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Guides



**Ocmulgee  
Heritage Trail**  
*Georgia*



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Several miles of the trail are cement, but portions along Central City Park and within the Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park feature a natural surface. Portions of the trail are connected via public sidewalks on which bicyclists must dismount and walk their bicycles. Plans are underway to connect portions of the trail, starting with a crucial link between Riverside Cemetery and Amerson River Park, but construction is on hold until the nearby interstate road work is finished.

In 2019, local officials opened the Walnut Creek Connector, which extended the Ocmulgee Heritage Trail south of the Otis Redding Bridge, completing a loop along the eastern bank of the river and via Walnut Creek to the existing trail at the Ocmulgee Mounds site.

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**States:** Georgia

**Counties:** Bibb

Length: 12.5miles

**Trail end points:** Central City Park (Macon) to  
Amerson River Park (Macon)

**Trail surfaces:** Boardwalk, Concrete, Crushed  
Stone, Gravel, Woodchips

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Mountain

Biking, Walking

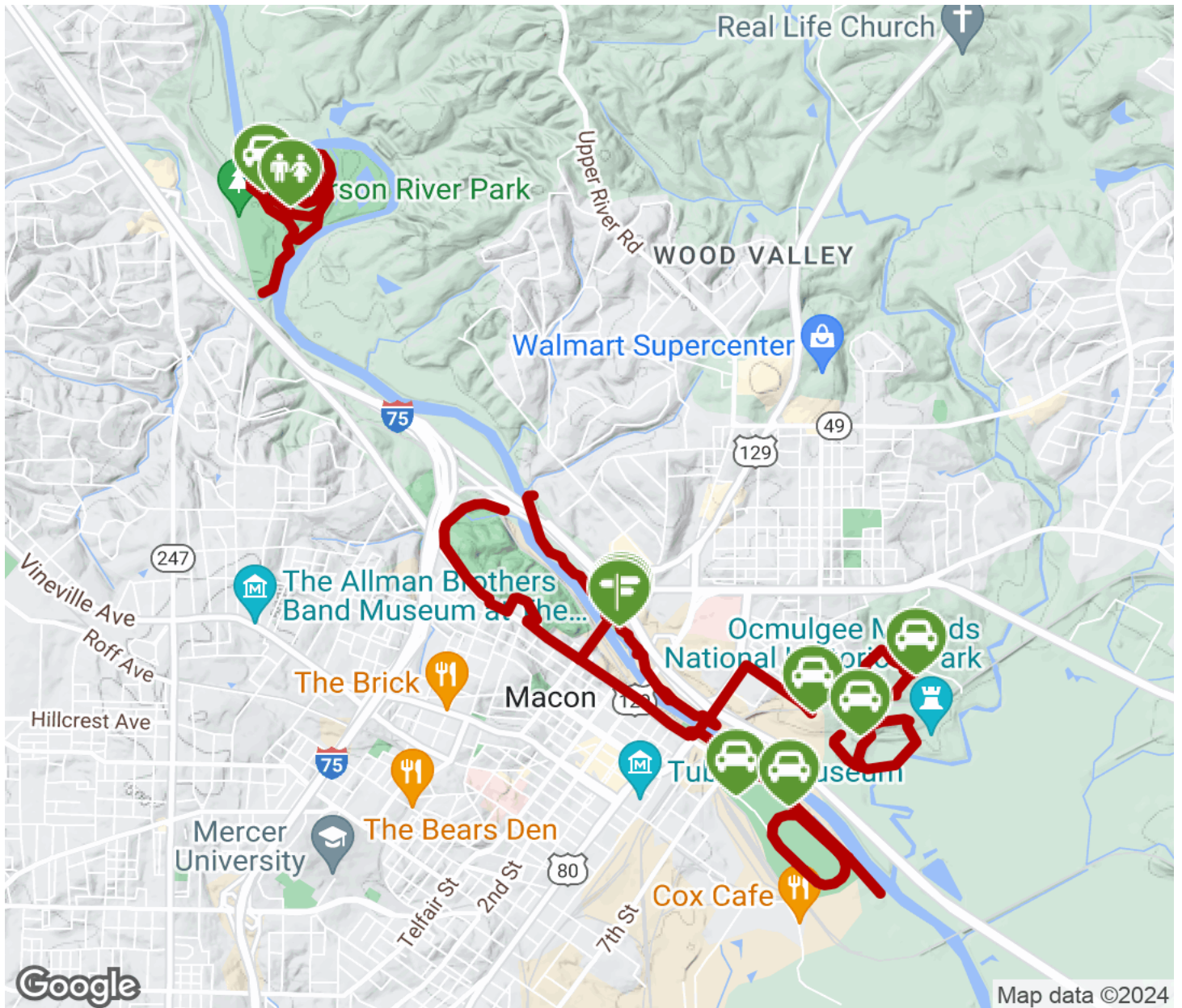
## Parking & Trail Access

Trailhead parking is located at Riverside Cemetery, Spring Street bridge and Central City Park. Riverside Cemetery can be accessed from Exit 1A from I-16 East. Turn right on Spring Street then right on Riverside Drive. Turn right at Madison Street. Trailhead parking is on the right.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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