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Guides



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At its southern terminus, on Valley Park Road, the trail eventually joins the Lower Magruder Trail, a 3.3-mile unpaved track that in turn, links to the Seneca Greenway Trail.



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**States:** Maryland

**Counties:** Montgomery

Length: 3.45miles

**Trail end points:** Shelldrake Circle and Shelldrake Ct to Damascus Recreational Park, Kings Valley Rd

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Boardwalk

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

**Trail activities:** Bike, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

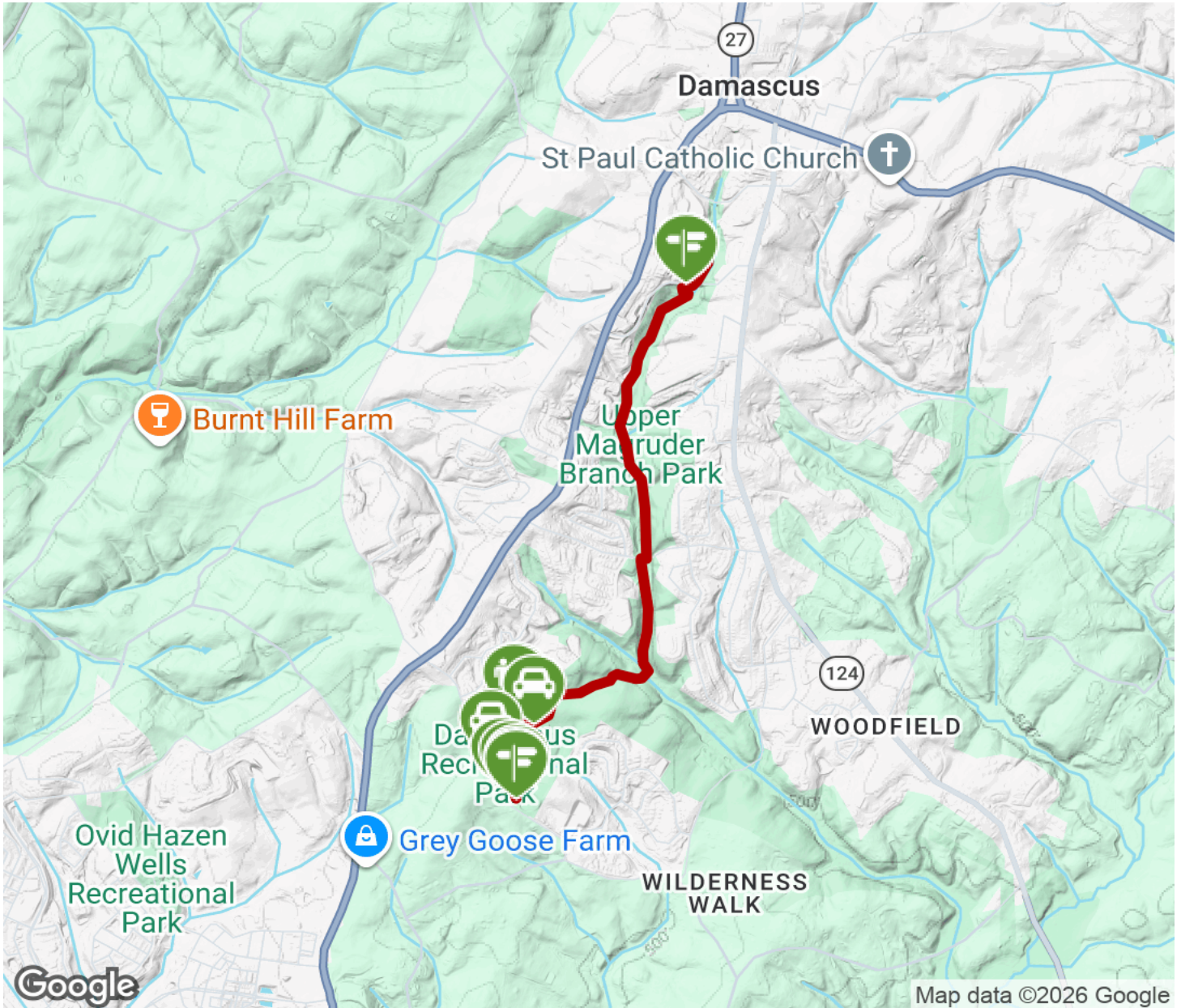
To access the southern trailhead, begin on I-270 heading west, take exit 18, Stringtown Road to Frederick Road (State Route 355). Turn right into to Frederick Road, the continue of Foreman Boulevard. Take Little Seneca Parkway to Ridge Road (SR 27). Turn right onto Kings Valley Road. Damascus Recreational Park (23723 Kings Valley Road, Damascus) has three entrances. Pass the tall sculpture, take the third left turn into the park leading to baseball fields 1&2. The trailhead is on the left side at the end of the lot. Various amenities are available at the park including water fountains, restroom, picnic facilities and parking.

Additional parking might be found close to the northern trailhead on Valley Park Drive (limited spaces) and Bethesda Church Road (on-street parking).



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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