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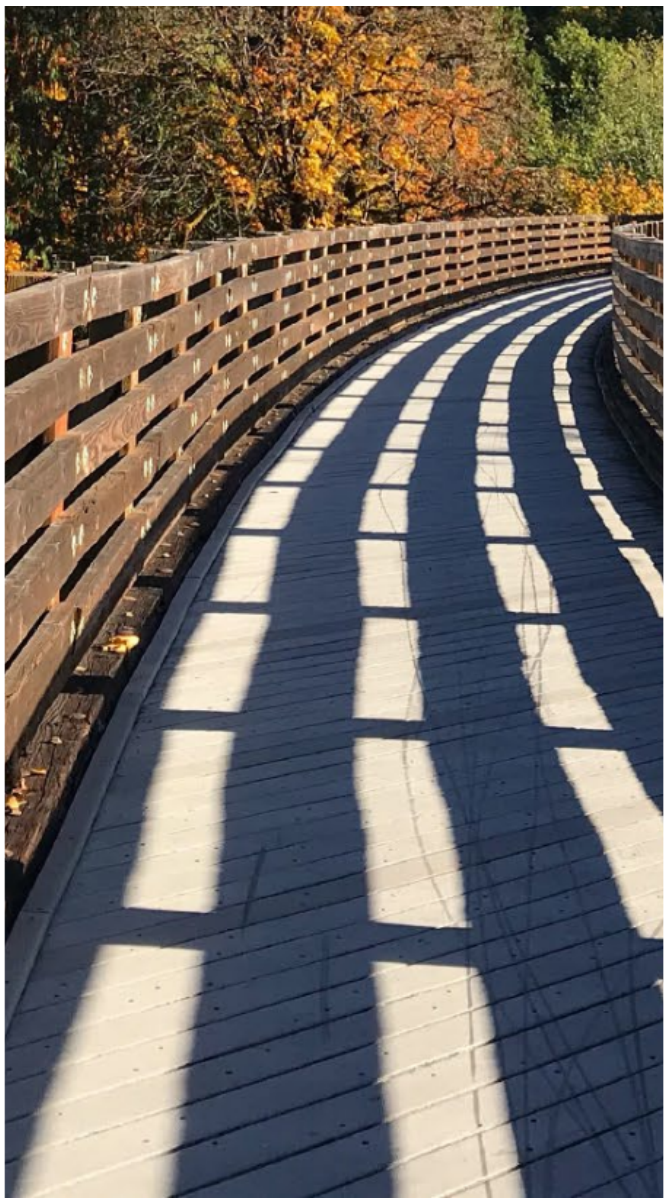

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About the Route

The Vail Pass Recpath is a popular route for cyclists, incline skaters, and hikers who seek a paved off-road route through spectacular mountain scenery. East of Vail, the northern endpoint sits at the end of Bighorn Road, just under 10,000 feet of elevation. The trail follows along Vail Pass, which reaches about 10,609 feet at the rest stop the trail passes through. The trail is a slight decline on its way to its southern endpoint. Copper Mountain, where the southern endpoint sits, is home to Copper Mountain Resort, which is a nice stopover for refreshments and a rest.

Connections

At its southern endpoint, the Vail Pass Recpath intersects with the Ten Mile Canyon Recpath and the Fremont Pass Recreation Pathway.

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States: Colorado
Counties: Eagle,Summit
Length: 14.8miles
Trail end points: Ten Mile Canyon Recpath at Copper Rd. and SR 91 (Copper Mountain) to Gore Creek Campground on Bighorn Rd. (6 miles east of Vail)
Trail surfaces: Asphalt
Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT
Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible,Cross

Parking & Trail Access

The Vail Pass Recpath runs between Gore Creek Campground (Vail) and Copper Mountain with parking, with parking available along the trail.

