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winter, fall, and spring, the pond is a popular resting spot for a wide variety of waterfowl. As sections of the trail may be closed seasonally for nesting or hunting, check with Cape Henlopen State Park before your trip.

The trail's northern end includes a half-mile elevated boardwalk over wetlands with observation areas to enjoy the surroundings. The trail ends at an intersection with the [Walking Dunes Trail](#), which allows travelers to continue two more miles through the park's beautiful natural landscape, especially scenic in the spring when dotted with wildflowers. At the junction with Dune Road, travelers can trek north a short distance to connect with the paved [Cape Henlopen State Park Bike Loop](#). Near the Biden Center, hop on the [Salt Marsh Spur](#) to head west into tidal marsh.

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The southern end of the trail begins at the parking lot for the Gordons Pond Day Use Area and continues to an observation deck, which overlooks the pond and Atlantic Ocean. There are also two historic World War II observation towers on the beach to explore.

Along the way, be sure to look for osprey nests and bald eagles in the pine and oak trees that line the path. The trail is popular with bird watchers as it is located on one of four migration "super highways" in North America. In



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**States:** Delaware

**Counties:** Sussex

Length: 3.2miles

**Trail end points:** Gordons Pond Day Use Area parking lot on Ocean Dr to Walking Dunes Trail at Dune Rd (Herring Point)

**Trail surfaces:** Boardwalk, Crushed Stone

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

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

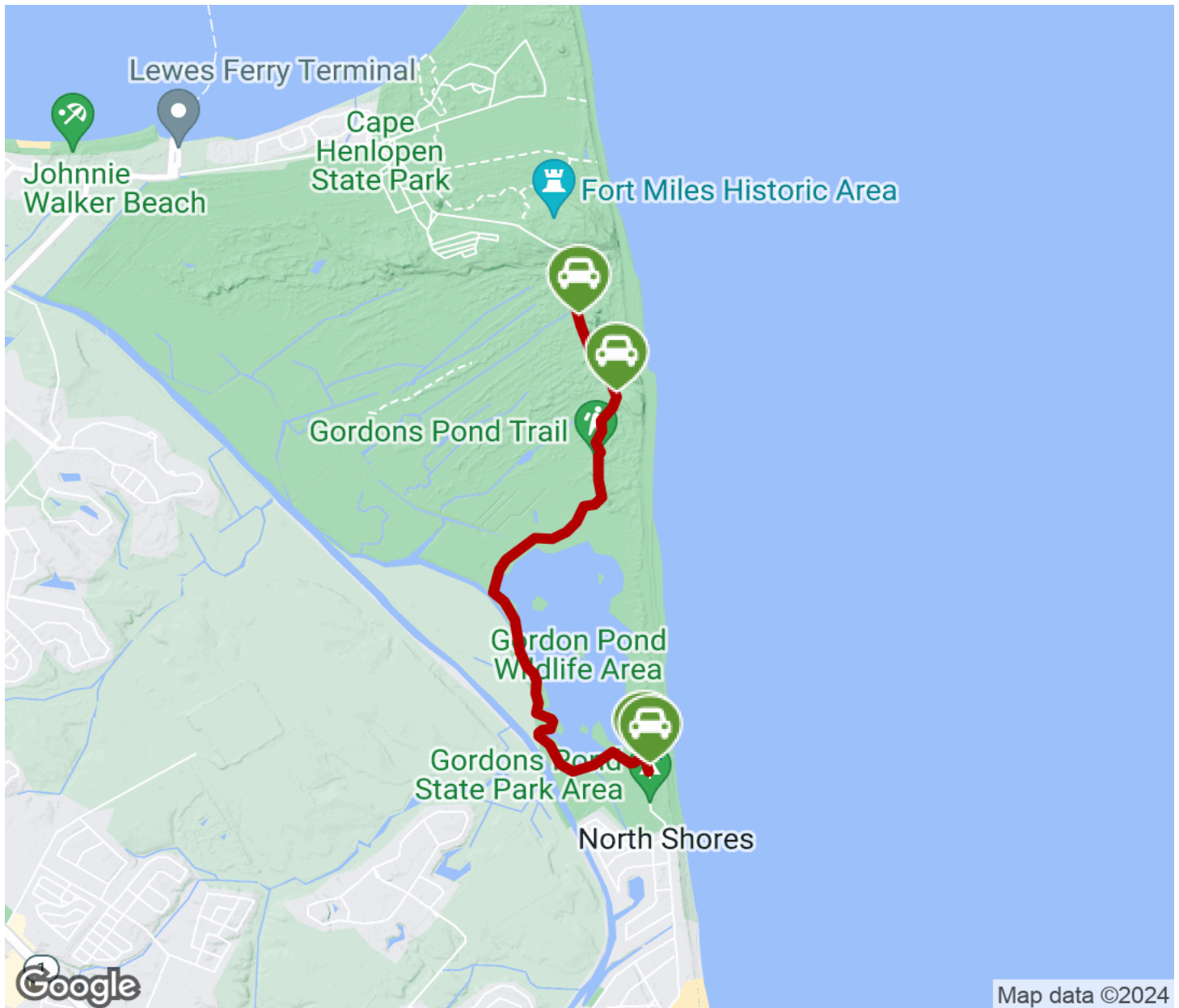
## Parking & Trail Access

Access the Gordons Pond Trail at the north end of Rehoboth Beach via Ocean Drive through the North Shores community. A 500-space parking lot with restrooms is available at the cost of the state park entrance fee. Additional parking and restrooms are available at the Herring Point lot within the state park, accessible from the Lewes end.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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