoramic views of the surrounding marshland and forest. A spur to the north will connect trail users with the residential developments of Bayview Hills and Richfield Station. Cross Fishing Creek to join its southern shore and trail users may be treated to a sighting of a bald eagle. The trail once again crosses Fishing Creek and then abruptly ends; be sure to bring your camera and binoculars, as this is one of the best spots along the trail for bird watching.

Between 1900 and 1935, the Chesapeake Beach Railway whisked vacationers from Washington, DC, to the grand hotels, beaches, and boardwalk of the resort town of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland. Now tourists and residents alike can enjoy a different kind of luxury as they walk or pedal on the Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail, which occupies a portion of the abandoned railroad corridor.

About the Route

Unusual for a rail trail, the Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail rests almost entirely on a wooden boardwalk just above serene Fishing Creek and the marshlands surrounding it. Bicyclists needn't worry, though—unlike some boardwalks, the trail is open for bicycling, and the width is adequate for such use.



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States: Maryland

Counties: Calvert

Length: 1.3miles

Trail end points: Crest View Ln. (Chesapeake Beach) to Gordon Stinnett Ave. (Chesapeake Beach)

Trail surfaces: Boardwalk

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

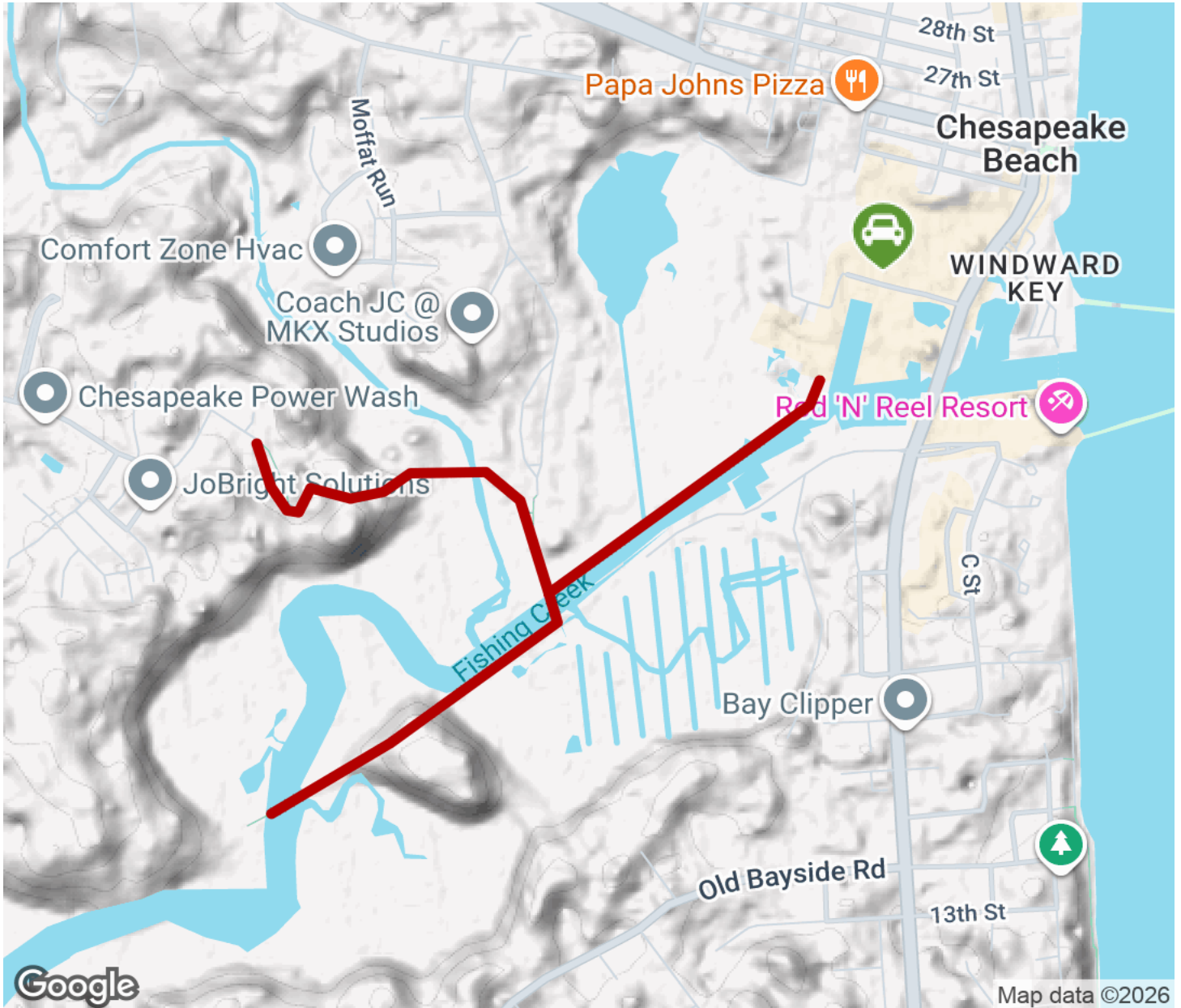
The Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail runs between Crest View Ln. (Chesapeake Beach) and Gordon Stinnett Ave. (Chesapeake Beach), where parking is available.

Please see TrailLink Map for detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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