Parking is available at:

- Ten Mile Canyon National Recreation Trail Parking, Exit 190 on I-70 (Frisco)
- Flyer Lot, 910 Copper Cr (Frisco)

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

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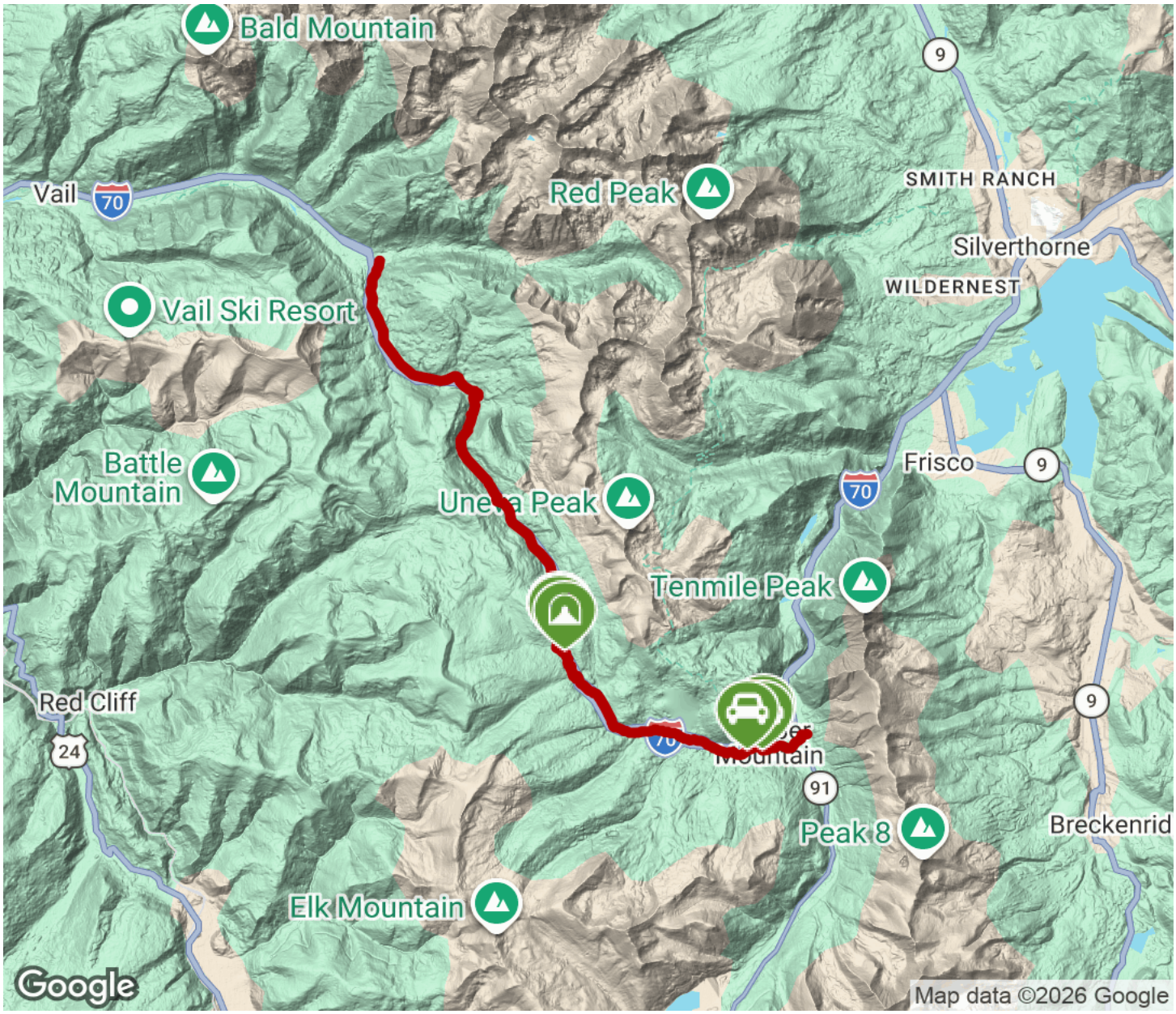

Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel

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