



REDWOOD AREA ROUTES

HISTORY WALK # 1 - PIONEER STOCKADE

Begin at the Redwood County Justice Center 250 S Jefferson Street at the site where the community began

ROUTE CREATED BY: TRAILBLAZER SCOTT LARSON

TRAIL POINTS OF INTEREST

- START
- TRAIL ROUTE
- COUNTY COURT ADMIN.
- HISTORIC SWIMMING HOLE
- DAM
- WESTSIDE PARK
- FORMER ROLLER MILL SITE

AMENITIES

- PARKING
- RESTAURANT
- WATER FOUNTAIN
- PUBLIC SHELTER
- PICNIC AREA
- PLACE TO SIT
- RESTROOM

0 0.105 0.21 MILES





REDWOOD AREA ROUTES

HISTORY WALK #2 - WPA STRUCTURES IN RAMSEY PARK/CANSAYAPI AND THE 1908 POOR FARM/COUNTY MUSEUM

Begin on the park valley floor, entering the park from Grove or Oak Street

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TIME: 1 HOUR 21 MINUTES

DIFFICULTY: CHALLENGING

DISTANCE: 2.03 MILES

DESCRIPTION: This route begins at the Ramsey Park Campground and takes you past three granite structures built in the 1930s by the Works Progress Administration (WPA). It follows paved park trails and the park road including some steep grades before reaching the Redwood County Historical Society Campus (see www.RedwoodCountyHistoricalSociety.com for open days/hours Memorial Day - Labor Day). A campus road takes you to the 1908 county poor farm (now the historical museum) and also past the last active country school in Redwood County and the original 1865-1895 lock-up (historic jail). On your return route, you will pass Ramsey Falls and the confluence of Ramsey Creek and the Redwood River. This 2-mile route is not suitable for small children or strollers. Time required to walk is 1.75 hours with no stops, but allow more time to view the sites and read the interpretive signs. There is water at the halfway point, but seasonal restrooms (May 1 - October 15) only at the beginning and 3/4 point of the route unless the museum is open.

A brief history of Ramsey/Cansayapi Park: originally a Minnesota State Park, it was promoted for tourism as "Little Yellowstone." It was the least used and least developed state park. In 1957, the state sold Alexander Ramsey Park to the City of Redwood Falls for \$1.00. It went from being the smallest state park to the largest city park in Minnesota. The City of Redwood Falls, along with a group of volunteers called "Friends of the Park," is dedicated to its continued care and development. The Dakota People have lived in the area for many generations. They referred to the entire area as Cansayape, where they paint the trees red. They referred to the park as a place of shelter. The Lower Shelter reflects the name Wo'keya Okudya: Shelter Below.

A brief history of the Works Progress Administration (WPA) from Wikipedia: From 1935-1943, the WPA was a New Deal agency that employed millions of unemployed men to carry out public works projects. Most were jobs in construction, building more than 620,000 miles of streets and more than 10,000 bridges in addition to houses and airports. At its peak in 1938, it supplied paid jobs for 3 million unemployed men and women. In addition to the park structures, WPA projects in Redwood Falls include the water park bath house, originally the seating for the high school football field, and the "Y" intersection of Highways 19 and 71. These structures were all made of quarried granite from North Redwood.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Begin at the granite WPA restrooms adjacent to the lower Ramsey Park Campground.
2. Follow the concrete path to the lower shelter parking lot. Turn right at the Lower Shelter/Wo'keya Okudya sign. Both buildings and the edging of the parking lot were hand-built by the WPA.
3. Walk through the shelter to the river to the Minnesota Geological Survey interpretive plaque.
4. Either retrace your steps or walk along the river to the "swayback" bridge. Note the WPA plaque on the right (north) side of the bridge. There were only two bridges built in this "sagging" fashion by the WPA. This is the only one that can still be driven across. It was designed in this fashion so that spring flood waters and ice can flow over the top of the bridge, rather than pushing against it. Since its completion in 1940, although the top surface is sometimes abraded and damaged by ice and rushing water, the bridge has remained steadfast
5. Continue across the bridge. Remain on the park road shoulder past the picnic grounds to the concrete trailhead (trail #2) on your right. Follow the trail up to the Leslie Pratt park bench. Continue straight (downhill) on trail #2. The trail curves down a steep grade to a footbridge over Ramsey Creek.
6. Climb the stairs, at the top, bear left up a steep grade, still on trail #2.

7. Where trails intersect, go right (trail #3) up a steep incline. (You will begin to see residential homes to your left). Walk past the Joseph Tyson bench. Joseph Tyson was the first park superintendent.

8. Past the Tyson bench, turn left up grade for about 30 steps, then turn right on trail #6.

9. The trail curves right as you walk closer to residential homes on your left. Pass the Nicholas Verdos bench on your right. After dipping into and out of a small ravine, continue to the museum campus.

10. Facing the entrance of the museum, a Spanish-style structure, a water faucet is on the left, behind the porch, near the rain downspout. There are no restrooms at this site when the museum is closed.

11. Follow the tarred loop drive past the museum to view the 1881 country school (the outhouse is not usable) and the 1865-1895 lock-up.

12. Continue walking the loop until you return to the trailhead. Resume your route until you reach the trail intersection where you can see the Joseph Tyson bench to your right.

13. Turn right, passing the bench (on your left), and walk down a steep slope. You will begin to hear Ramsey Falls to your left before you see it.

14. As you face the falls, the trail is on your right. Follow the trail across the suspension bridge. After the bridge, you will come to a fork in the trail. Walking straight ahead takes you to seasonal restrooms, but turn left down the steep grade to begin your return to the Lower Shelter/Campground. The trail meets the park road at the Emma Pratt bench. Turn left, walking along the side of the road.

15. Before the road bridge, cross the road to the parking lot and continue to the river.

16. Turn left to cross a bridge where Ramsey Creek flows into the Redwood River. Near this bridge was the site of a cabin built by Colonel Sam McPhail. A brief history of civil war veteran Sam McPhail: a land speculator in 1864, he claimed the land on which Redwood Falls was developed. He built a fortified house and surrounded it with a sod and vertical log stockade 8 ft tall. In 1872, he donated the land for the county courthouse.

17. Continue on the trail following the Redwood River to the sway-back bridge. Cross the bridge to the lower shelter, campground, and zoo.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Historic Sites

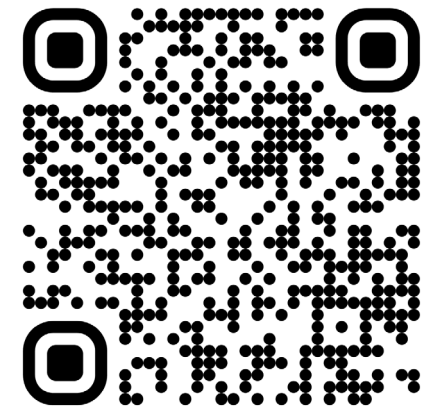
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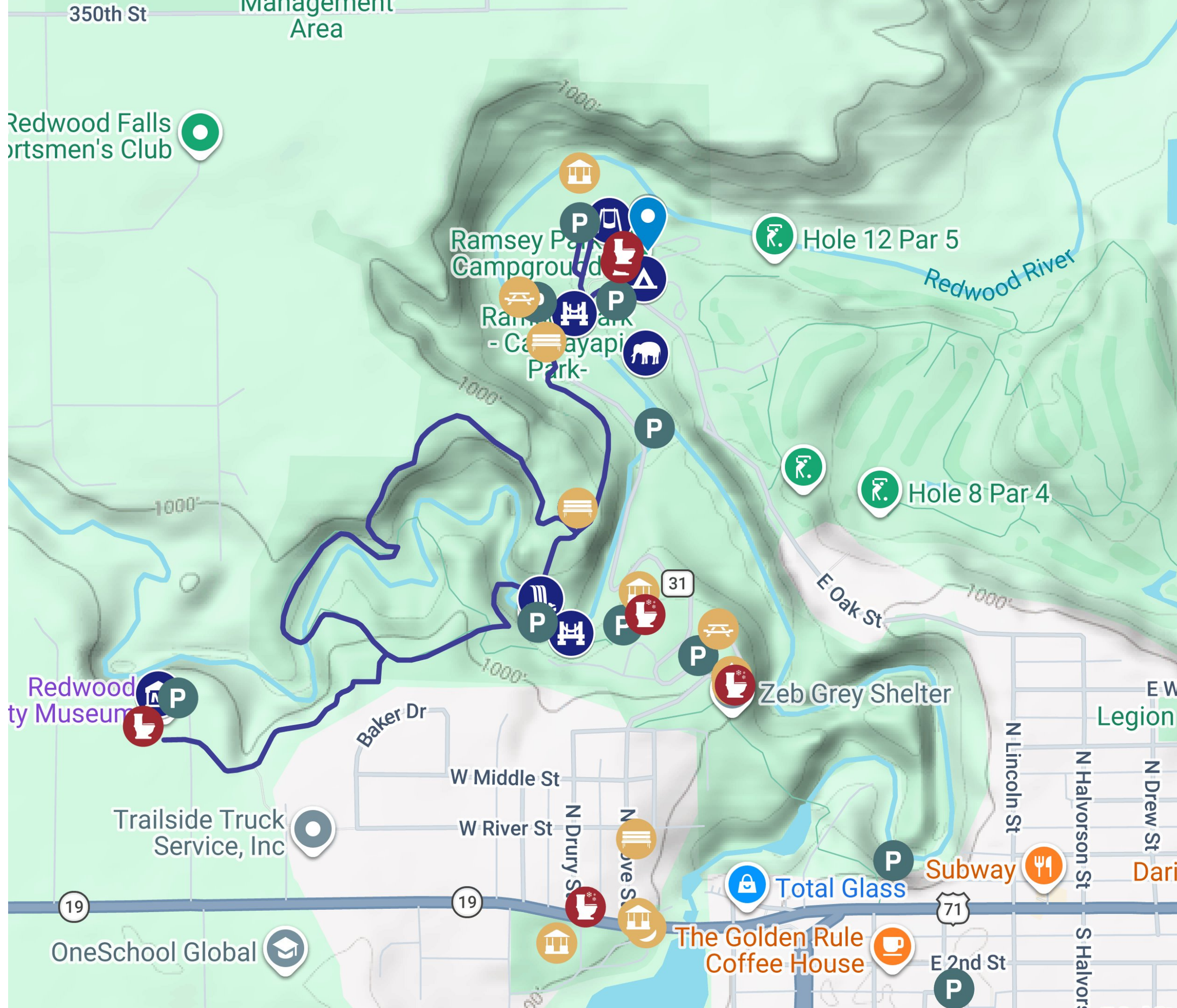
TRAIL POINTS OF INTEREST

- START
- TRAIL ROUTE
- REDWOOD FALLS ZOO
- PLAYGROUND
- BRIDGE
- MUSEUM
- RAMSEY FALLS

AMENITIES

- PARKING
- RESTAURANT
- WATER FOUNTAIN
- PUBLIC SHELTER
- PICNIC AREA
- PLACE TO SIT
- RESTROOM

0 0.13 0.26 MILES





REDWOOD AREA ROUTES

REDWOOD COUNTY HISTORIC MUSEUM AND RAMSEY CREEK WALK

Begin at the museum, 913 West Bridge Street (Highway 19)

