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Emerald Path *North Carolina*



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Connections

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About the Route

The path follows Emerald Drive/NC 58, passing through a diversity of landscapes, including grassy areas, shady woodlands and the heart of downtown. There is a variety of shopping and dining options alongside the trail as well as a grocery store, a pharmacy, and multiple surf shops. Because the island is narrow, and as the pathway sits on its spine, it's possible to view most of the island from there. There are plenty of beach access points no further than a block or two off the path.



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States: North Carolina

Counties: Carteret

Length: 11miles

Trail end points: Old Coast Guard Rd & Ring St (Emerald Isle) to Emerald Dr/NC 58 (Emerald Isle)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike,Fishing,Inline
Skating,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Emerald Path runs between the intersection of Old Coast Guard Rd & Ring St (Emerald Isle) and Emerald Dr/NC 58 (Emerald Isle).

Parking is available at:

- Station Street Public Parking, 11001 Station St (Emerald Isle)
- Emerald Isle Woods Park, 9404 Coast Guard Rd (Emerald Isle)
- Senator Jean Preston Memorial Park, 6813 Canal Dr (Emerald Isle)

Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



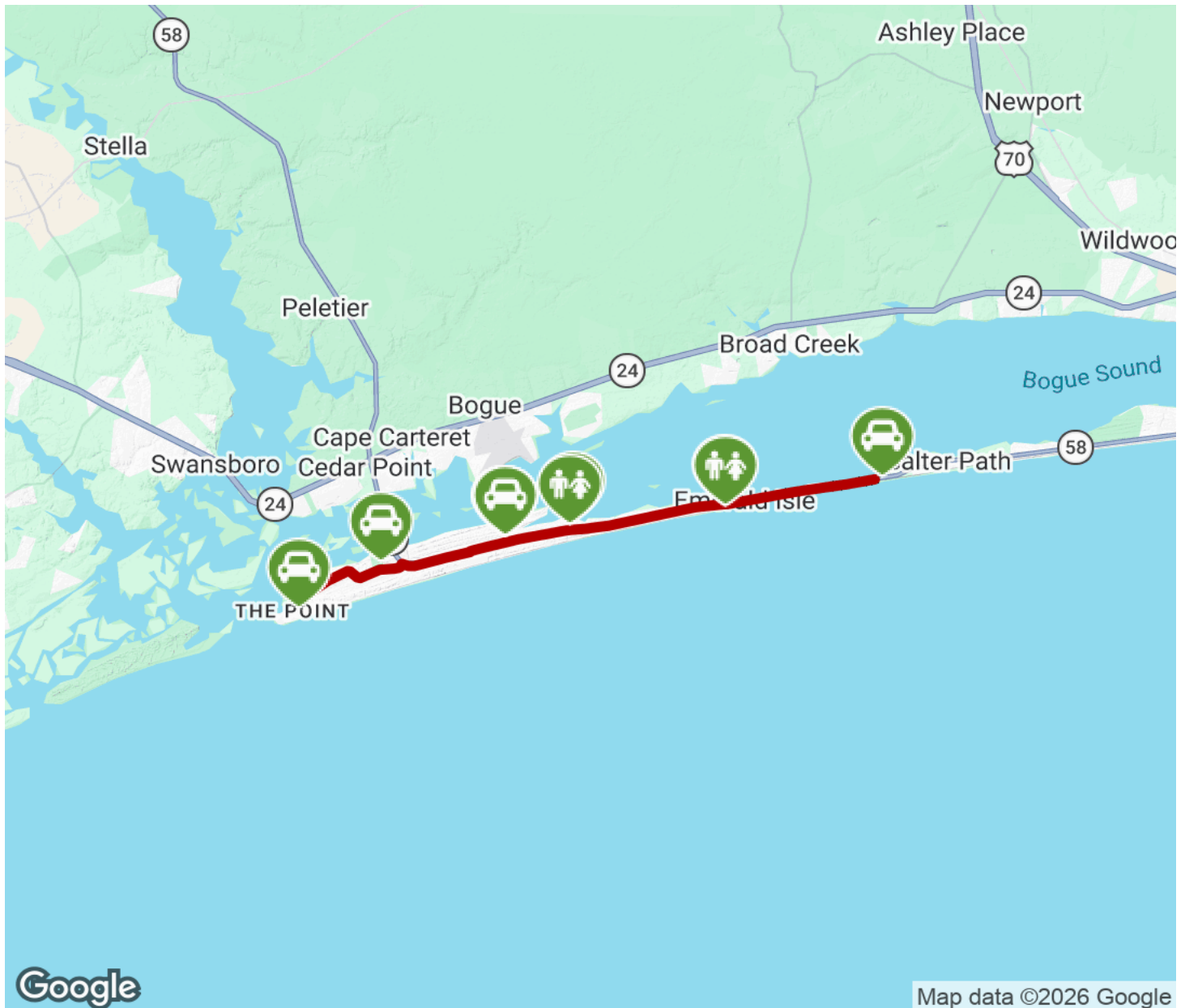
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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