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Guides



Railroad Grade Road

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can grab drinks, food, as well as rent bikes. The road is very narrow so some caution will need to be used.

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Unlike a traditional rail-trail, this road is open to car traffic and pedestrians and cyclists should be aware.

About the Route

In addition to walking and biking, travelers can enjoy some relaxing tubing downriver as the south fork of the New River runs parallel to the trail. Another attraction is the old Todd General Store, listed on historic landmark registers and located on the Railroad Grade Road. Patron



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States: North Carolina

Counties: Ashe

Length: 10.8miles

Trail end points: Todd Railroad Grade Rd
(Todd) to Railroad Grade Rd/US 221 (Fleetwood)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Mountain
Biking, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

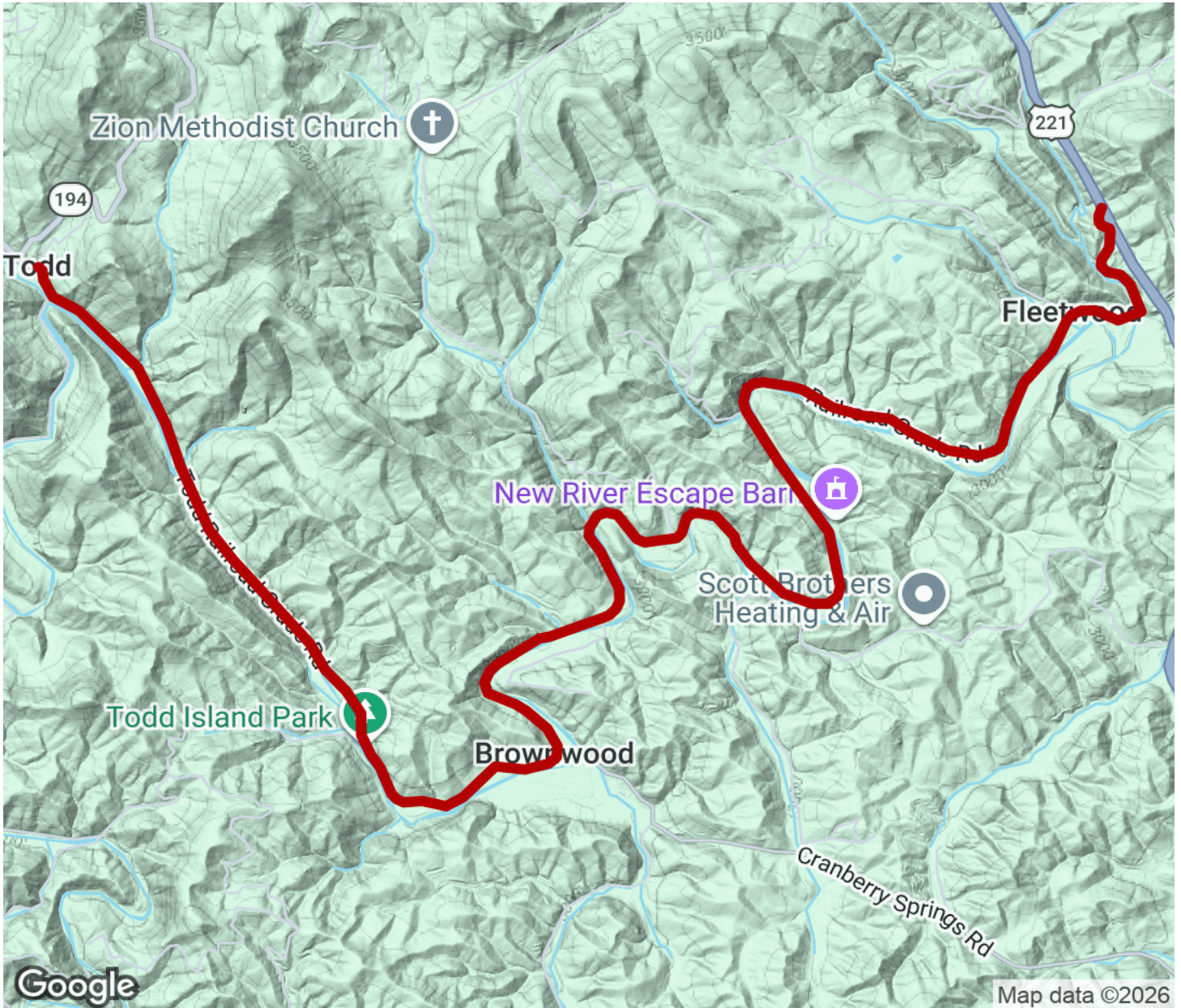
The Railroad Grade Road runs between Todd Railroad Grade Rd (Todd) and Railroad Grade Rd/US 221 (Fleetwood).

There is no designated parking for this trail. Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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