ROUTE CREATED BY: TRAILBLAZERS JOHN AND MOLLY SALMON

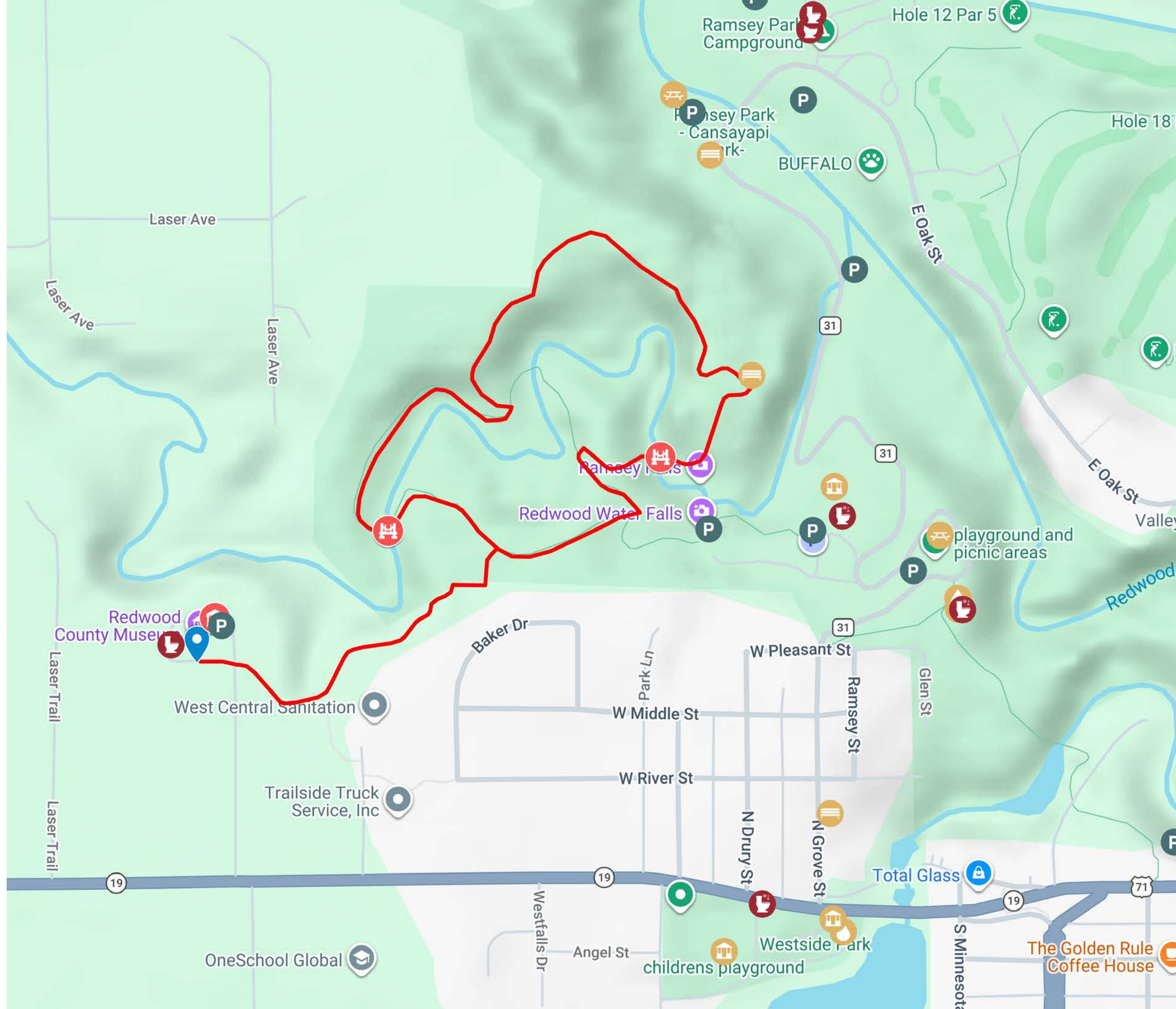
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- START
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- MUSEUM
- BRIDGE

AMENITIES

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MUSEUM TRAIL #1








Begin at 132 Baker Drive (watch for red hydrant in middle of sidewalk)

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GAIL RIPKA

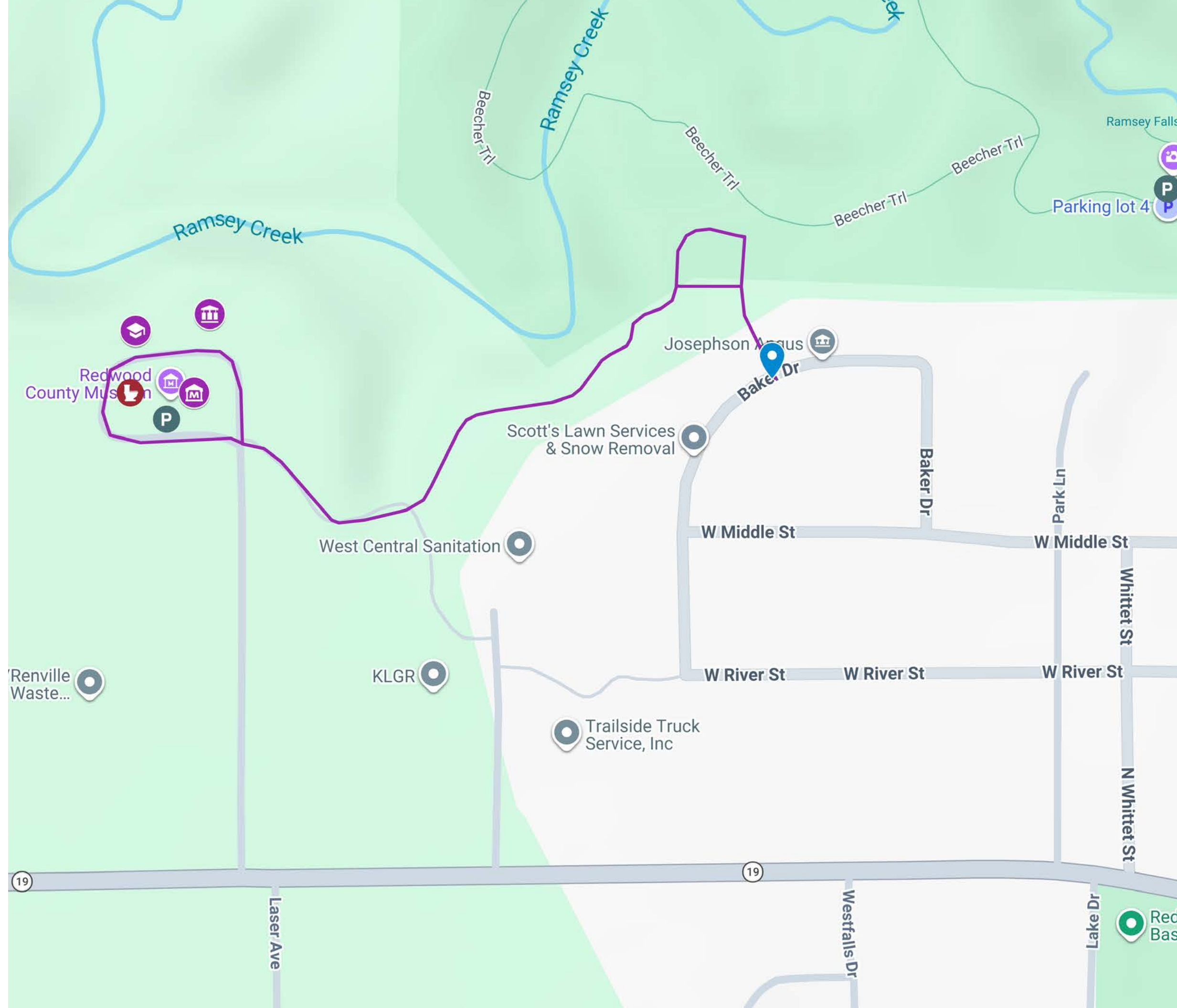
TRAIL POINTS OF INTEREST

-  START
-  TRAIL
-  MUSEUM
-  OLD SCHOOLHOUSE
-  HISTORIC JAIL

AMENITIES

-  PARKING
-  RESTAURANT
-  WATER FOUNTAIN
-  PUBLIC SHELTER
-  PICNIC AREA
-  PLACE TO SIT
-  RESTROOM

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REDWOOD AREA ROUTES

REDWOOD FALLS PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS WALK

Begin at Knollwood Park, intersection of DeKalb Street and Highway 67

ROUTE CREATED BY: TRAILBLAZER ROBIN STEGNER

TRAIL POINTS OF INTEREST

-  START
-  TRAIL ROUTE
-  REDWOOD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
-  LEGION PARK
-  REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY
-  REDWOOD FALLS SKATEPARK AND TENNIS COURTS
-  REDWOOD FALLS AQUATIC CENTER
-  VETERANS MEMORIAL
-  MEMORIAL PARK & REDWOOD FALLS BASEBALL FIELD
-  REEDE GRAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

0 0.2 0.4 MILES







REDWOOD AREA ROUTES

A WALK ON THE SOUTH SIDE








Starting at the Redwood County Government Center 403 S Mill Street

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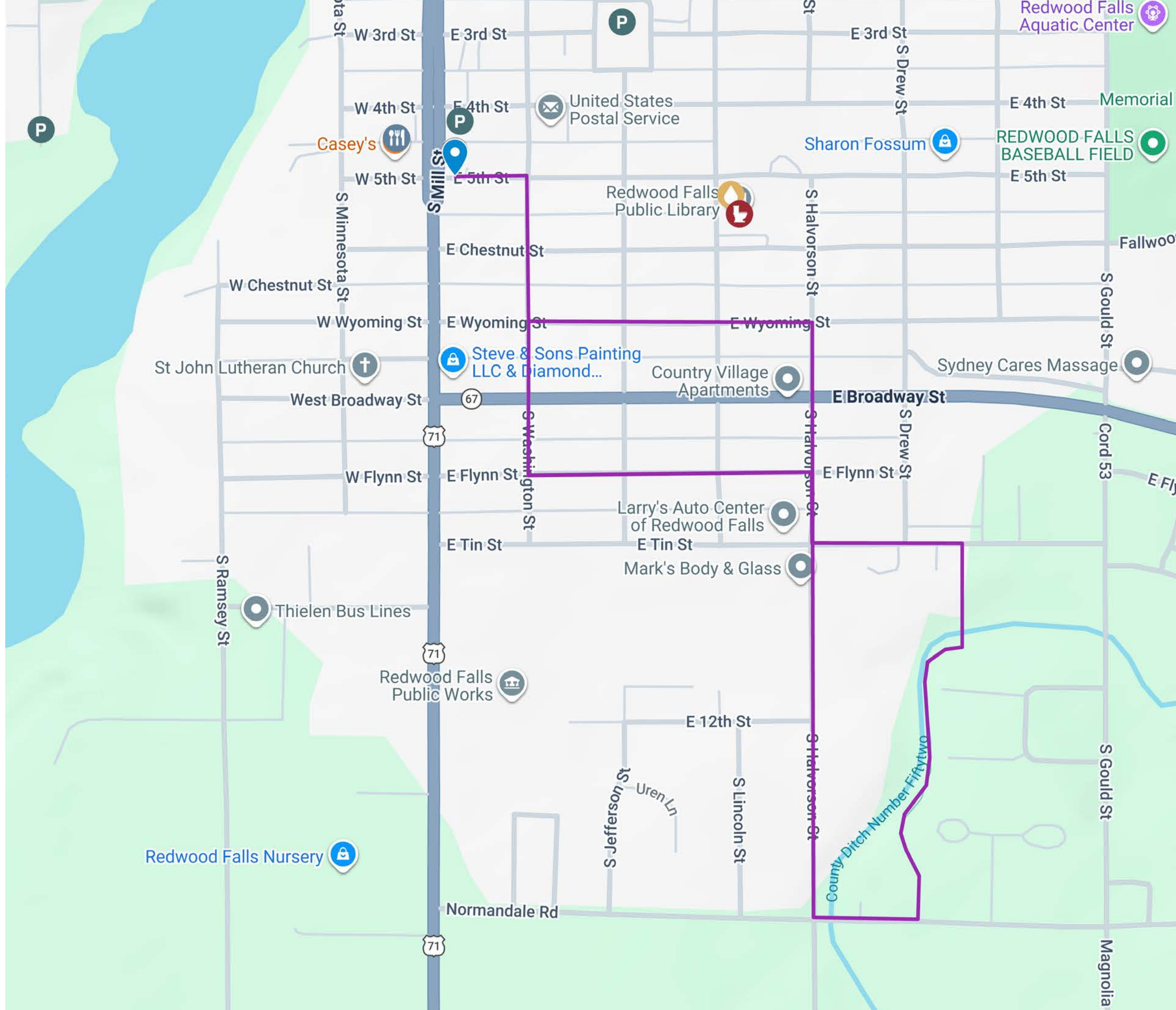
TRAIL POINTS OF INTEREST

-  START
-  TRAIL ROUTE

AMENITIES

-  PARKING
-  RESTAURANT
-  WATER FOUNTAIN
-  PUBLIC SHELTER
-  PICNIC AREA
-  PLACE TO SIT
-  RESTROOM

0 0.13 0.26 MILES





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SANITY WALK OR GET YOUR STEPS IN
 Begin at the Justice Center Parking Lot 250
 South Jefferson Street

