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Guides



**Big Walnut  
Trail**  
*Ohio*



## Big Walnut Trail

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facilities are available, and the Gahanna Municipal Golf Course.

Near its southern end, the trail loops through Columbus' Elk Run Park, where there's a playground and places to picnic.

The developing Big Walnut Trail follows its namesake creek through Columbus and its eastern suburbs of Westerville, Gahanna, and Whitehall. Several segments of the paved pathway are open, though disconnected.

On its northern end, a highlight of the trail is its passage through Hoover Reservoir Park, which offers boating and fishing in the lake, as well as a nature preserve and idyllic habitats for bird watching. This segment ends at North Street; across the roadway, you can hop on a short spur called the Chipmunk Chatter Trail to reach Inniswood Metro Gardens, a beautiful, 123-acre oasis with gardens, woodlands, and walking paths.

South of Hoover Reservoir Park, other sections of the trail skirt Gahanna's Academy Park, where numerous athletic



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**States:** Ohio

**Counties:** Franklin

Length: 10.6miles

**Trail end points:** Maxtown Road and Sunbury Road (Westerville) to Elk Run Park (Columbus)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

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

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Fishing, Wheelchair

Accessible, Walking

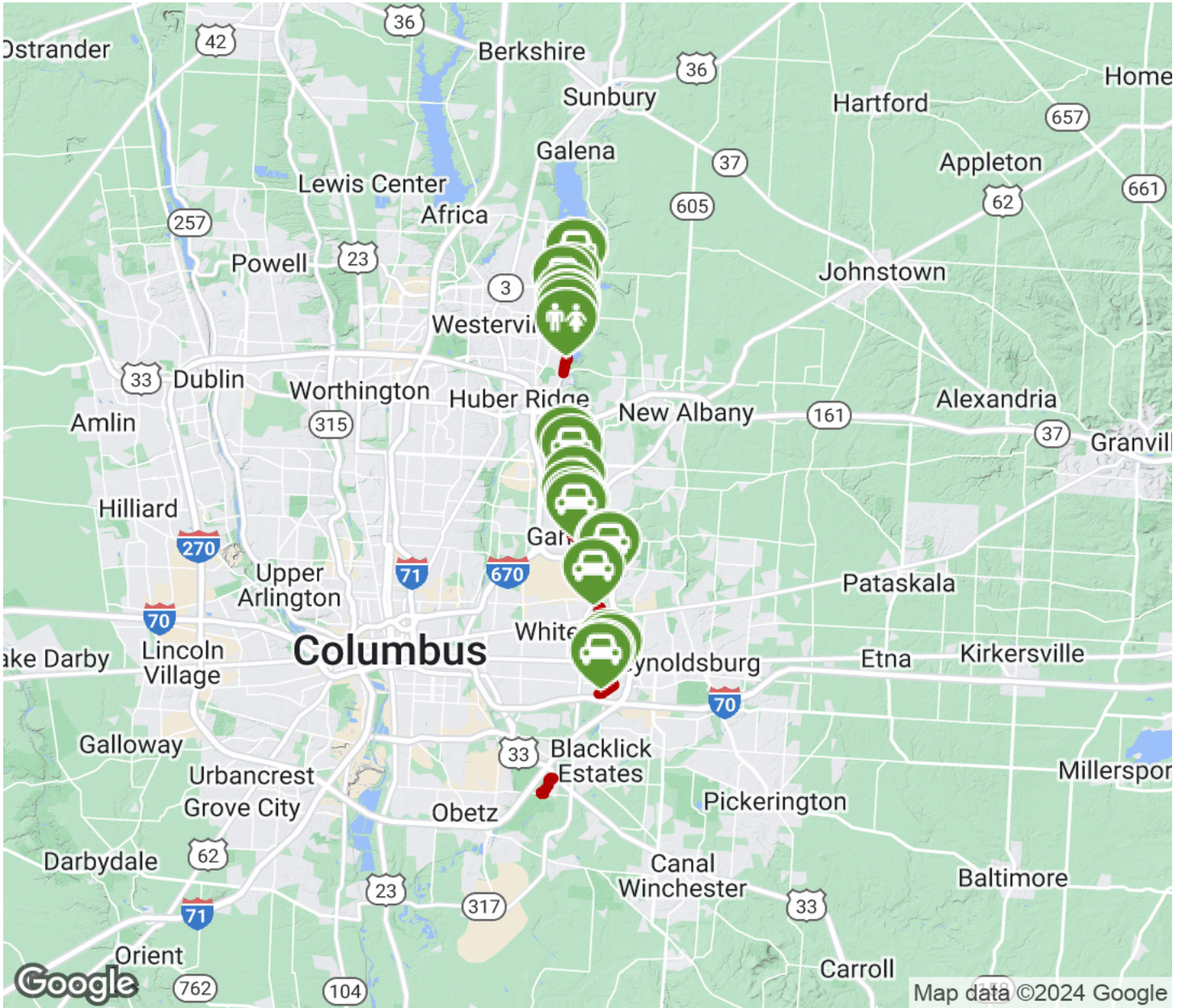
## Parking & Trail Access

On the north end of the trail, parking is available in Hoover Reservoir Park (7701 Sunbury Road, Westerville). Mid-trail, parking is available in Academy Park (1201 Cherry Bottom Road, Gahanna) and, on the trail's southern end, parking is available in Elk Run Park (3600 Hendron Road, Columbus).



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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