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Guides



**McDowell
Creek
Greenway**
North Carolina



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At the southern end of the greenway is the Birkdale Village Shopping Center, a great place to shop or grab a bite to eat. As the trail makes its way north, its busy urban surroundings give way to lake views, meadows, and trees.



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States: North Carolina

Counties: Mecklenburg

Length: 1.6miles

Trail end points: 8509 Magnolia Estates Dr, Cornelius to 8871 Sam Furr Rd, Huntersville

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Inline Skating, Walking

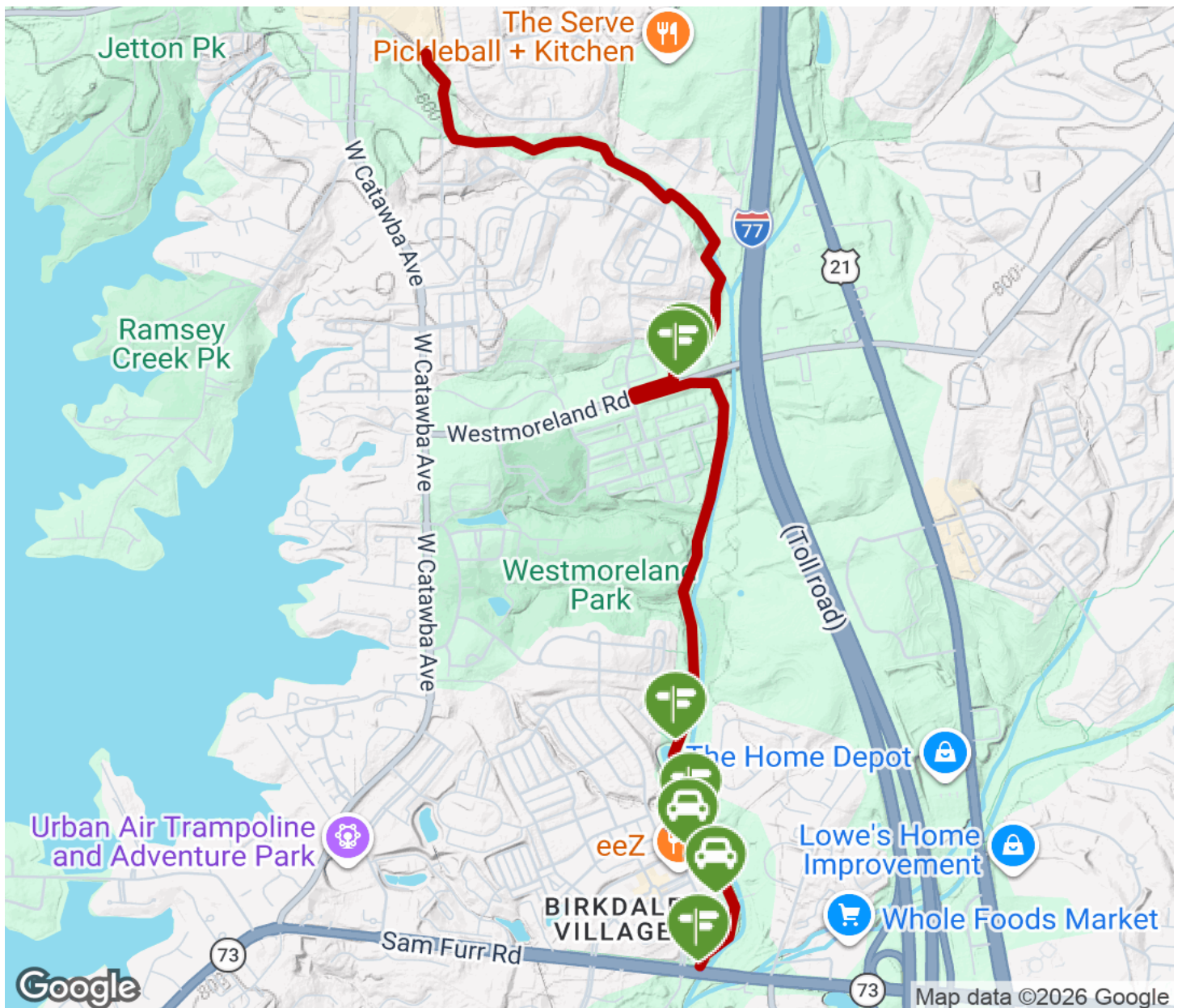
Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available midway along the trail at the Westmoreland Road trailhead (17123 Doe Valley Ct, Cornelius) and in several lots at the southern end of the trail in the Birkdale Village Shopping Center (8925 Townley Rd, Huntersville).



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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