**ROUTE CREATED BY: TRAILBLAZER
 DARLA SAMS**

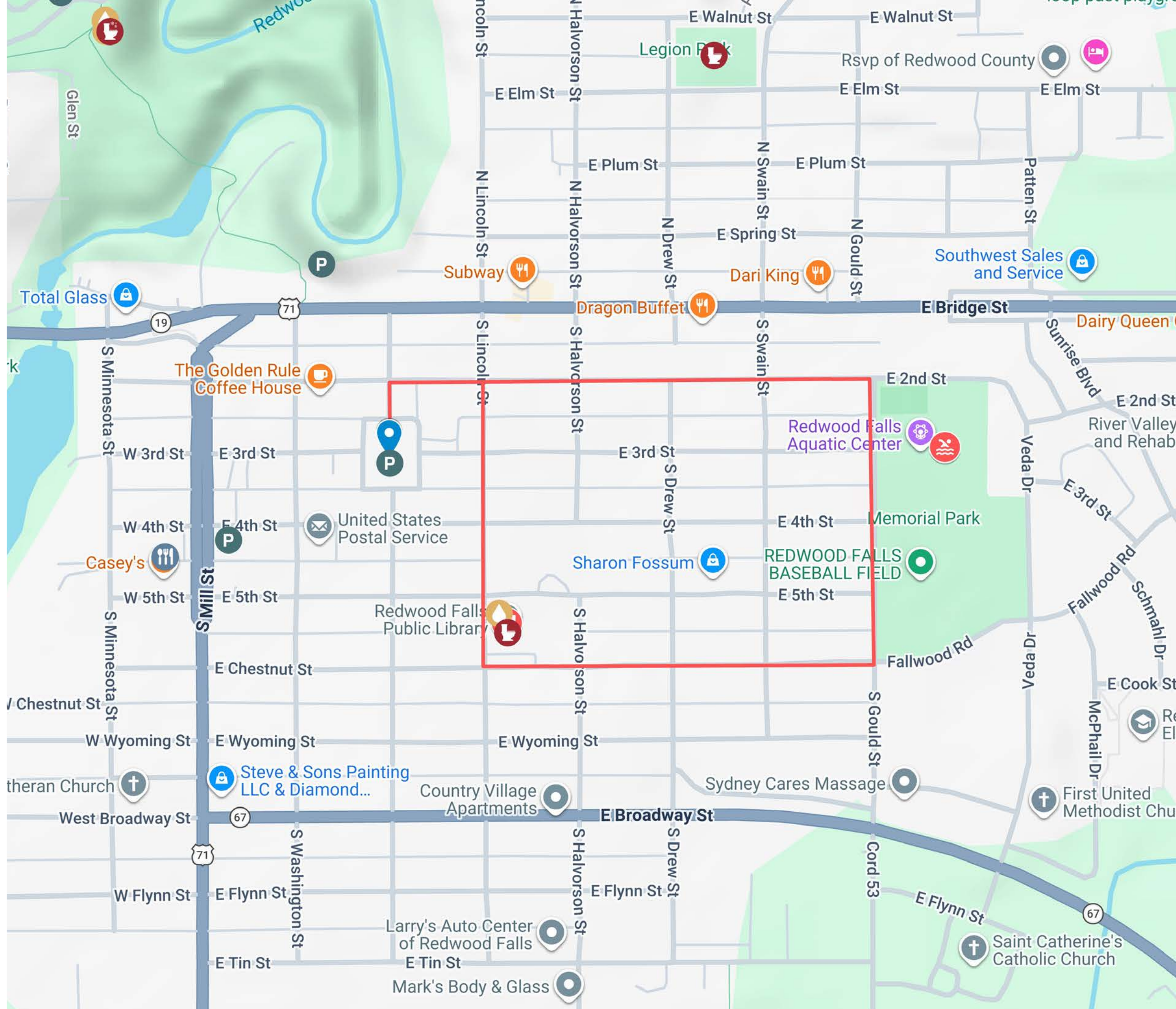
TRAIL POINTS OF INTEREST

- START
- TRAIL ROUTE
- REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY
- REDWOOD FALLS AQUATIC CENTER

AMENITIES

- PARKING
- RESTAURANT
- WATER FOUNTAIN
- PUBLIC SHELTER
- PICNIC AREA
- PLACE TO SIT
- RESTROOM

0 0.13 0.26 MILES





REDWOOD AREA ROUTES

HOLY ROLLER LOOP

Begin at 119 W Broadway Street, but it is a loop that can be started at any of the featured churches

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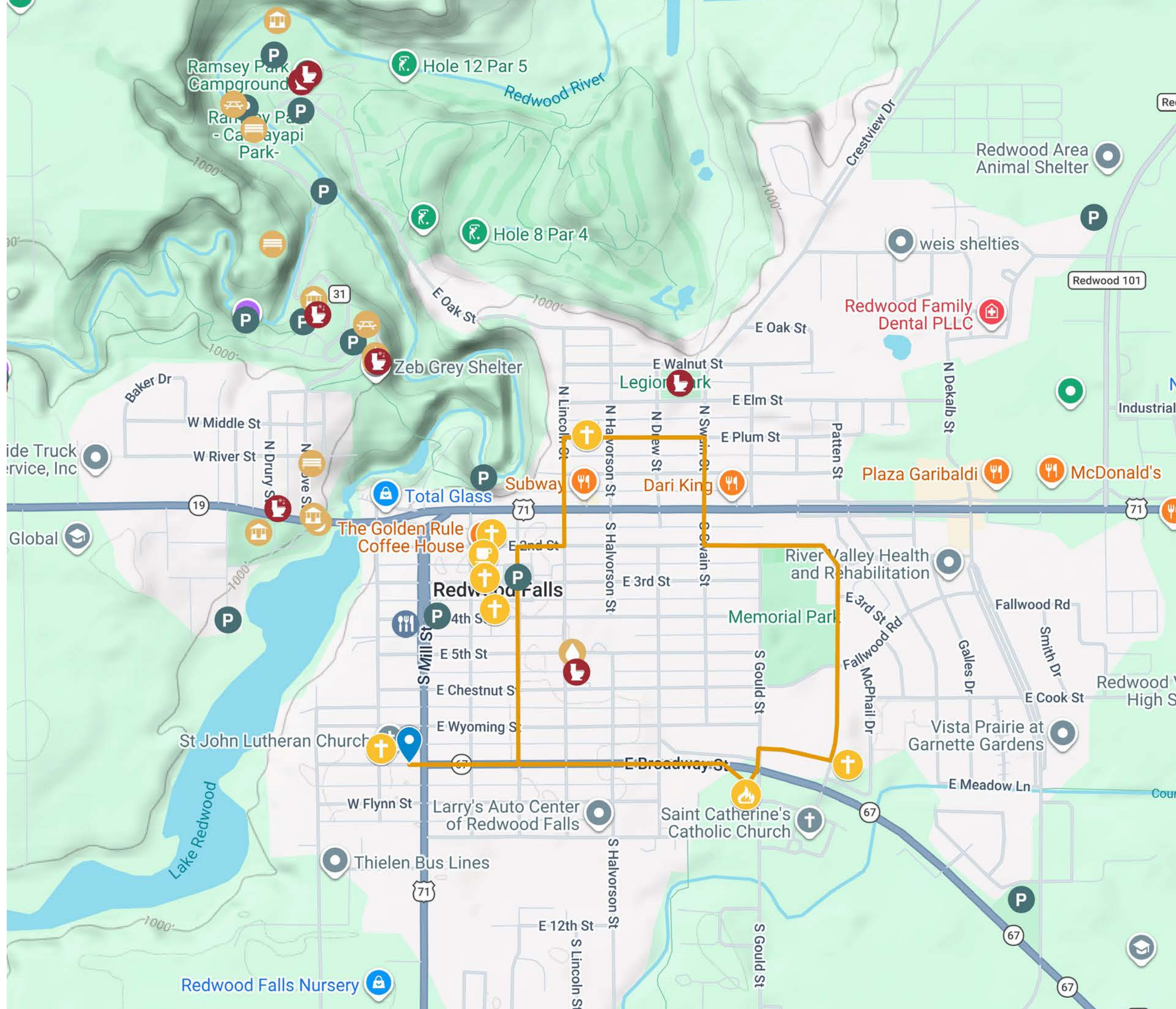
TRAIL POINTS OF INTEREST

- START
- TRAIL ROUTE
- REDWOOD FALLS FIRE STATION
- COFFEE SHOP
- CHURCH

AMENITIES

- PARKING
- RESTAURANT
- WATER FOUNTAIN
- PUBLIC SHELTER
- PICNIC AREA
- PLACE TO SIT
- RESTROOM

0 0.2 0.4 MILES





REDWOOD AREA ROUTES

TURKEY TROT - 5K - FAMILY FRIENDLY

Begin at Legion Park, Swain and Walnut Street

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TRAIL POINTS OF INTEREST

- START
- TRAIL ROUTE
- LEGION PARK
- SAND VOLLEYBALL COURTS
- BASKETBALL COURTS
- PLAYGROUND

AMENITIES

- PARKING
- RESTAURANT
- WATER FOUNTAIN
- PUBLIC SHELTER
- PICNIC AREA
- PLACE TO SIT
- RESTROOM

0 0.2 0.4 MILES





REDWOOD AREA ROUTES

THE PRAIRIE WALK

Begin at 702 Northwood Drive

ROUTE CREATED BY: TRAILBLAZERS
JOHN AND MOLLY SALMON

TRAIL POINTS OF INTEREST

- START
- TRAIL ROUTE
- NORTHWOOD CHURCH
- REDWOOD AREA ANIMAL SHELTER
- VIEWS OF MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY
- HISTORIC NORTH REDWOOD DEPOT
- CEMENTARY

AMENITIES

- PARKING
- RESTAURANT
- PLACE TO SIT
- WATER FOUNTAIN
- PUBLIC SHELTER
- PICNIC AREA
- RESTROOM

0 0.2 0.4 MILES





REDWOOD AREA ROUTES

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Begin at Redwood Area Community Center
901 E Cook Street

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ROBIN STEGNER

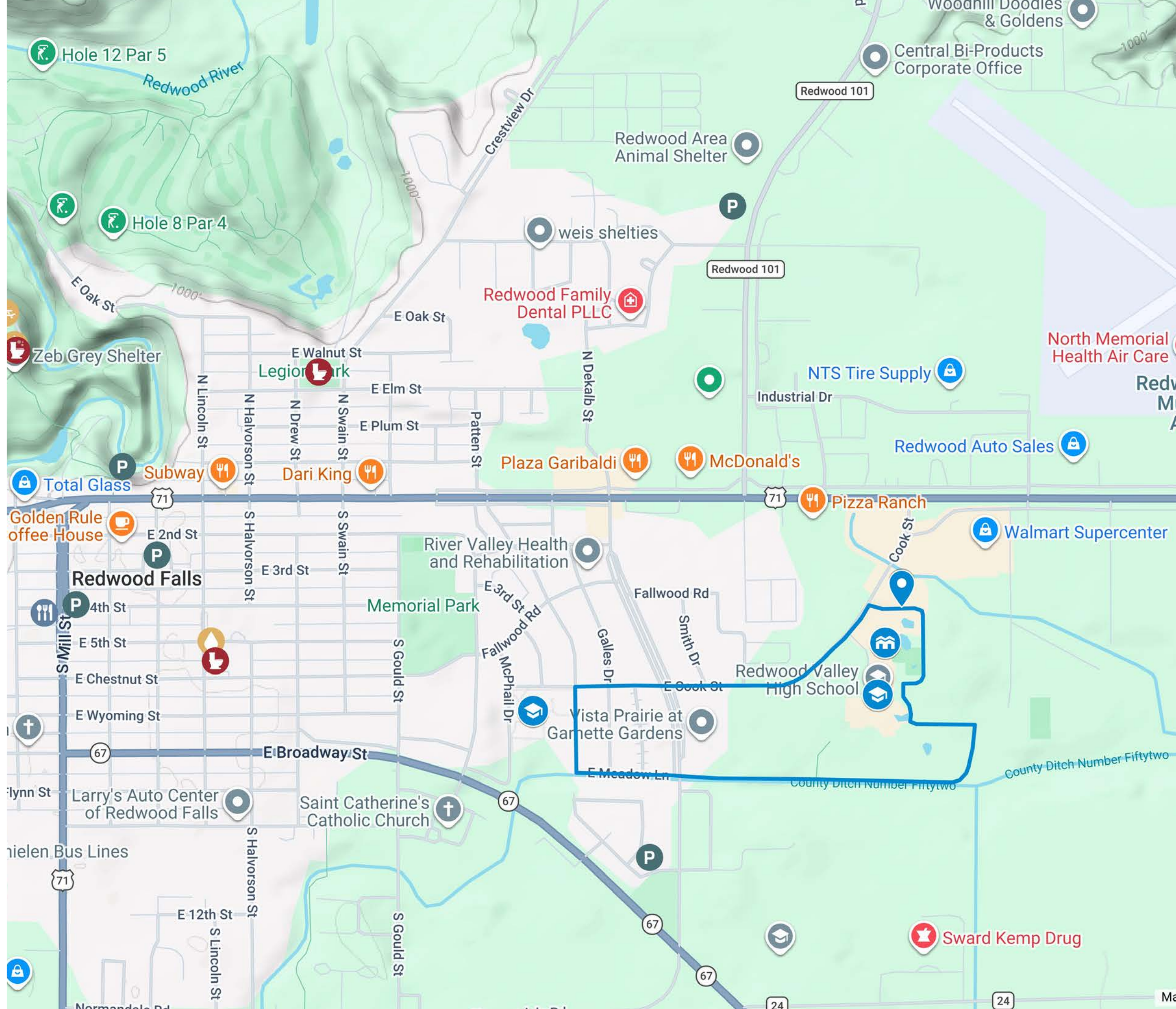
TRAIL POINTS OF INTEREST

- START
- TRAIL ROUTE
- REDWOOD VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
- REDWOOD AREA COMMUNITY CENTER
- REEDE GRAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

