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**Dick & Willie
Passage Rail
Trail**
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Mulberry Creek in the area's secluded woodlands. In the southwest there are two disconnected segments that will one day connect to the longer Martinsville section to form an 11 mile trail in total.

At Pine Street in Martinsville, the [Uptown Spur Trail](#) branches off from the Dick & Willie Passage Rail Trail on a former railroad spur to head towards the city's charming downtown. Benches along both trails provide opportunities to relax and take in the beautiful surroundings.

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The paved trail passes through the heart of Martinsville, with short sections on both ends outside city limits in Henry County. Underpasses and restored trestles provide safe crossings of busy roads; there are only two at-grade crossings along the trail's entire length, and these are at low-traffic, rural roads.

In the east, a dead end forces trail users to turn around, but you will want to linger at a scenic overlook of



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States: Virginia

Counties: Henry, Martinsville

Length: 7.79 miles

Trail end points: Virginia Ave. north of Commonwealth Blvd. (Villa Heights) to Mulberry Creek Overlook northeast of Fishel St. (Martinsville)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

Ample parking for the Dick & Willie Passage Rail Trail is available at the western trailhead off Virginia Avenue/US 220 Business in Villa Heights. Access the parking lot from the shopping center at the corner of Virginia Avenue and Commonwealth Boulevard.

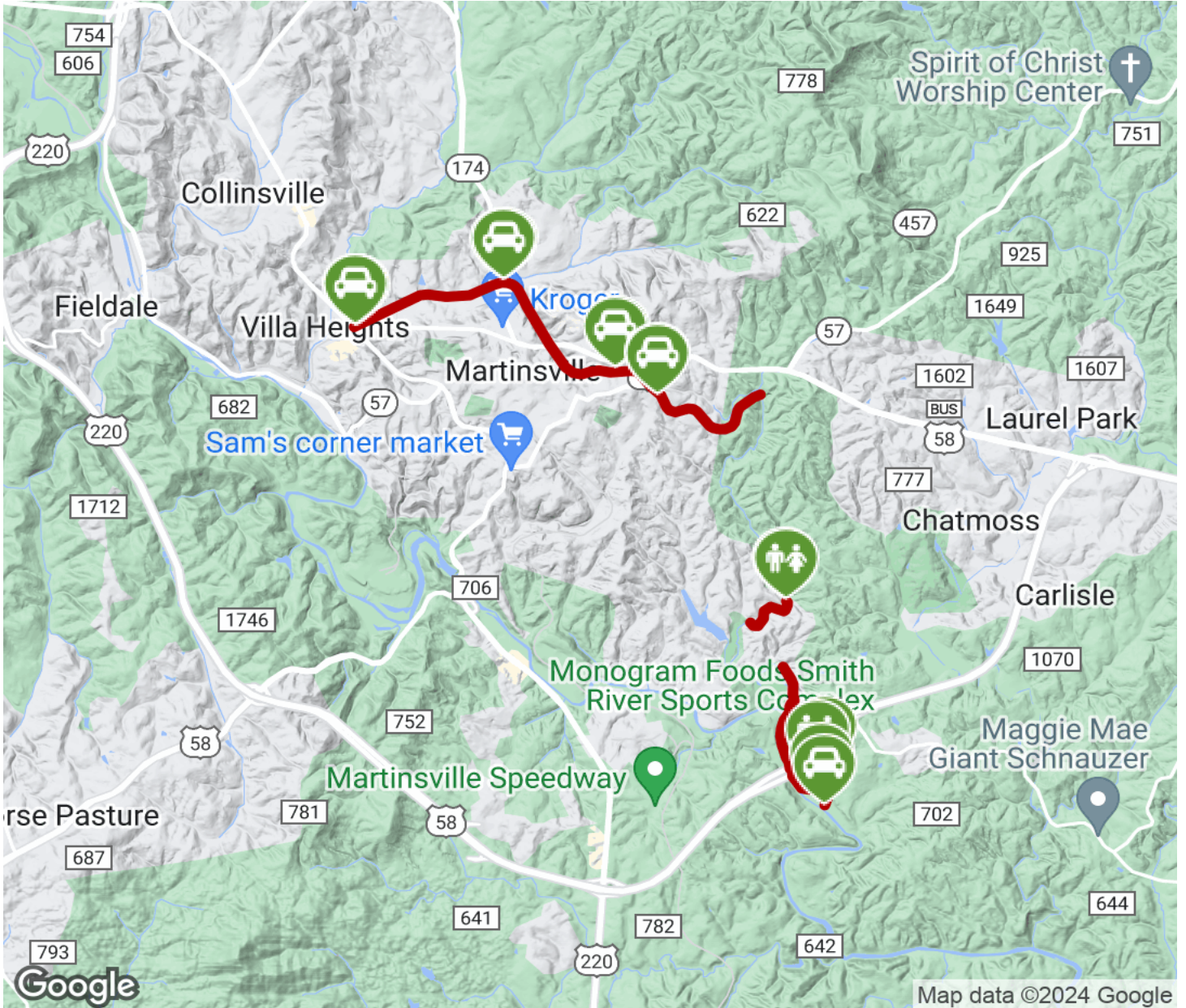
Additional parking and restrooms are available in Martinsville at trailheads located at the intersection of Liberty Street and Stultz Road; Doyle Street and Hooker Street; and Fisher Street and Fishel Street (remnants of an original trestle can be viewed here).

Along the southern sections of the trail there is parking on Spruce St. and at the Smith River Sports Complex, 1000 Irisburg Rd.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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