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Guides

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The Santa Fe Trail is located in the small city of Wharton, Texas, approximately 60 miles southwest of Houston. The trail's route was

to relax.

Rail history buffs will also want to check out an old caboose from the Cane Belt Railroad, which now sits at the intersection of FM 102 and Branch Street. The car is along the abandoned rail line but beyond where the paved trail ends (roughly 1 mile to the west). The city has also restored a historic depot that once served Southern Pacific, the city's other former rail line. The depot is located on N. Sunset Street southwest of the Santa Fe Trail and is now used for community gatherings.

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The trail in Wharton now offers a chance to explore a section of the former railroad's route. Although short, lights, benches and covered picnic areas make the Santa Fe Trail a true asset for the community. A decorative water feature at the trail's western end is a pleasant place

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States: Texas

Counties: Wharton

Length: 0.8miles

Trail end points: N. Richmond Rd./SR 60 and W. 3rd St. to N. Alabama Rd. and E. Santa Fe St.

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking
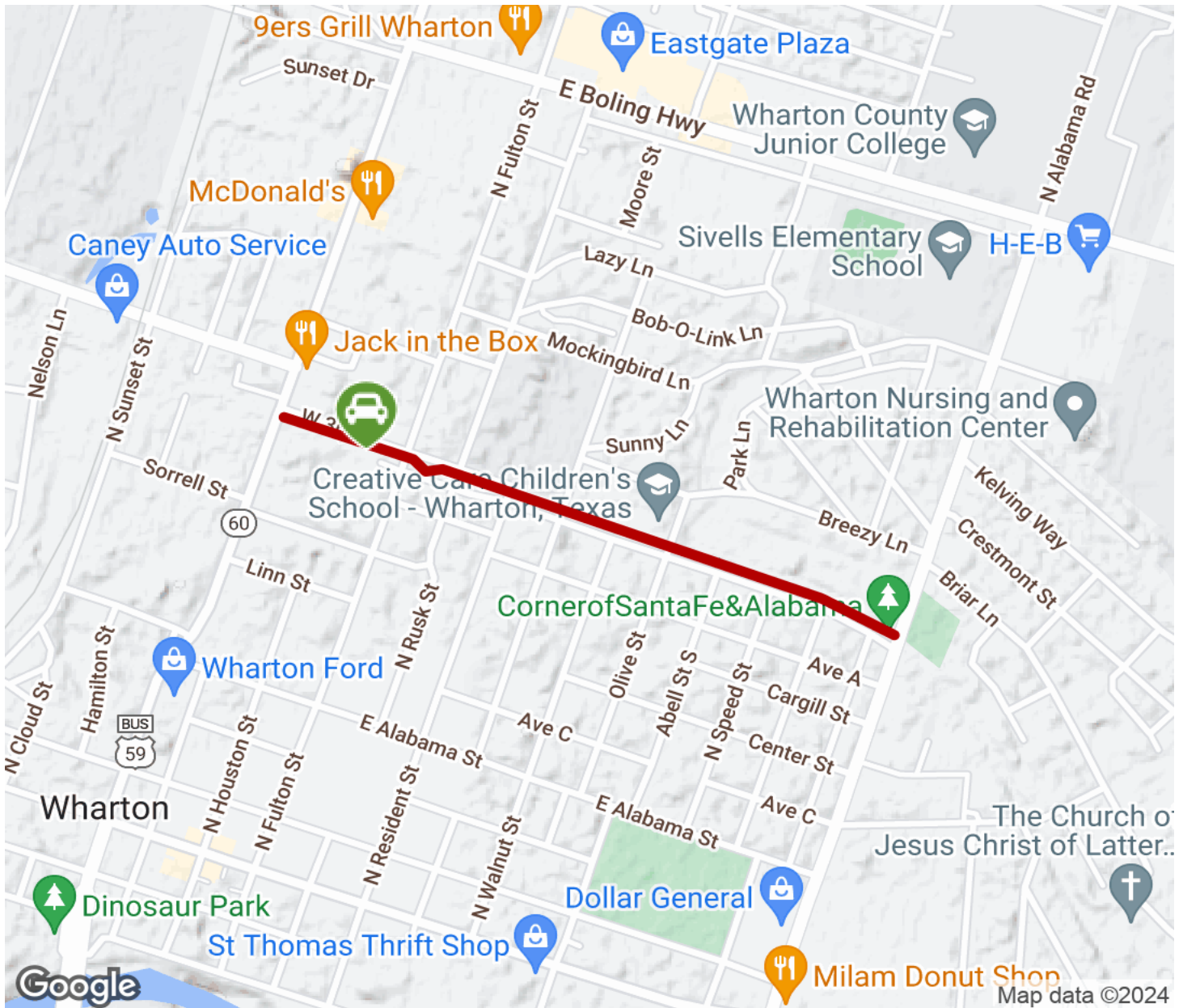
Parking & Trail Access

Parking for the Santa Fe Trail is available in a dedicated lot at the intersection of E. Santa Fe Street and N. Fulton Street.

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Legend:
- 🚩 Trailhead
- 🚻 Restroom
- 🚗 Parking
- 💧 Water Fountain
- 🚇 Tunnel

Map labels visible:
- 9ers Grill Wharton
- Eastgate Plaza
- Sunset Dr
- E Boling Hwy
- Wharton County Junior College
- McDonald's
- N Fulton St
- Moore St
- Sivells Elementary School
- H-E-B
- Caney Auto Service
- Nelson Ln
- Lazy Ln
- Bob-O-Link Ln
- Jack in the Box
- Mockingbird Ln
- Wharton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
- N Sunset St
- Sunny Ln
- Park Ln
- Kelving Way
- Sorrell St
- Creative Care Children's School - Wharton, Texas
- Breezy Ln
- Crestmont St
- 60
- Linn St
- CornerofSantaFe&Alabama
- Briar Ln
- Hamilton St
- N Rusk St
- Olive St
- Abell St S
- N Speed St
- Cargill St
- Ave A
- N Cloud St
- Wharton Ford
- N Houston St
- N Fulton St
- E Alabama St
- Ave C
- Center St
- Ave C
- BUS 59
- Wharton
- N Resident St
- N Walnut St
- E Alabama St
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter...
- Dinosaur Park
- Dollar General
- St Thomas Thrift Shop
- Milam Donut Shop
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