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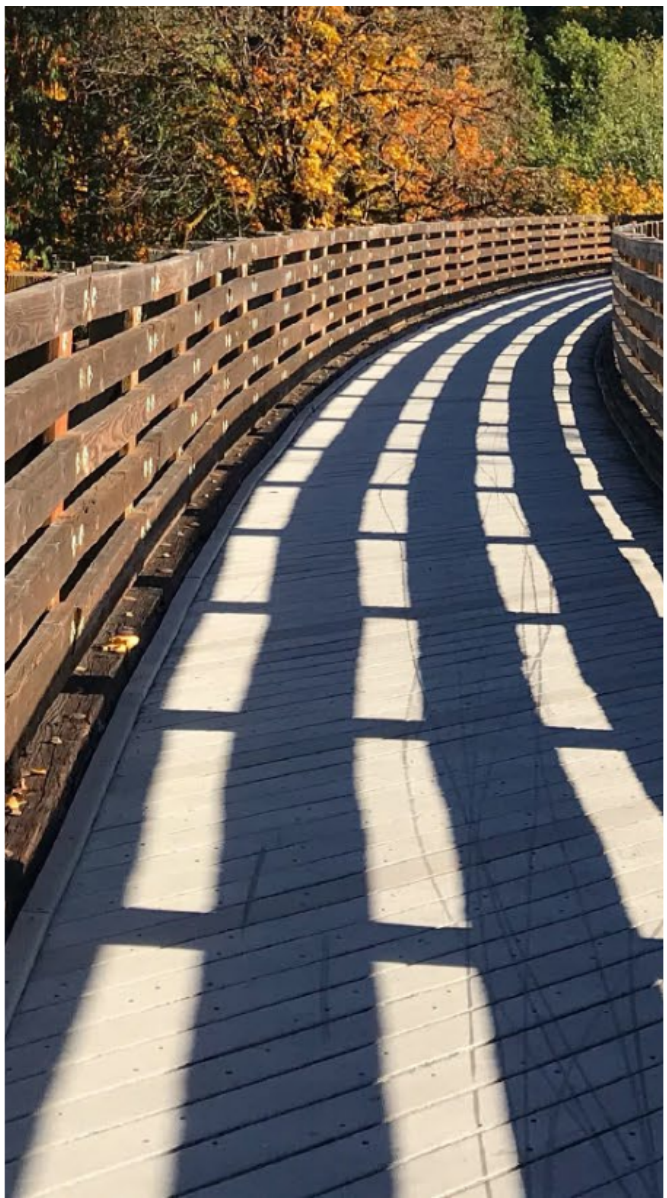
Guides



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About the Route

During the journey, travelers can immerse themselves in the rugged beauty of the landscape, enjoying views of craggy canyon walls, native grasses, shrubs and trees, and the rushing water at the bottom of the valley. Rocky overlooks allow visitors to take in picturesque scenes of the creek, and trail users can use one of the six river access points to get even closer for some fishing.

Connections

The Gateway Segment at the mouth of Clear Creek Canyon, connecting the Peaks to Plains Trail to the Clear Creek Trail in Golden, which in turn extends eastward and connects to Denver's Platte River Trail.

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States: Colorado
Counties: Clear Creek,Jefferson
Length: 5miles
Trail end points: The Catslab Climbing Area to Vanover Park (Golden)
Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Concrete
Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT
Trail activities: Bike,Fishing,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Peaks to Plains Trail runs between The Catslab Climbing Area and Vanover Park (Golden), with parking available at both ends, in two distinct sections.

Parking is also available at:

- 22122 US-6 (Golden)
- 32088 US-6 (Golden)

Please see TrailLink Map for all parking options and detailed directions.

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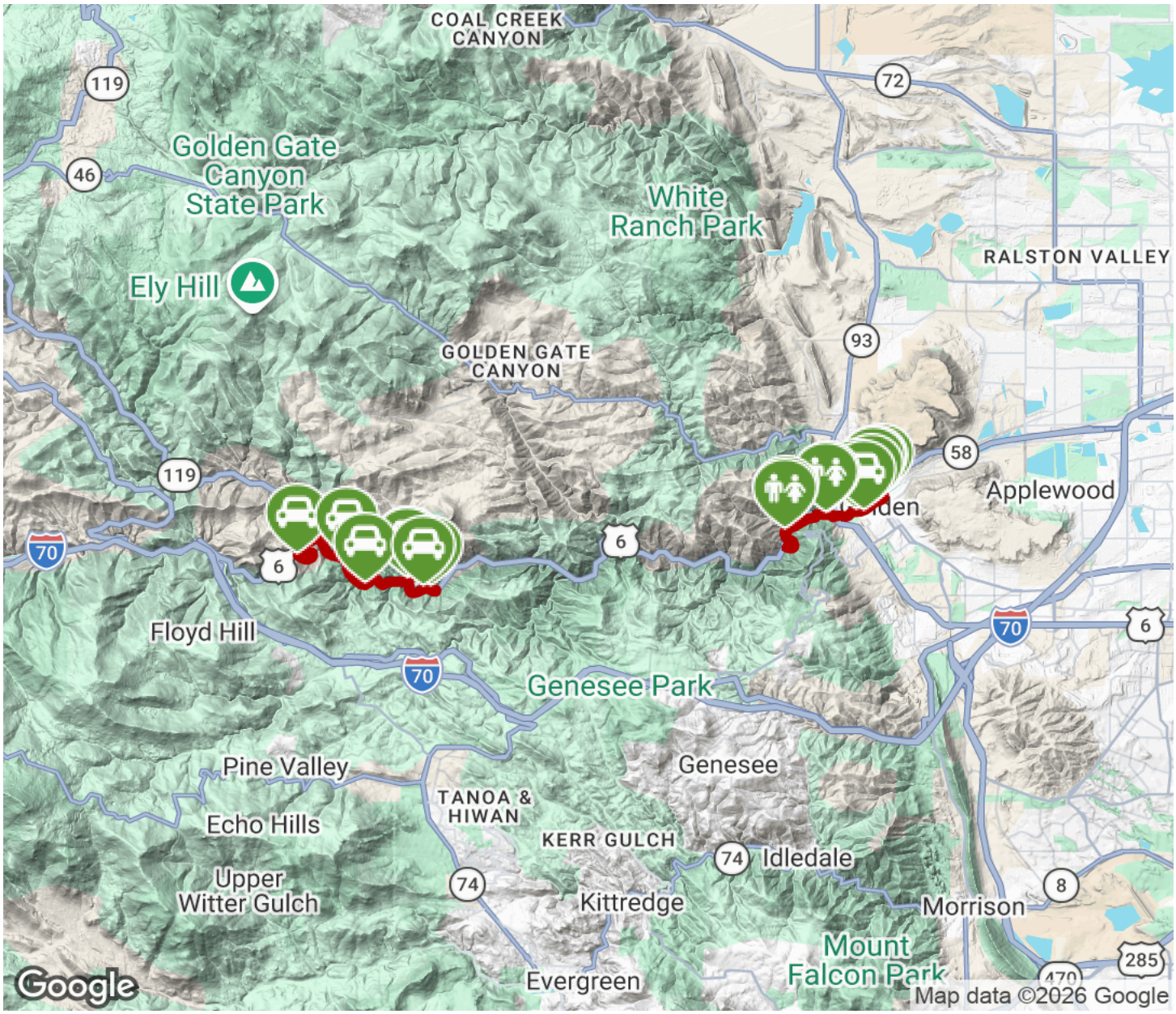

Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel