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Guides



Rivanna Trail
Virginia



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which has a playground and several sports facilities. From there, the trail heads west, following the curves of Meadow Creek.

Norfolk Southern Railroad bisects the city and, west of the tracks, the trail traverses Greenbrier Park, then begins to head southwest under a pleasant tree canopy. As the trail meanders through the northwestern corner of the city, it skirts the Darden School of Business campus. This section ends at Old Ivy Road. There's a short gap in the trail here, just before the trail begins its more southerly route, which loosely parallels US 29. The trail picks up again south of the CSX Railroad tracks and US 250.

As it curves around the southern end of the city, the trail follows Moore's Creek. Here, the pathway passes through Azalea Park, Jordan Park, and Quarry Park.

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About the Route

A good place to begin is in Riverview Park on the east end of the city. There's a large parking lot there and, as the pathway winds through the park, it's paved and offers views of the Rivanna River. The route follows the river going north, heads under US 250, and then journeys through the city's northeastern neighborhoods. Here, trail users can access Pen Park, Charlottesville's largest park,



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States: Virginia

Counties: Albemarle, Charlottesville

Length: 21.5 miles

Trail end points: Riverview Park to Old Ivy Rd.
(near US 29/250)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Crushed
Stone, Dirt, Gravel

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Mountain
Biking, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Rivanna Trail runs in a loop around the city of Charlottesville.

Parking is available at:

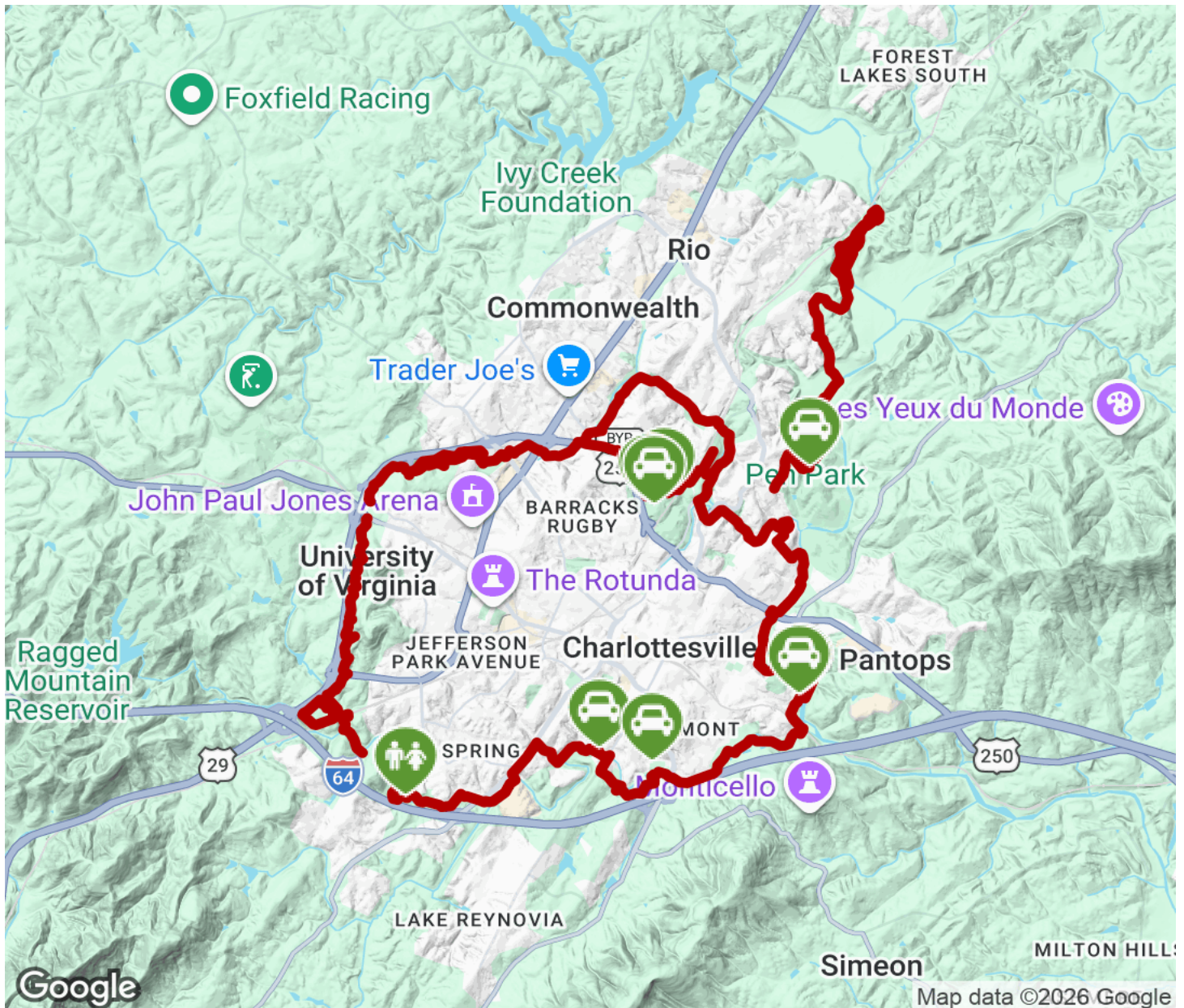
- Riverview Park, 298 Riverside Ave. (Charlottesville)
- Azalea Park, 398 Old Lynchburg Rd. (Charlottesville)
- Quarry Park, 420 Quarry Rd. Charlottesville)

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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