AMENITIES

- PARKING
- RESTAURANT
- WATER FOUNTAIN
- PUBLIC SHELTER
- PICNIC AREA
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REDWOOD AREA ROUTES

LACE UP YOUR SNEAKERS #1

Begin at Redwood Area Community Center
901 E Cook Street

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LINDA ZICK AND ROSY BRAU

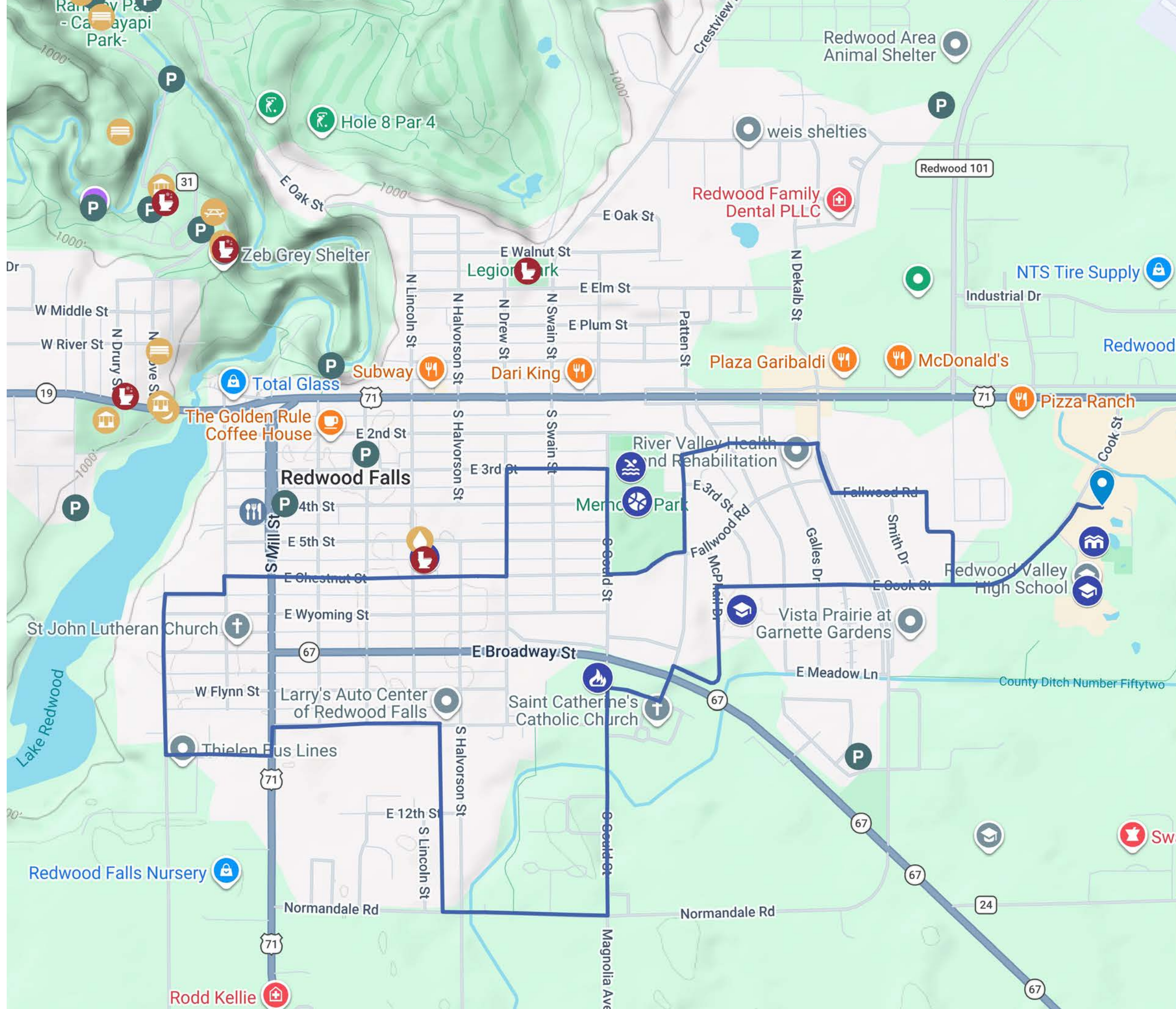
TRAIL POINTS OF INTEREST

- START
- TRAIL ROUTE
- REDWOOD AREA COMMUNITY CENTER
- REDWOOD AREA HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL
- REEDE GRAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- REDWOOD FALLS FIRE STATION
- REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY
- MEMORIAL PARK ATHLETIC COMPLEX
- REDWOOD FALLS AQUATIC CENTER

AMENITIES

- PARKING
- PUBLIC SHELTER
- RESTAURANT
- PICNIC AREA
- PLACE TO SIT
- RESTROOM
- WATER FOUNTAIN

0 0.2 0.4 MILES





REDWOOD AREA ROUTES

LACE UP YOUR SNEAKERS #2

Cemetery Route - begin at Aquatic Center 501 S Gould Street

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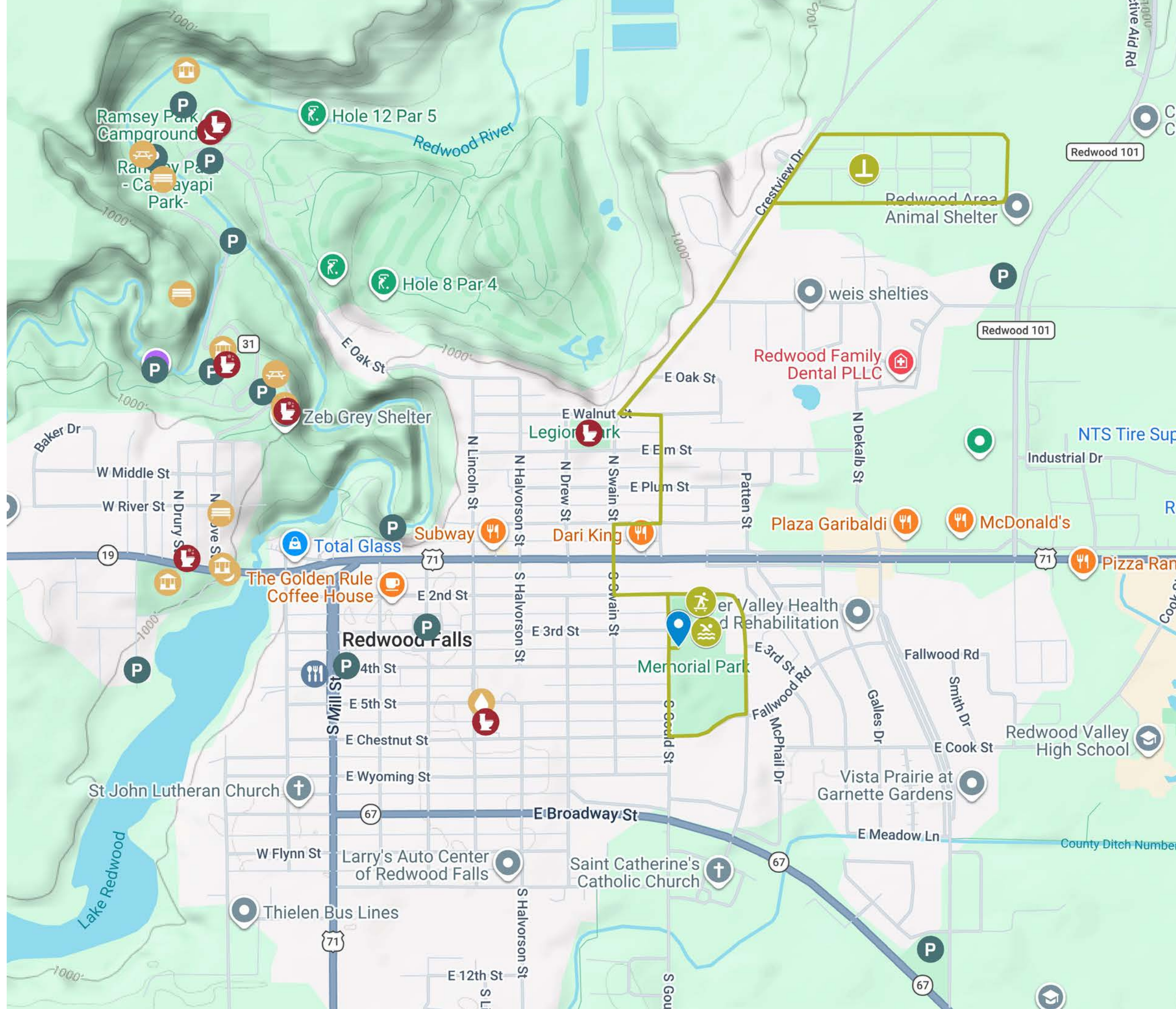
TRAIL POINTS OF INTEREST

- START
- TRAIL ROUTE
- REDWOOD FALLS AQUATIC CENTER
- SKATEBOARD PARK
- CEMENTARY

AMENITIES

- PARKING
- RESTAURANT
- WATER FOUNTAIN
- PUBLIC SHELTER
- PICNIC AREA
- PLACE TO SIT
- RESTROOM

0 0.2 0.4 MILES





REDWOOD AREA ROUTES





TAKE MY BREATH AWAY

Begin at 175 E Bridge Street








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JEANNE PRESCOTT

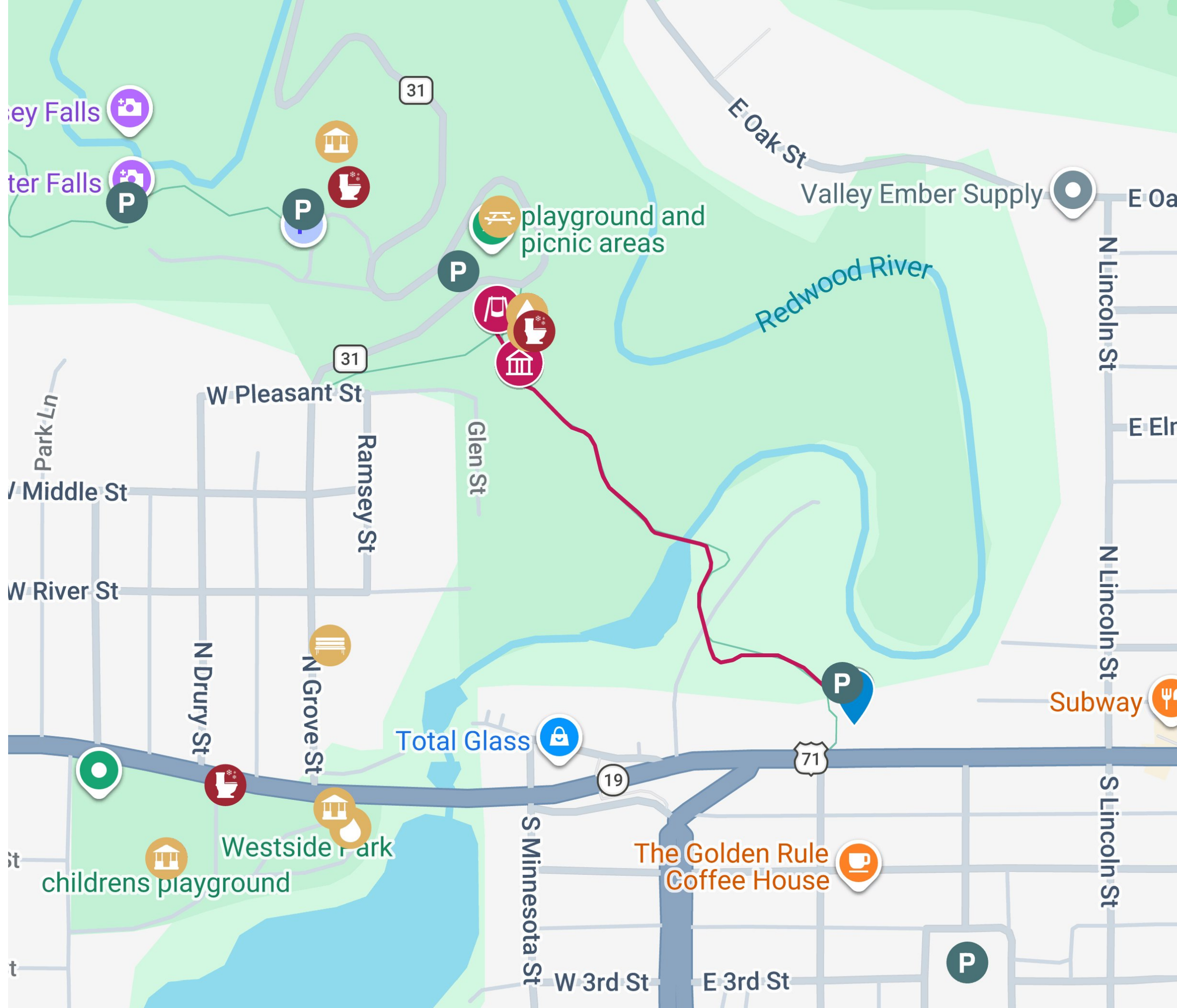
TRAIL POINTS OF INTEREST

-  START
-  TRAIL ROUTE
-  ZEB GREY SHELTER
-  PLAYGROUND

AMENITIES

-  PARKING
-  RESTAURANT
-  WATER FOUNTAIN
-  PUBLIC SHELTER
-  PICNIC AREA
-  PLACE TO SIT
-  RESTROOM

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REDWOOD AREA ROUTES

HIKE FROM WESTSIDE SOFTBALL FIELD TO SEE THREE MAJOR FALLS








Begin at Lake Redwood on Highway 19 (Bridge Street)

