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Guides



**Hinkson
Creek Trail**
Missouri



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On its northern end, the trail finishes in Stephens Lake Park, which offers lots of recreational amenities, including open playing fields, spraygrounds, gardens, and a beach. Picnic shelters and restrooms are also available in the park.

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The trail begins at a connection to the [MKT Nature and Fitness Trail](#) that, in turn, connects to the renowned [Katy Trail State Park](#), which nearly traverses the state of Missouri.

Highlights of Hinkson Creek Trail include passage through Capen Park and Grindstone Nature Area, which are especially scenic, including two bridges designed with a railroad aesthetic.



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States: Missouri

Counties: Boone

Length: 4.3miles

Trail end points: E Walnut St. to MKT Nature Trail

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Walking

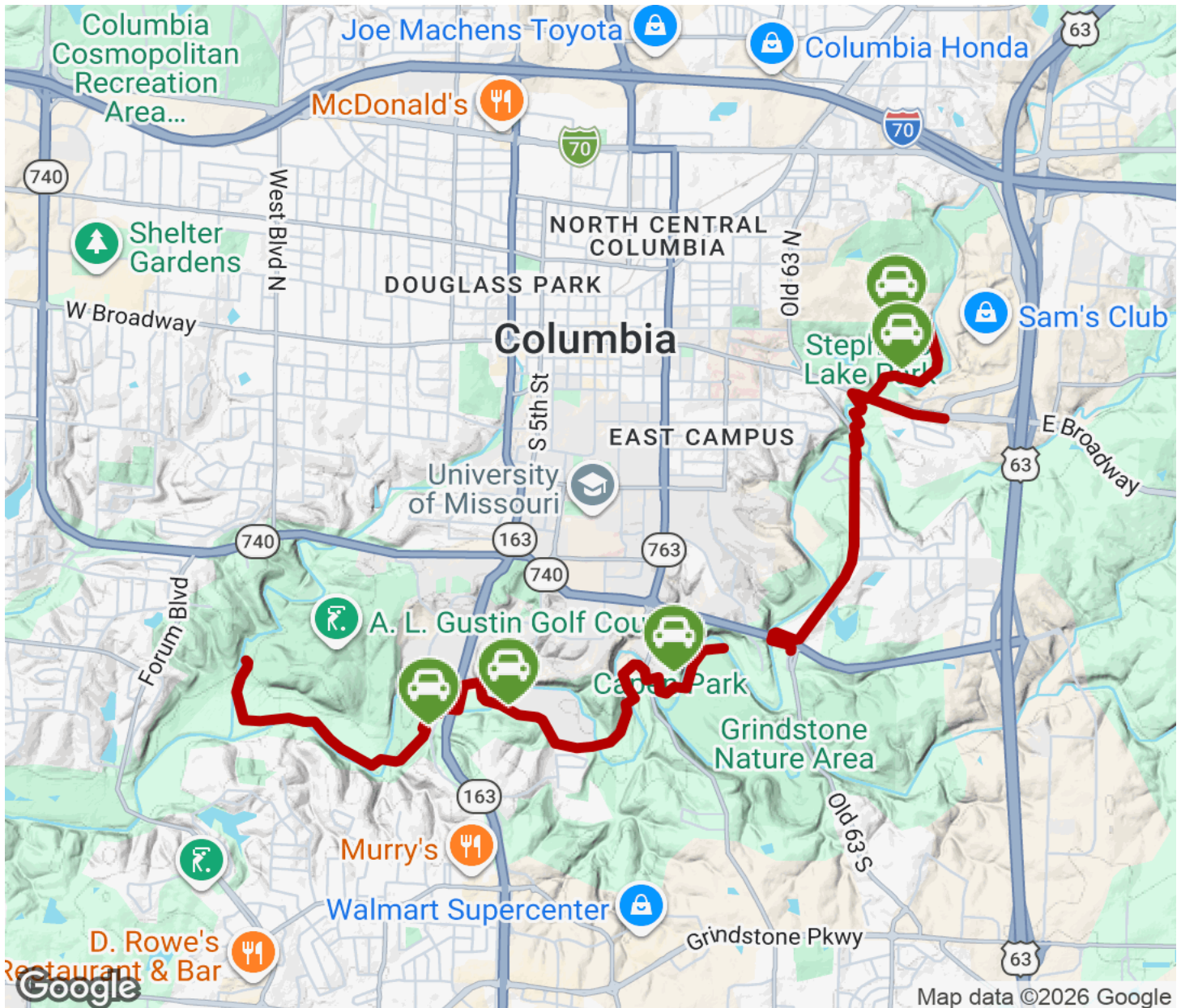
Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available in Capen Park, 1600 Capen Park Dr., Grindstone Nature Area, 2011 Old 63 S, and Stephens Lake Park, 2001 E. Broadway.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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