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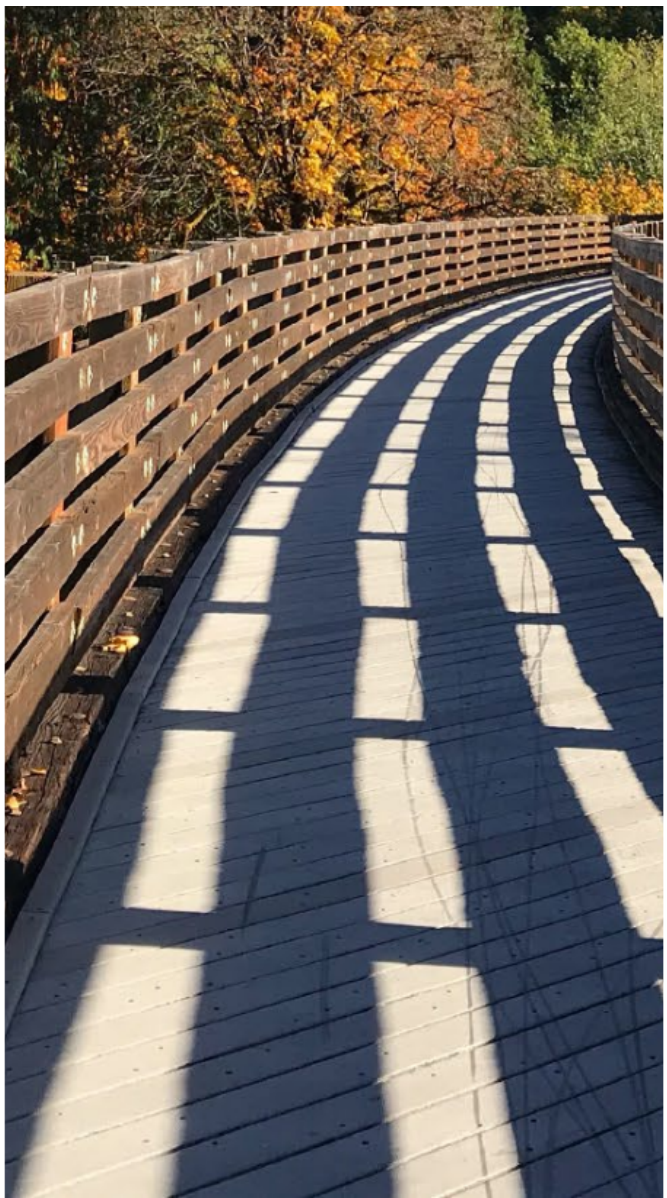

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Springfield's South Creek Greenway provides residents and visitors alike with a welcome dose of nature within the city's urban limits, and also serves as a useful off-road means of getting around and getting in some exercise.

The trail begins in a residential part of town in Springfield's McDaniel Park, and the route follows its namesake creek to the west, paralleling Sunset Street as it traverses open land with only occasional tree cover. The trail takes users above the Kansas Expressway via a dedicated overpass, which offers up views of the neighborhoods to the east and vast fields to the west. Shortly after, the trail heads into Nathanael Greene Park, home of the Springfield Botanical Gardens. Fans of foliage won't want to miss the park's numerous attractions, including a butterfly garden and house and a lovely Japanese stroll garden.

Continuing onward, the trail moves into a more natural, tranquil environment as it heads through more densely wooded terrain. Approaching W. Battlefield Road above the trail, users can either continue on the path south for a short while, where it ends in a residential neighborhood, or take the switchbacks up to the road. Sidewalks and bike lanes along Battlefield Road help to connect you to the next segment of the trail at the end of Farm Road 123. This part of the trail is even more removed from the urban environs, taking you through secluded woods, wetlands and prairies next to Wilsons Creek until the trail abruptly ends right below W. Republic Road.

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States: Missouri
Counties: Greene
Length: 8miles
Trail end points: S National Ave (McDaniel Park) to Wilsons Creek near W Republic Road
Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Concrete
Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT
Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available at the trail's western end via a small lot adjacent to the trail off of W Farm Road 168, and at the trail's eastern end in McDaniel Park. Users wishing to park along the trail may also make use of the lot in Nathanael Greene Park.