ROUTE CREATED BY: TRAILBLAZER GAIL RIPKA

TRAIL POINTS OF INTEREST

-  START
-  TRAIL ROUTE
-  SOFTBALL FIELDS
-  WESTSIDE PARK
-  BOAT RAMP
-  POWER DAM FALLS
-  CHANSHAYAPI RIVER FALLS
-  LOOKOUT POINT + BENCH
-  ZEB GREY SHELTER
-  PLAYGROUND
-  OBSERVATION DECK
-  RAMSEY FALLS

AMENITIES

- | | |
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|  PARKING |  PUBLIC SHELTER |
|  RESTAURANT |  PICNIC AREA |
|  PLACE TO SIT |  RESTROOM |
|  WATER FOUNTAIN | |

0 0.13 0.26 MILES





REDWOOD AREA ROUTES

RAMSEY PARK/CANSAYAPI BEECHER TRAIL WALK

Beginning at the zoo on the valley floor
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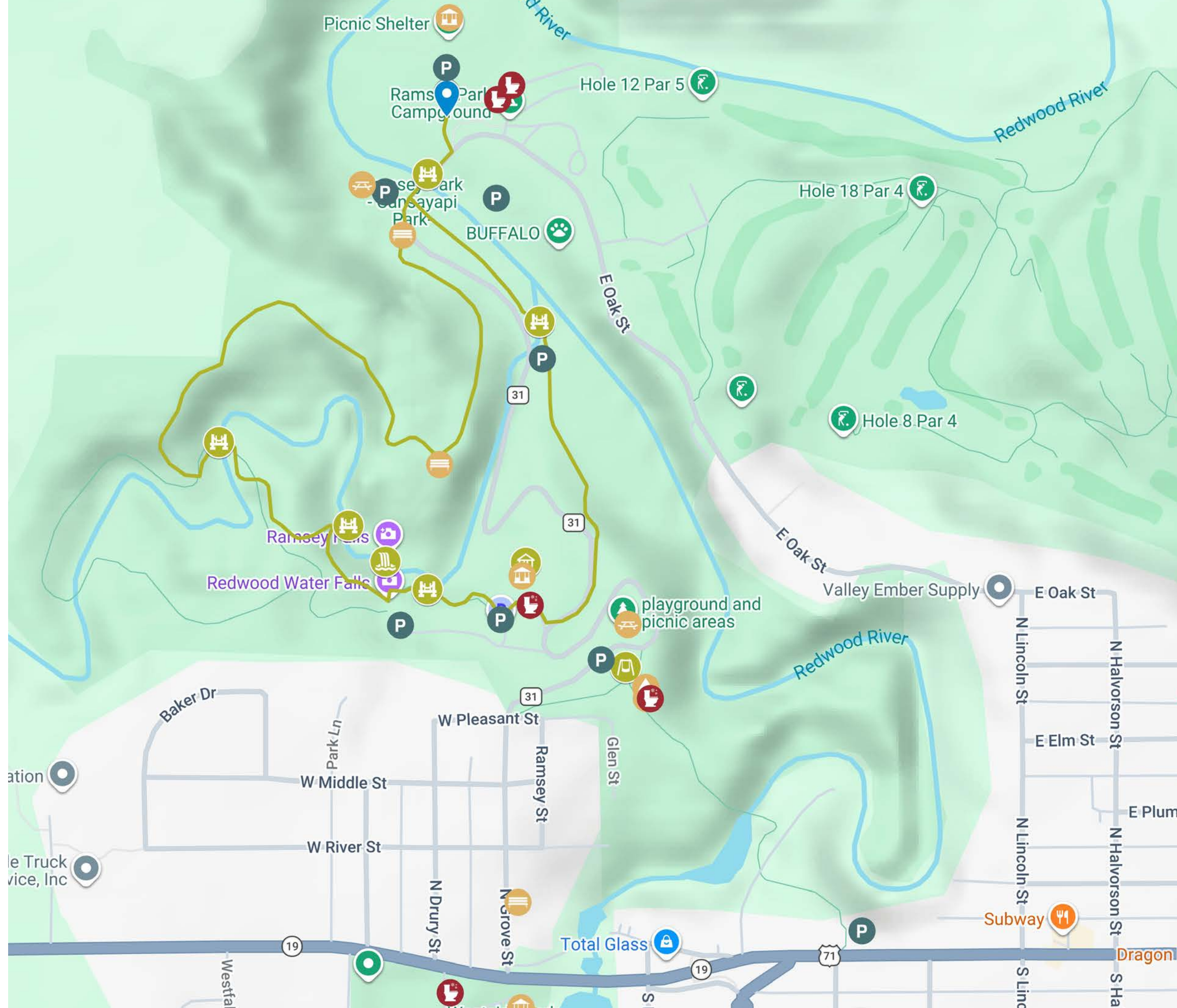
TRAIL POINTS OF INTEREST

- START
- TRAIL ROUTE
- BRIDGE #1
- BRIDGE #2
- RAMSEY FALLS
- SUSPENSION BRIDGE
- SHELTER
- BRIDGE #4
- SWAYBACK BRIDGE
- PLAYGROUND + PICNIC AREA

AMENITIES

- PARKING
- RESTAURANT
- PLACE TO SIT
- WATER FOUNTAIN
- PUBLIC SHELTER
- PICNIC AREA
- RESTROOM

0 0.13 0.26 MILES





REDWOOD AREA ROUTES

PARK WALK SANDERS TRAIL

Begin at the valley floor of Ramsey Park/Cansayapi accessible from Grove or Oak Street

ROUTE CREATED BY: TRAILBLAZER LINDA ZEUG

TIME: 25-30 MINUTES

DIFFICULTY: MODERATE

DISTANCE: 1.26 MILES

DESCRIPTION: The paved trail showcases a seasonal path, including some moderate hiking with inclines and descents.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Playground
- Shelter/Rest Area
- Parking
- Fishing Spot
- Wildlife
- Restrooms

DIRECTIONS:

1. Park at the lower shelter. After crossing the swayback bridge, walk toward the marker, indicating Trail #2. Hike up the “high drive” toward the back of Ramsey Falls on a moderate incline (elevation gain to the top of the path is 160 ft). Be on the lookout for wild jack in the pulpit plants along the paved trail as well as orange butterfly plants, but don’t pick either. If you need a breather, take a seat on Leslie Pratt’s bench and hydrate.

2. Veer to the left winding path descending to a wooden bridge across the Ramsey Creek, and climb the stairs to take another left path to the Ramsey Falls scenic lookout. Approximately 15 minutes so far.

3. From this point and the parking lot, you can take the road to a second parking area, which features a covered picnic pavilion, seasonal restrooms (May 1 - October 15), and playground. Or you can proceed again to the left on the paved trail to the suspension bridge and another inclined walk to the parking area as described above.

4. From the restrooms, follow the paved sidewalk trail through the woods and cross the park road to continue on the trail descending steeply down to the flat trail adjacent to the river. Soon, you cross over a wooden bridge spanning the Ramsey Creek, which flows into the Redwood River. Continue hiking toward your starting point near the swayback bridge. If you are lucky, you may see a deer or wild turkey in the woods.

5. You have completed a moderate hike, taking approximately 25-30 minutes for 1.2 miles.

WHAT DID YOU NOTICE?

While adventuring through this route, what catches your attention? What do you see, hear, smell, and feel?

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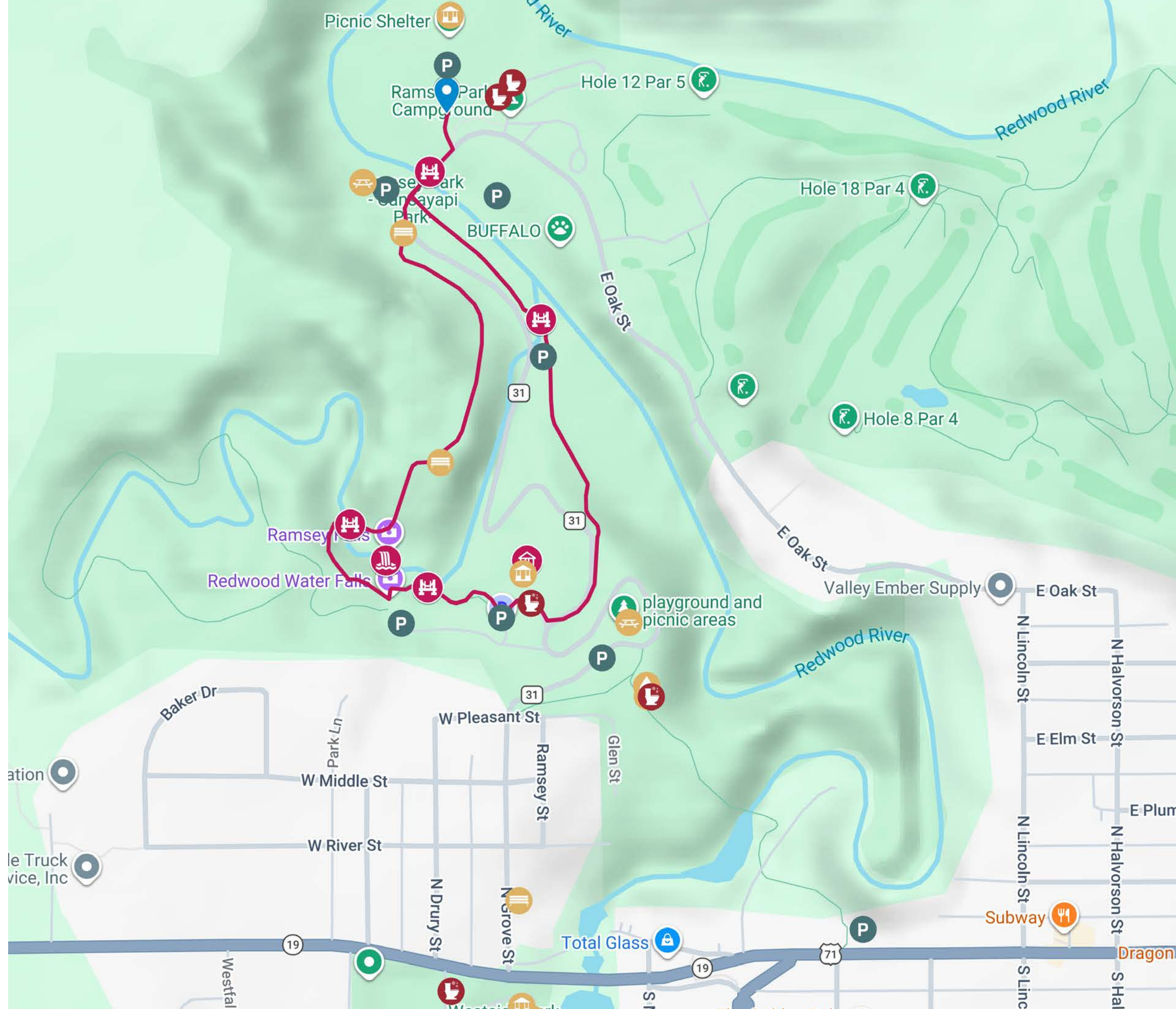
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- START
- TRAIL ROUTE
- RAMSEY FALLS
- SUSPENSION BRIDGE
- BRIDGE #4
- SWAYBACK BRIDGE
- BRIDGE #1
- SHELTER

