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**Columbine
Trail**
Colorado



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Beginning in the south, the trail branches off from a portion of the thirty-mile [C-470 Bikeway](#), a key piece in the area trail network. The start of the trail follows the highway through open grassland before making a turn to cross Chatfield Avenue. From here, the trail parallels the roadway (which becomes S Platte Canyon Road) for the remainder of its four-mile route, passing behind suburban homes and the occasional restaurant or

business. The corridor is largely open, with only sporadic tree cover, but the trail maintains enough distance from the road to offer some amount of tranquil relaxation. Along the way, the Massey Draw Regional Trail intersects the trail from the west, which users can take to explore the nearby Columbine Hills Park. The trail also takes you by the smaller, but lovely Columbine Manor Park as it continues north, and the scenic expanse of Valley Vista Park is accessible from the end of the trail across W Bowles Avenue. If you're more in the mood for some food and drink after your time on the trail, there is a substantial shopping complex at the trail's northern end as well, which offers a variety of options.



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States: Colorado

Counties: Arapahoe, Jefferson

Length: 4.25miles

Trail end points: C-470 Bikeway (near Payne Ave) to S Platte Canyon Rd & W Bowles Ave

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Concrete

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Inline Skating, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

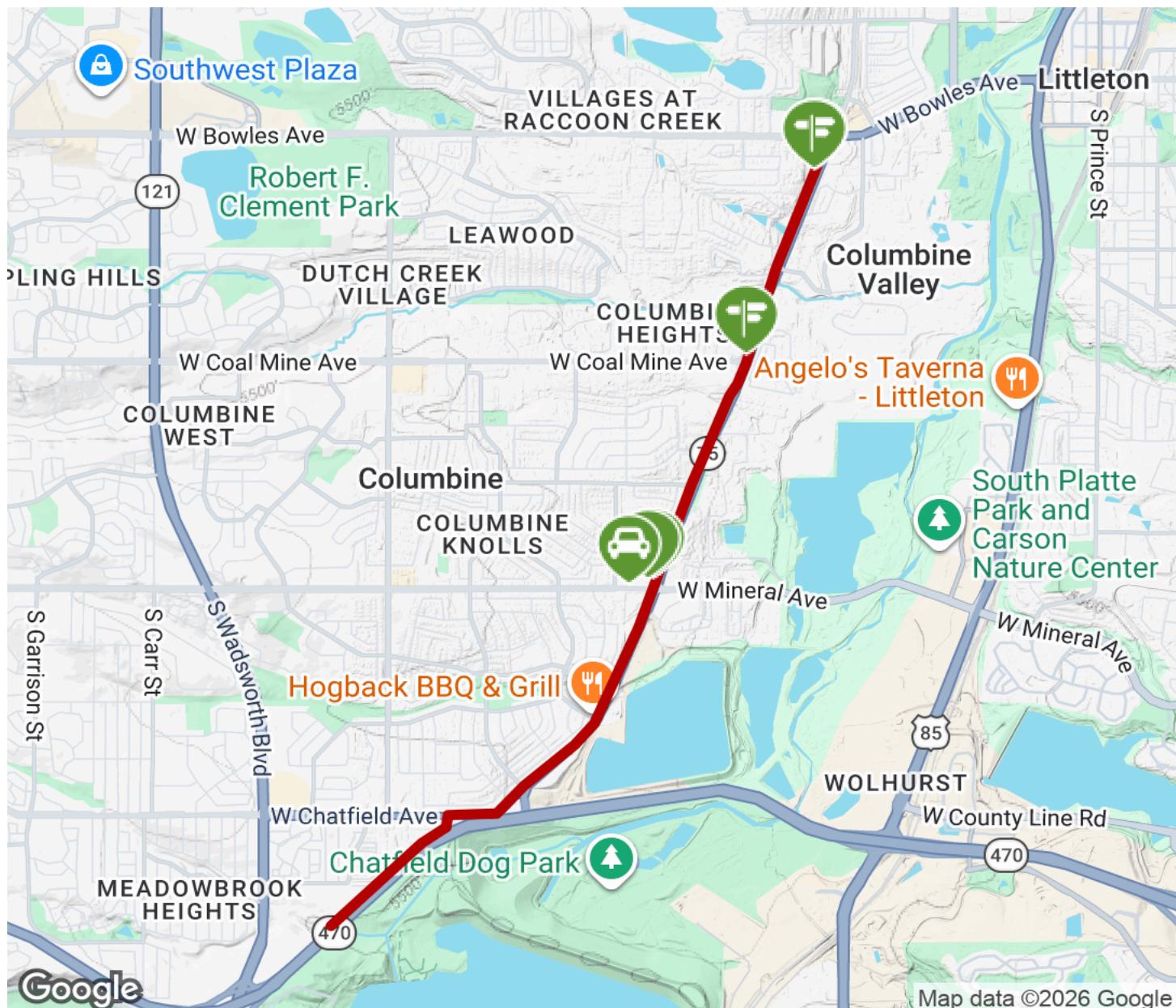
Parking is available at the trail's northern end via a dedicated lot off of S Platte Canyon Road, and around the trail's midpoint inside Columbine Manor Park off of W Ken Caryl Road. Additional on-street parking may be available to access the southern end; be sure to follow any posted signs and warnings.

To reach the northern end of the trail from the direction of Denver, take I-25 south towards Littleton, then take exit 207B and follow signs to proceed south on US-85. Continue on US-85 into Littleton, then turn right onto W Bowles Ave and cross over the river. Take a left onto S Platte Canyon Rd; the parking lot for the trail will be on the right in about a hundred feet.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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