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## Terry Hershey Park Hike & Bike Trail

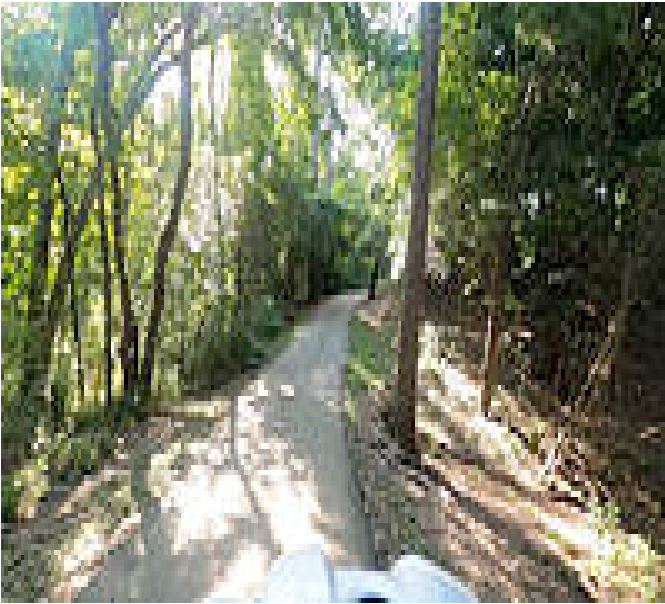
*Texas*



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into the conservation movement began with something close to home that sprinted all the way to the national level with former President George H.W. Bush calling her a “force of nature.” In 1966, Hershey jumped into action after observing the Army Corps of Engineers denuding the banks of the Buffalo Bayou in her Houston neighborhood in preparation for straightening and paving the waterway. She mobilized the community to derail the effort, including enlisting the help of then-congressman Bush. These efforts culminated in the 1970 passage of the National Environmental Policy Act, which requires public input and environmental impact statements for major federal projects. She is also a founder of the Bayou Preservation Association.

The Terry Hershey Park Hike & Bike Trail is an east-west route along the banks of the Buffalo Bayou in western Houston. It provides more than 10 miles of trail from Barker Dam (near State Highway 6) to Texas Beltway 8 and the Sam Houston Tollway. The park also offers restrooms, exercise stations, a playground, and places to picnic.

On its west end, the trail connects to the [George Bush Park Hike and Bike Trail](#), so trail-goers could seamlessly extend their trip by another 11 miles.

Future plans call for extending the trail north, under I-10, to the Addicks Dam, then east to Eldridge Parkway and west to Metro’s Addicks Park and Ride Lot.

The trail is named after Terry Hershey, whose first step



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**States:** Texas

**Counties:** Harris

Length: 11.8 miles

**Trail end points:** Barker Dam to Texas 8  
Beltway

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Boardwalk, Concrete,  
Dirt

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

**Trail activities:** Bike, Fishing, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

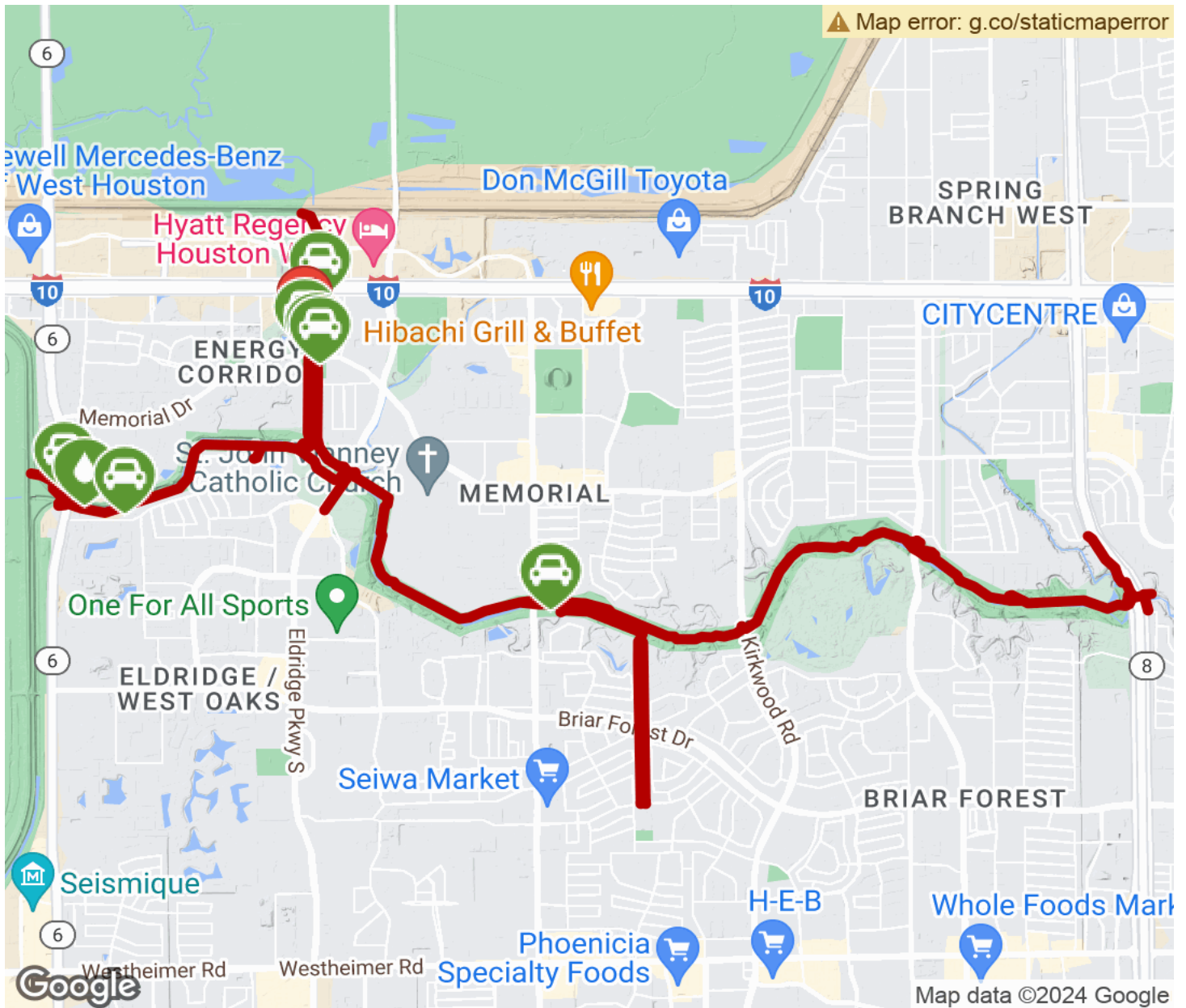
Parking lots are available along the trail at:

- Highway 6 (west end of the trail)
- Beltway 8 (east end of the trail; access off southbound tollway service road)
- Dairy Ashford Road (mid-trail on the south side of the bayou)



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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