AMENITIES

- PARKING
- RESTAURANT
- WATER FOUNTAIN
- PUBLIC SHELTER
- PICNIC AREA
- PLACE TO SIT
- RESTROOM

0 0.13 0.26 MILES





REDWOOD AREA ROUTES

ZEB GRAY WALK DOWNHILL TO THE ZOO AND LOWER SHELTER HOUSE

Begin at Zeb Gray playground in Ramsey Park/Cansayapi near Grove Street entrance

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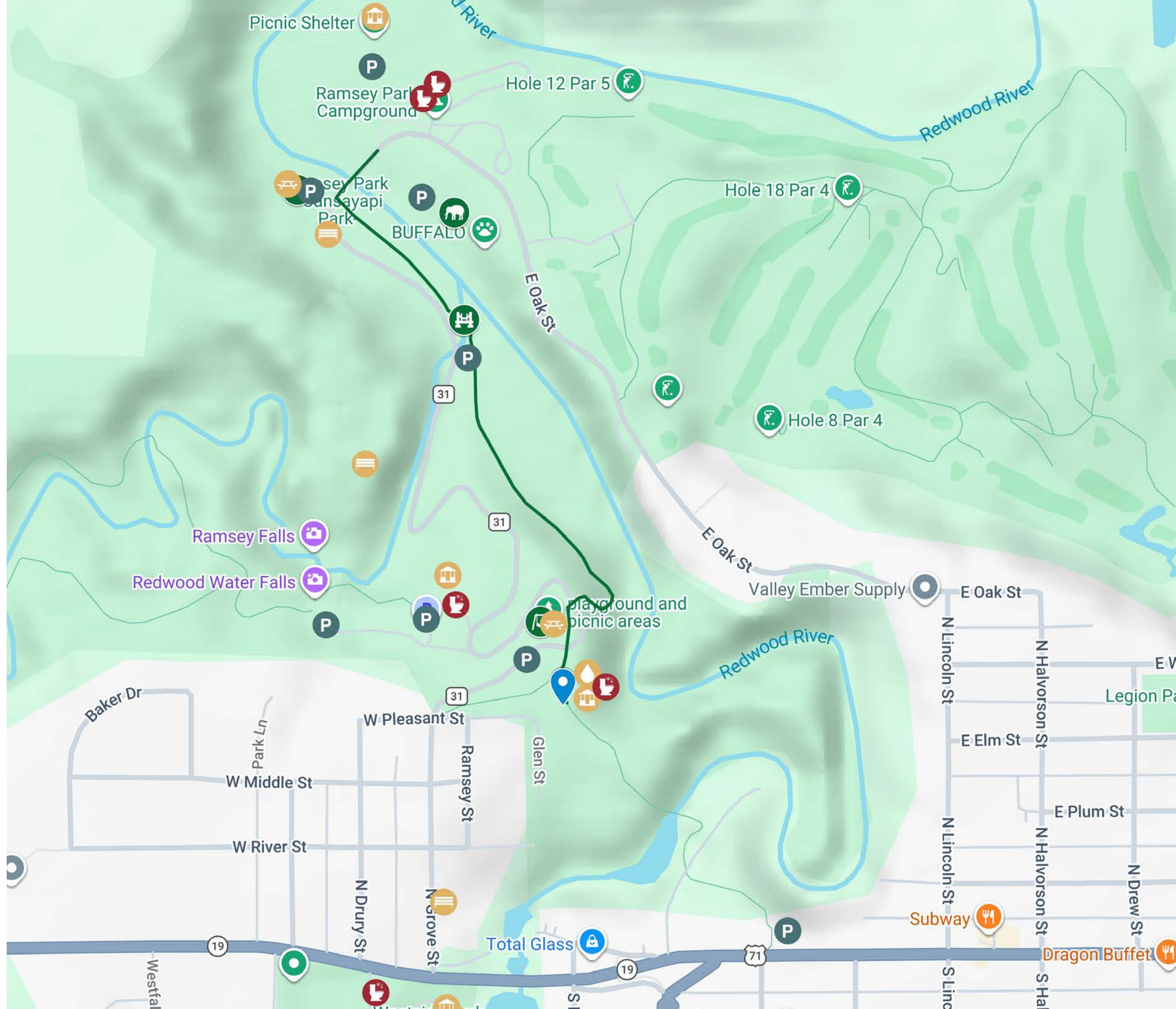
TRAIL POINTS OF INTEREST

- START
- TRAIL ROUTE
- PLAYGROUND + PICNIC AREA
- BRIDGE #4
- PICNIC AREA
- REDWOOD FALLS ZOO

AMENITIES

- PARKING
- RESTAURANT
- WATER FOUNTAIN
- PUBLIC SHELTER
- PICNIC AREA
- PLACE TO SIT
- RESTROOM

0 0.13 0.26 MILES





REDWOOD AREA ROUTES

FALLS WALK TO LOWER SHELTER/ZOO AREA

Begin at the parking lot to Ramsey Falls, located to the left after passing the Zeb Gray playground from the Grove Street entrance

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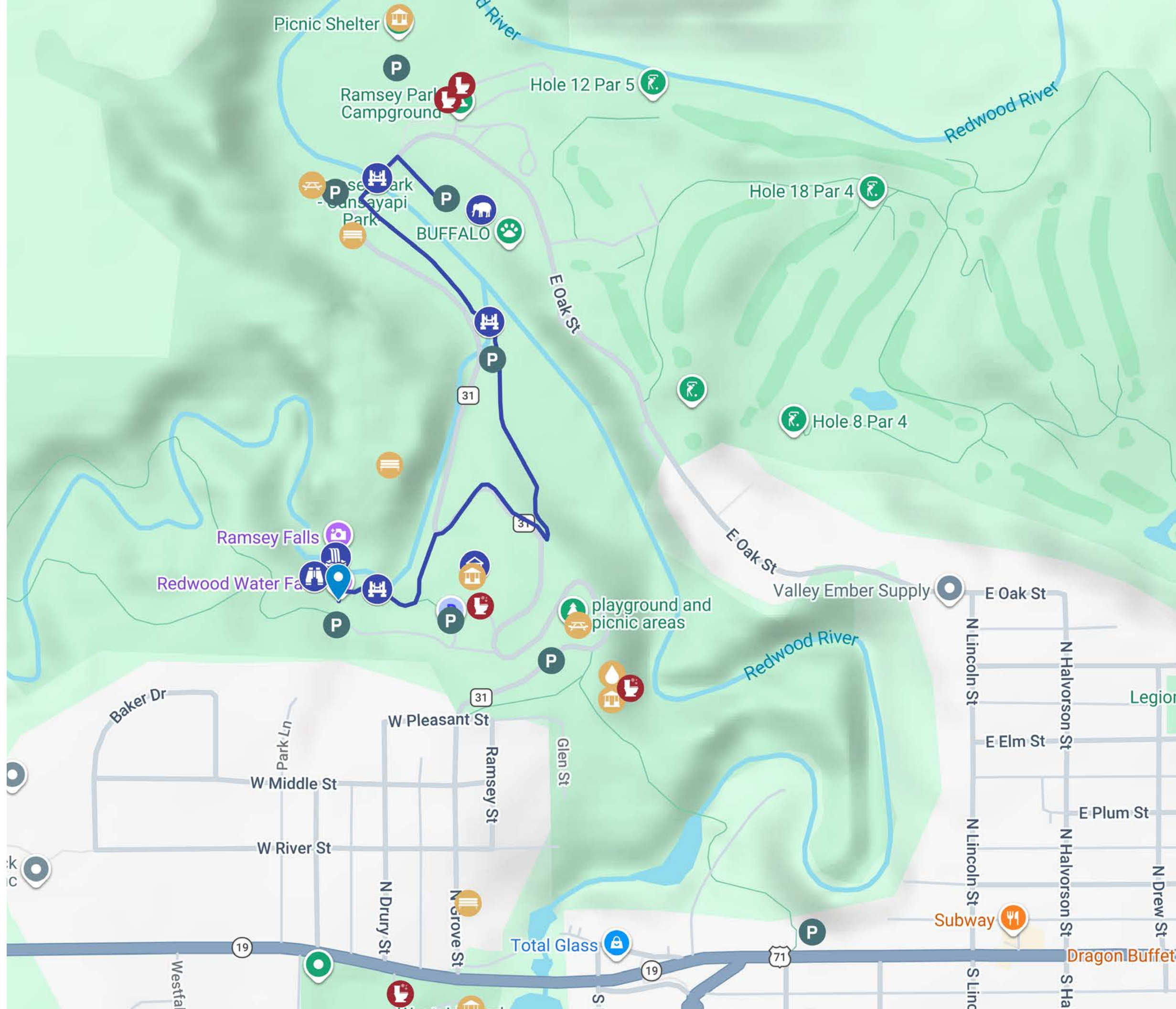
TRAIL POINTS OF INTEREST

- START
- TRAIL ROUTE
- REDWOOD FALLS ZOO
- SWAYBACK BRIDGE
- BRIDGE #4
- SHELTER
- SUSPENSION BRIDGE
- RAMSEY FALLS
- OBSERVATION DECK

AMENITIES

- PARKING
- RESTAURANT
- PLACE TO SIT
- WATER FOUNTAIN
- PUBLIC SHELTER
- PICNIC AREA
- RESTROOM

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RAMSEY PARK/CANSAYAPI WALK

Begin at the zoo at the valley floor








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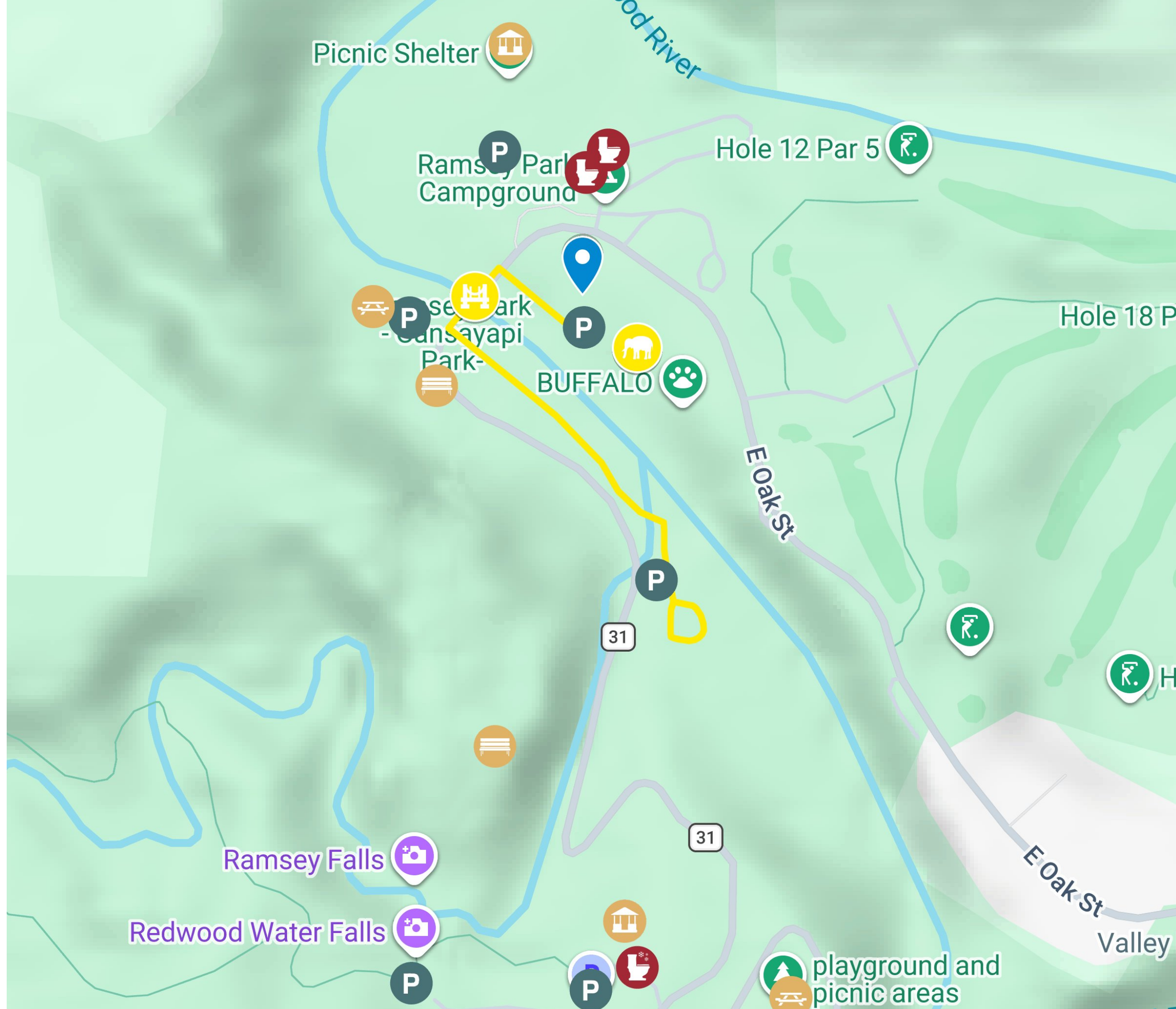
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-  START
-  TRAIL ROUTE
-  REDWOOD FALLS ZOO
-  SWAYBACK BRIDGE
-  OBSERVATION DECK