To reach the eastern end of the trail from I-44, take exit 80 and head south on N Glenstone Avenue towards Springfield. Continue on Glenstone Ave for several miles and then take a right onto E Sunset Street. Take a right onto S National Avenue, and McDaniel Park will be on your left.

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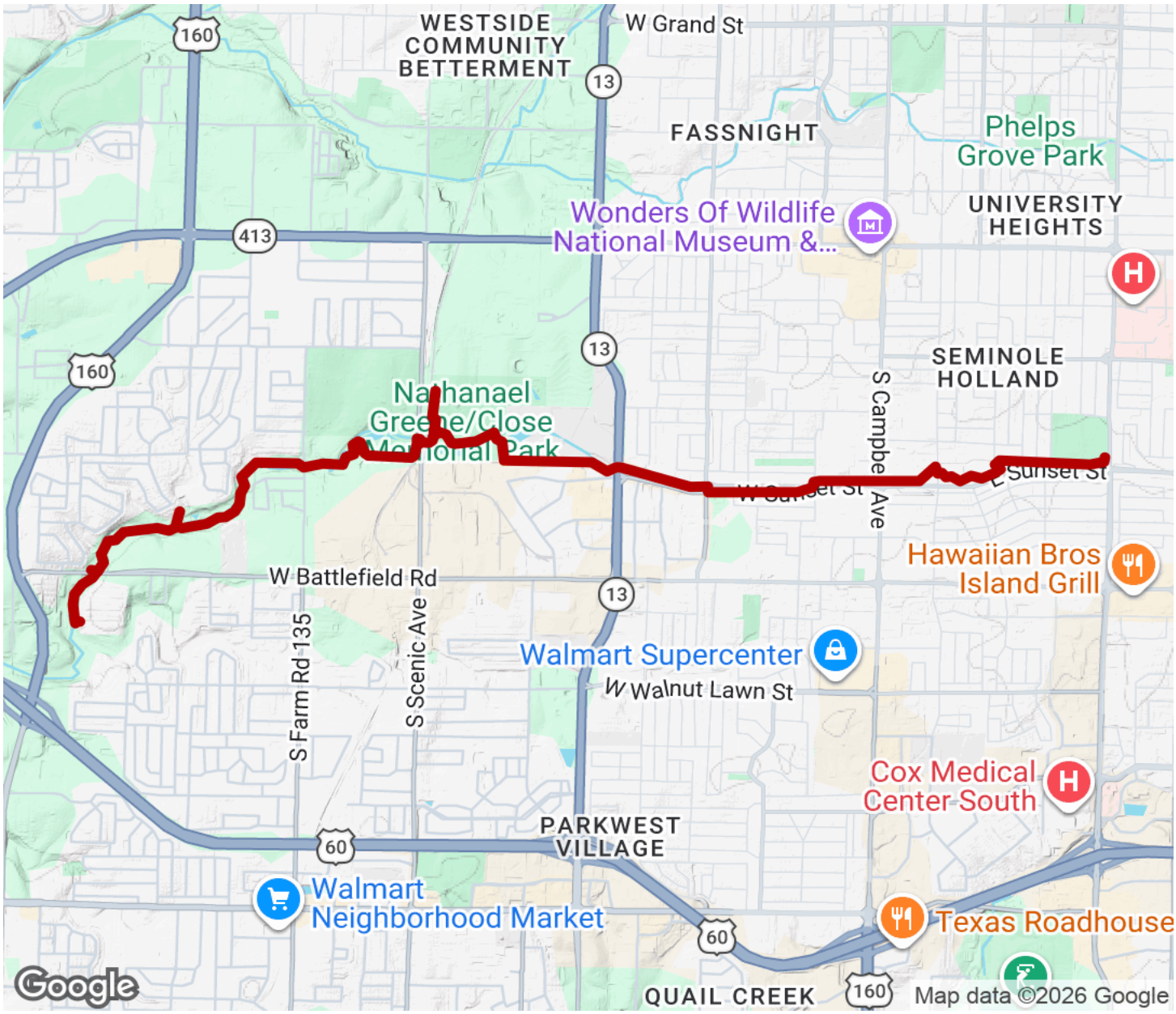

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