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Guides



**BWI Trail**  
*Maryland*



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### Overview

The only trail in the U.S. fully encircling an international airport, the BWI Trail, also known as the BWI Hiker-Biker Trail, hosts walkers, bikers, runners, and aviation enthusiasts alike. Takeoffs and landings from BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport swoop close to the parts of the 12.4 mile trail that near the runway ends, yet the trail also has several serene segments, including through Friendship Park's pine forest.

### About the Route

The BWI Trail makes a loop around the perimeter of BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport, with three access spurs in the north section of the trail. The northernmost access spur

links the Linthicum Light Rail Station and the loop. Another goes to the nearby Andover Park. A third heads towards the airport entrance to the daily garage, where access to the terminal is available via sidewalks and bike lanes. At the northwestern edge of the loop, the trail also connects to the BWI Rail Station, served by Amtrak trains on the Northeast Corridor, and MARC Penn Line trains between Baltimore and Washington.

A highlight of the trail is Thomas A. Dixon, Jr. Aircraft Observation Area, adjacent to Friendship Park at the trail loop's southern tip. This trailside park and playground offers stunning views of aircraft when runway 15R/33L is in use, dependent on the direction of the wind.

At Aviation Blvd and Andover Road, the trail passes the Benson-Hammond House, a historic home available for tours and with occasional programming.

### Connections

At Stewart Ave and Newport Road, at the trail's southeastern edge, the BWI Trail connects to the the [John Overstreet Connector](#)—a short spur trail that connects directly to the [Baltimore and Annapolis Trail](#).

The BWI Trail is part of the developing [East Coast Greenway](#), a 3,000-mile route between Florida and Maine.

### Trail History

The first section of the BWI Trail opened in 1994. The full main loop was completed in 1999, earning BWI the distinction of being the only airport in the U.S. with a trail fully encircling it.



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**States:** Maryland

**Counties:** Anne Arundel

Length: 12.4miles

**Trail end points:** Linthicum Light Rail Station  
to Loop around BWI Airport

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Boardwalk

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

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

### Parking and Trail Access

MARC Commuter Rail, Amtrak, and Baltimore Light RailLink provide transit access to the BWI Trail. If taking your bike aboard a train, please observe the transit agency's rules. Several train stops are close to the trail:

- BWI Rail Station (MARC, Amtrak)
- Linthicum (Baltimore Light RailLink)
- BWI Business District (Baltimore Light RailLink)

Parking is also available:

- Andover Park, 433 Andover Rd (Linthicum Heights)
- Andover Park, 813 Main Ave (Linthicum Heights)
- Thomas A. Dixon, Jr. Aircraft Observation Area, 1911 Dorsey Rd (Glen Burnie)

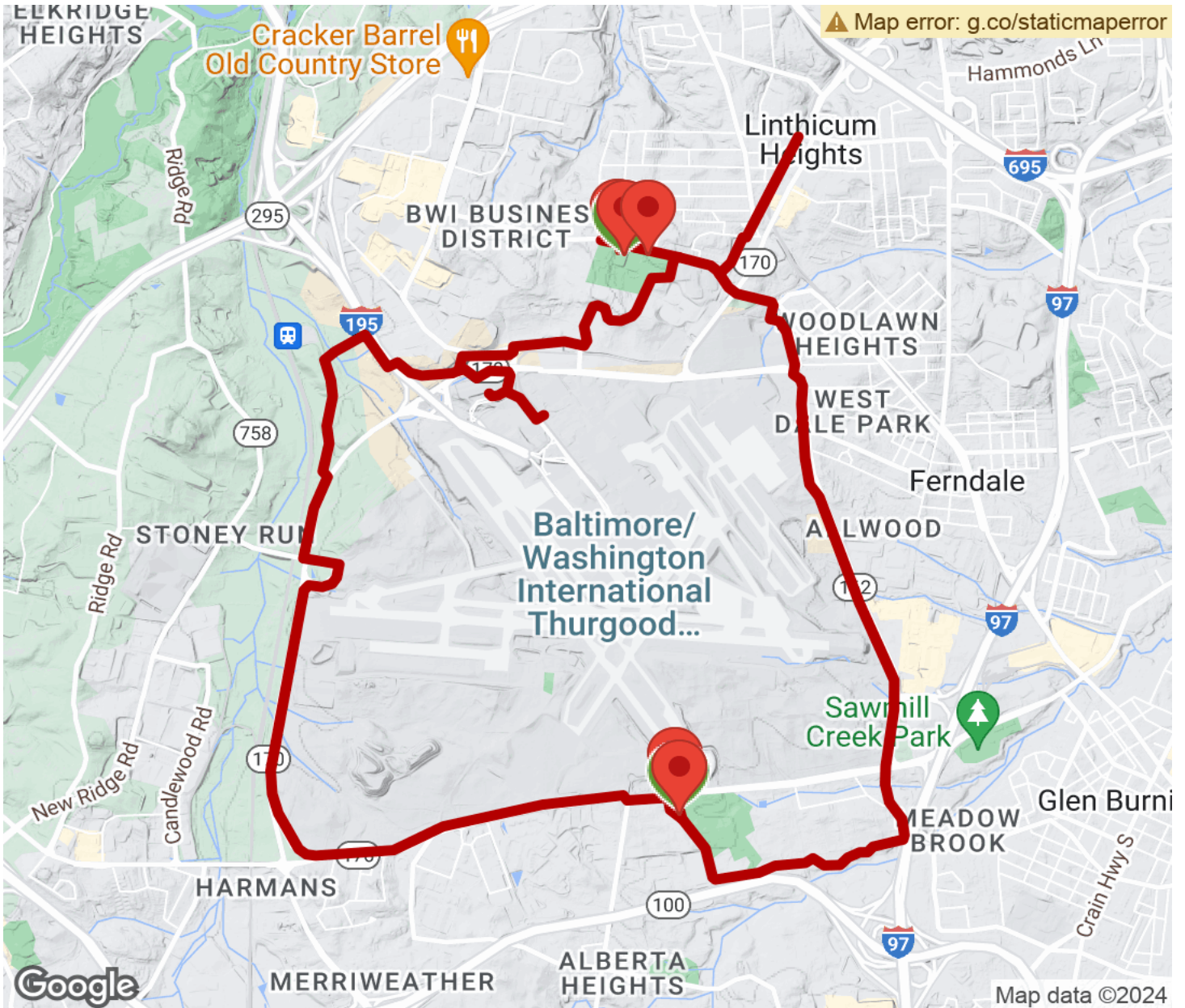
See [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.





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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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