AMENITIES

-  PARKING
-  RESTAURANT
-  WATER FOUNTAIN
-  PUBLIC SHELTER
-  PICNIC AREA
-  PLACE TO SIT
-  RESTROOM

0 0.13 0.26 MILES





REDWOOD AREA ROUTES

UP+DOWN+ALL AROUND

Begin at the parking lot to Ramsey Falls located to the left after passing the Zeb Gray playground from the Grove Street Entrance

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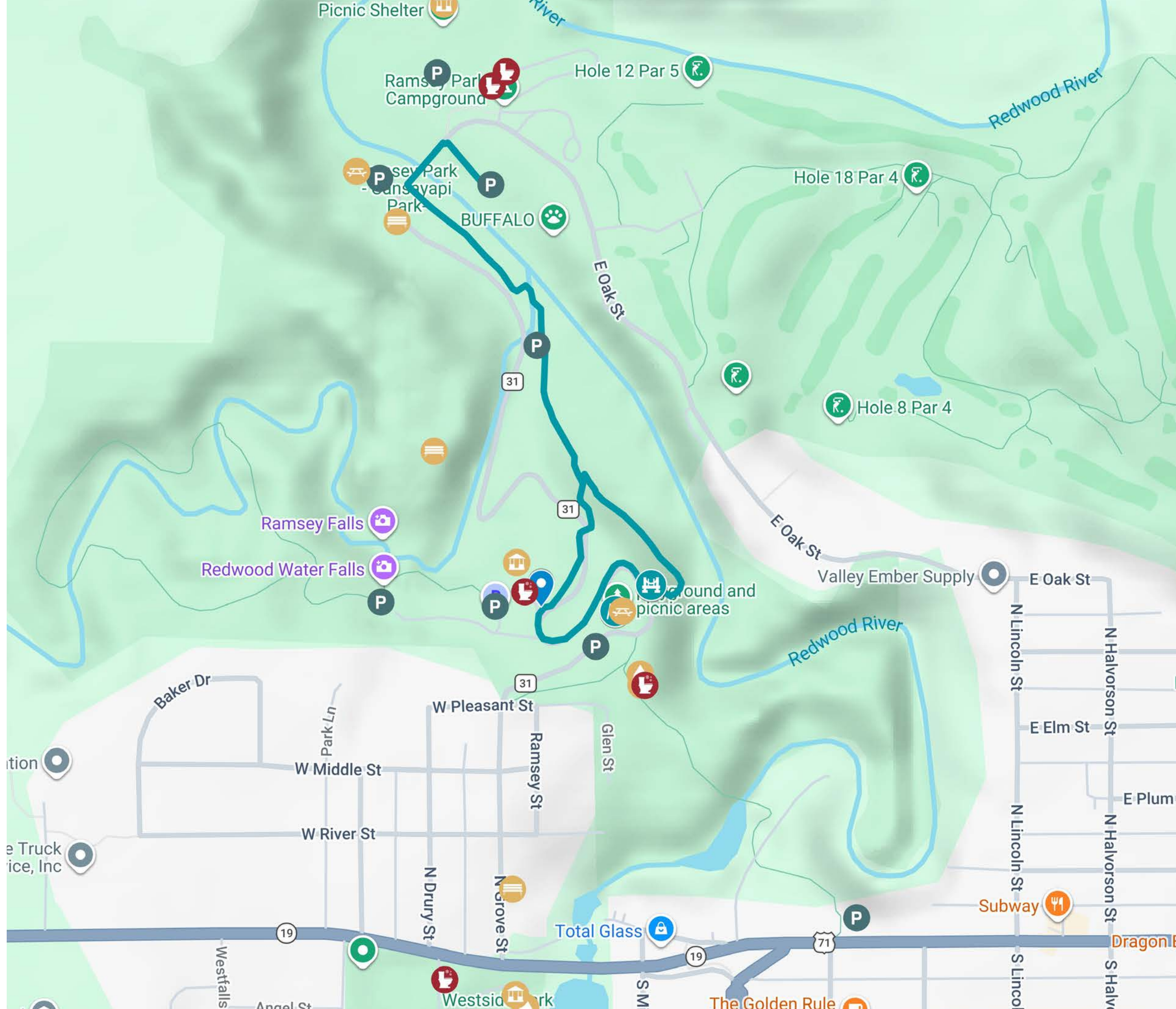
TRAIL POINTS OF INTEREST

- START
- TRAIL ROUTE
- PLAYGROUND + PICNIC AREAS
- BRIDGE #4

AMENITIES

- PARKING
- RESTAURANT
- WATER FOUNTAIN
- PUBLIC SHELTER
- PICNIC AREA
- PLACE TO SIT
- RESTROOM

0 0.13 0.26 MILES





REDWOOD AREA ROUTES

LOWER SHELTER TO THE FALLS

Begin on the valley floor at Ramsey Park/
Cansayapi from either Grove or Oak Street

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GAIL RIPKA

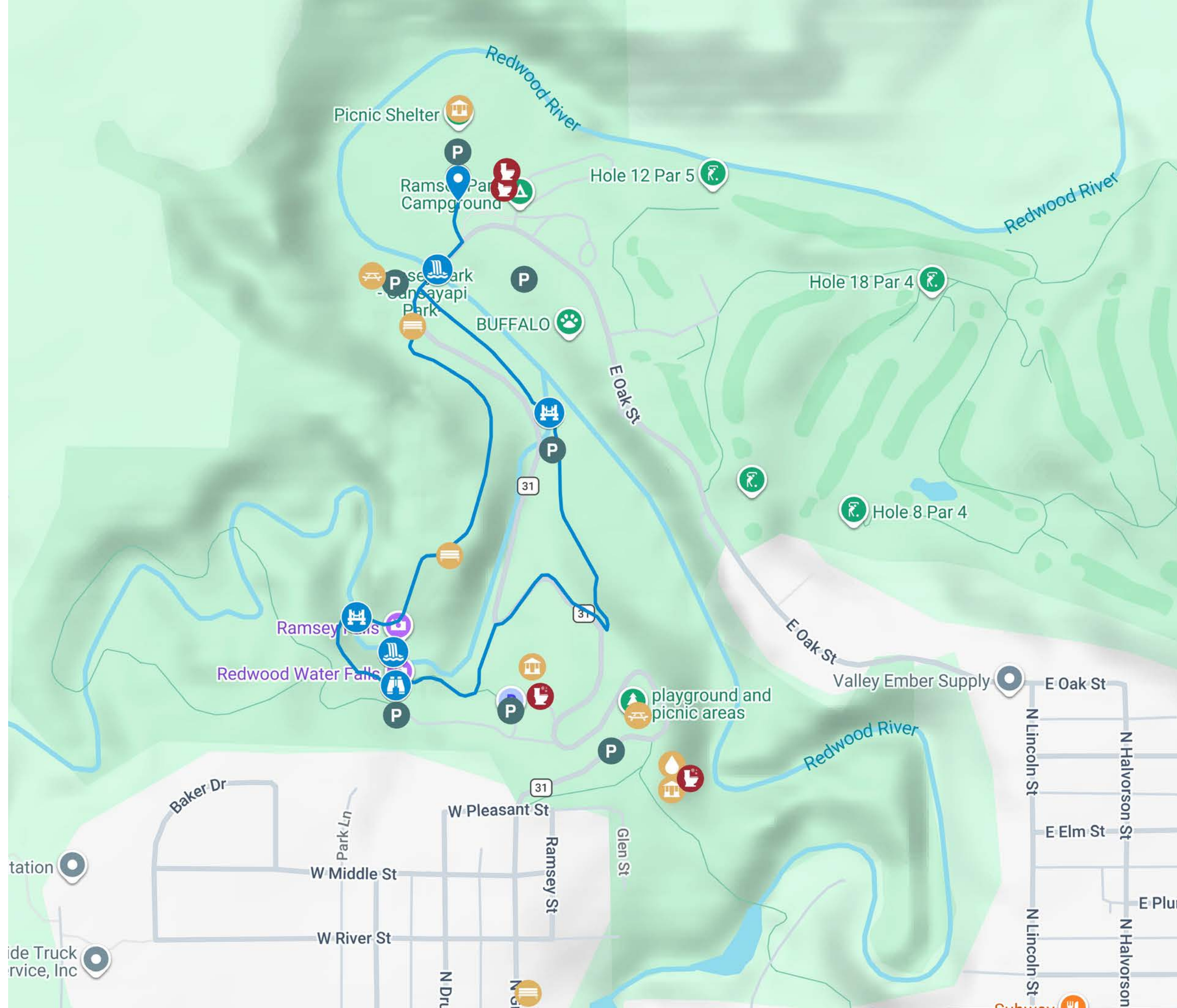
TRAIL POINTS OF INTEREST

- START
- TRAIL ROUTE
- SWAYBACK BRIDGE
- BRIDGE #1
- OBSERVATION DECK
- RAMSEY FALLS
- BRIDGE #4

AMENITIES

- PARKING
- RESTAURANT
- WATER FOUNTAIN
- PUBLIC SHELTER
- PICNIC AREA
- PLACE TO SIT
- RESTROOM

0 0.13 0.26 MILES





REDWOOD AREA ROUTES

FLAT ROUTE FROM LOWER S... TO ZOO AND ALONG REDWOOD

Beginning on the valley floor at Ramsey Park/Cansayapi from either Oak Street

ROUTE CREATED BY: TRAILBLAZER GAIL RIPKA

TRAIL POINTS OF INTEREST

- START
- TRAIL ROUTE
- REDWOOD FALLS ZOO
- SWAYBACK BRIDGE
- PICNIC AREA
- GARY REVIER BENCH
- BRIDGE #4

AMENITIES

- PARKING
- RESTAURANT
- WATER FOUNTAIN
- PUBLIC SHELTER
- PICNIC AREA
- PLACE TO SIT
- RESTROOM

0 0.13 0.26 MILES















REDWOOD AREA ROUTES

CHALLENGING HILLS IN RAMSEY PARK/CANSAYAPI








Begin at the Grove Street entrance

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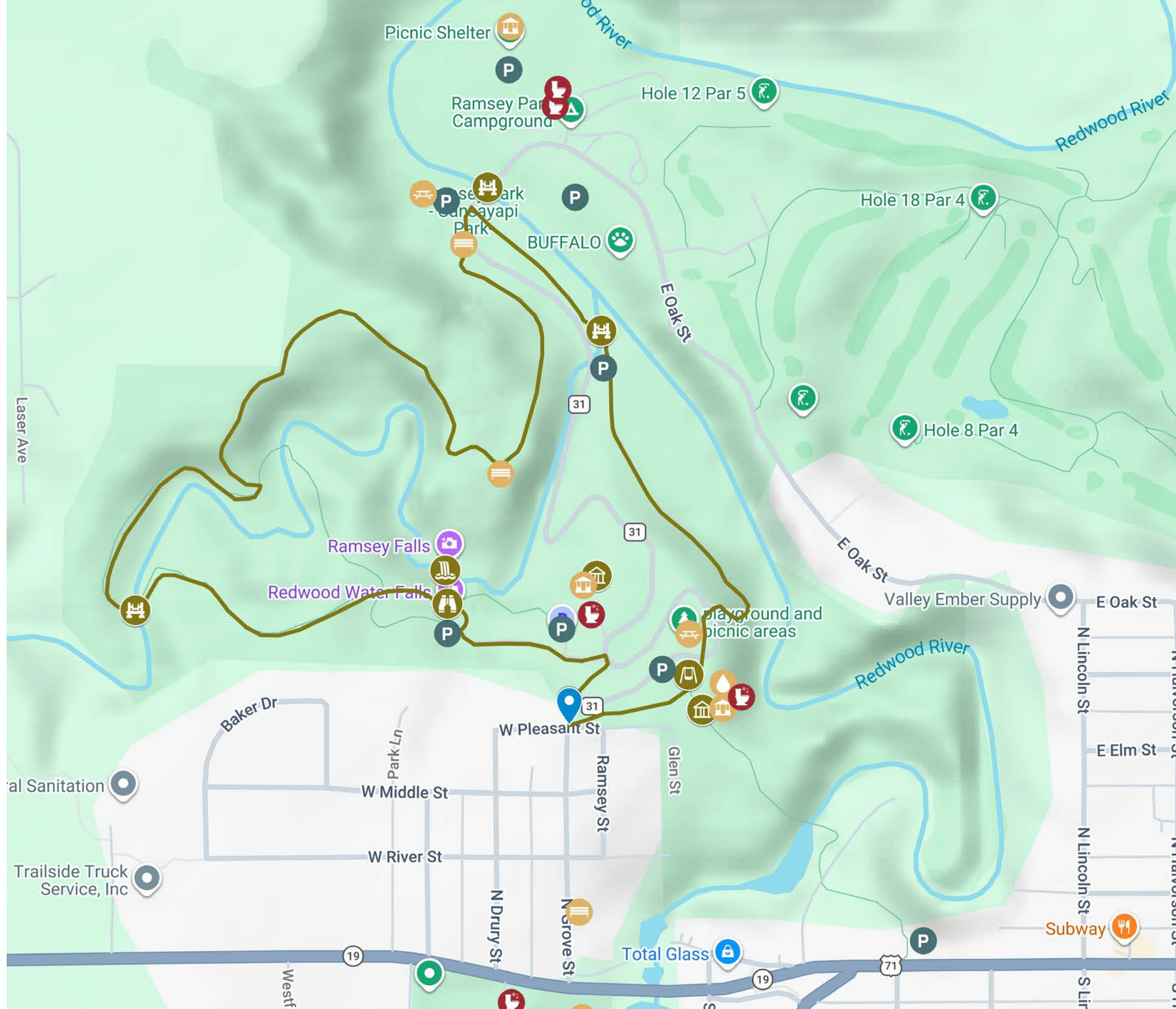
TRAIL POINTS OF INTEREST

-  START
-  TRAIL ROUTE
-  ZEB GREY SHELTER
-  SHELTER
-  PLAYGROUND + PICNIC AREA
-  BRIDGE #4
-  SWAYBACK BRIDGE
-  BRIDGE #3
-  OBSERVATION DECK
-  RAMSEY FALLS

AMENITIES

- | | |
|---|--|
|  PARKING |  PUBLIC SHELTER |
|  RESTAURANT |  PICNIC AREA |
|  PLACE TO SIT |  RESTROOM |
|  WATER FOUNTAIN | |

0 0.13 0.26 MILES





REDWOOD AREA ROUTES

PEACEFUL QUIET

Begin at the Ramsey Falls observation area - continue past the falls parking lot to a lower lot adjacent to the falls overlook

ROUTE CREATED BY: TRAILBLAZER JEANNE PRESCOTT

TIME: 23 MINUTES

DIFFICULTY: SHORT, STEEP HILL

DISTANCE: 0.77 MILES

DESCRIPTION: A walk amongst the beauty of Mother Nature, babbling water, surrounded by trees and wildlife.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Water Fountain
- Playground
- Restrooms (May 1 - October 15) near the entrance

DIRECTIONS:

1. You will park down by the observation area of the waterfalls. You will want to wear good tennis shoes and possibly bring a water bottle if the temperature is warm.
2. Start the walk on the path to the left of the road. As you enter the path a little way up, there is a fork in the path. You can go to your right or your left, as you will come out at the same entrance point in the end.
3. I started to my right and went slightly up a hill and down a steep decline. At the base of the path, take a left. A little way down the path, you'll cross a wooded bridge over the water. This route is a peaceful, quiet walk along the beauty of the babbling water on your left.
4. Continue to follow the path as it winds around in the wilderness. Watch for the furry little creatures along the way. You will be going over another wooden bridge over the water.
5. As you continue to walk, you'll have a slight bend in the path to the right up a steep incline with a slight bend to the left, leading you down the trail to the end of your walk.
6. When you get done, take a moment and relax at the observation area to look at the waterfalls of Ramsey Park.

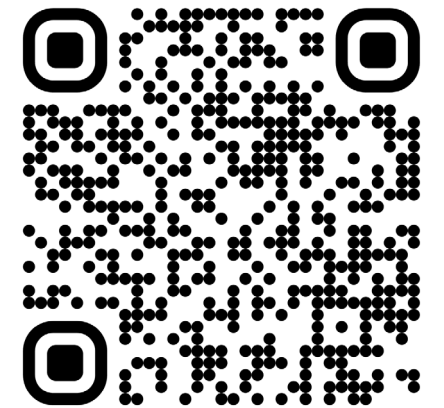
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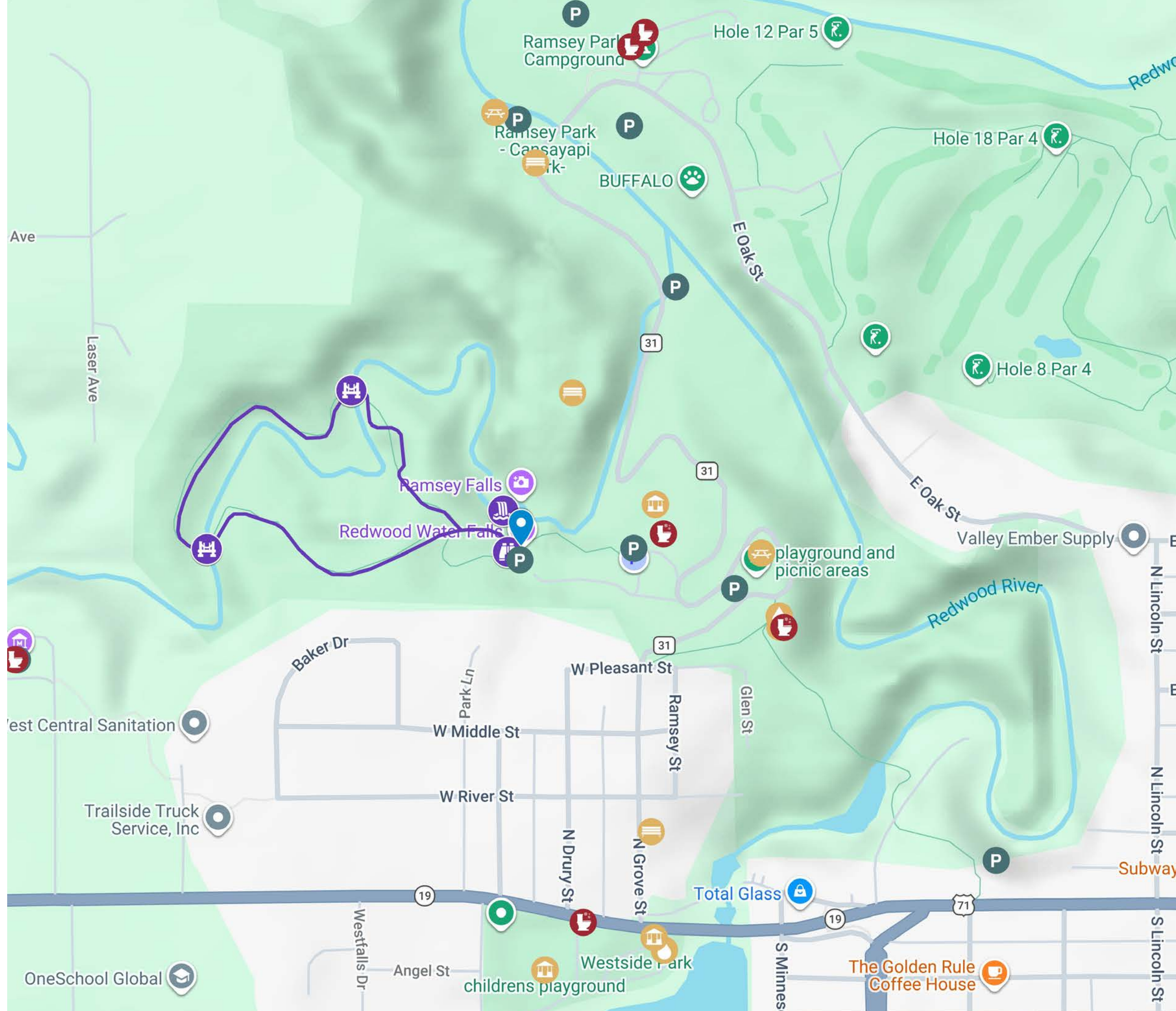
TRAIL POINTS OF INTEREST

- START
- TRAIL ROUTE
- BRIDGE #1
- BRIDGE #2
- OBSERVATION DECK
- RAMSEY FALLS

AMENITIES

- PARKING
- RESTAURANT
- WATER FOUNTAIN
- PUBLIC SHELTER
- PICNIC AREA
- PLACE TO SIT
- RESTROOM

0 0.13 0.26 MILES





REDWOOD AREA ROUTES

GREAT WORKOUT ON 100% TRAIL = NO ROAD

Begin at 132 Baker Drive (watch for red hydrant in middle of sidewalk)

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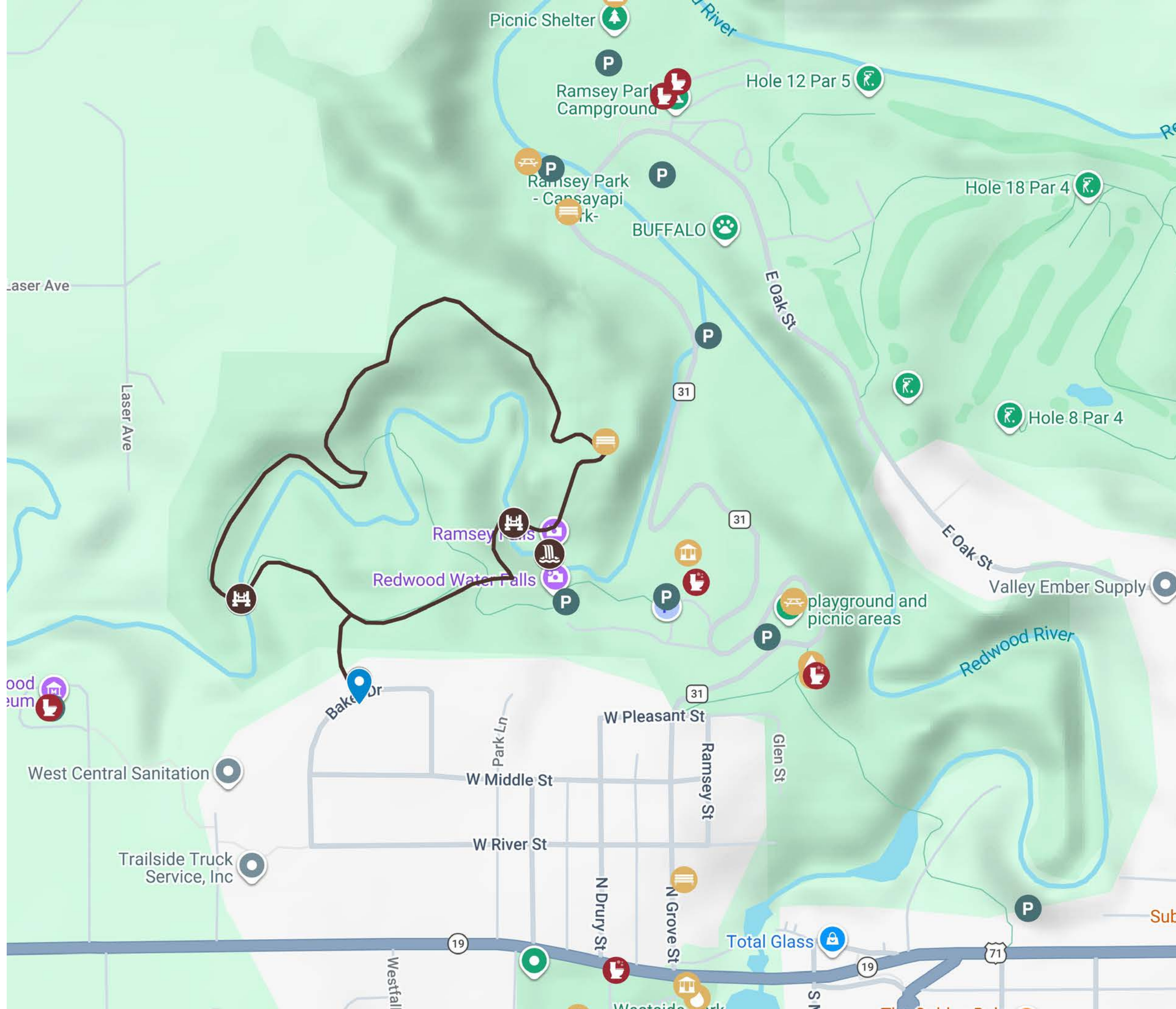
TRAIL POINTS OF INTEREST

- START
- TRAIL ROUTE
- BRIDGE #1
- BRIDGE #3
- RAMSEY FALLS

AMENITIES

- PARKING
- RESTAURANT
- WATER FOUNTAIN
- PUBLIC SHELTER
- PICNIC AREA
- PLACE TO SIT
- RESTROOM

0 0.13 0.26 MILES





REDWOOD AREA ROUTES

SCENIC WALK

RAMSEY PARK/CANSAYAPI

Begin at Grove Street entrance

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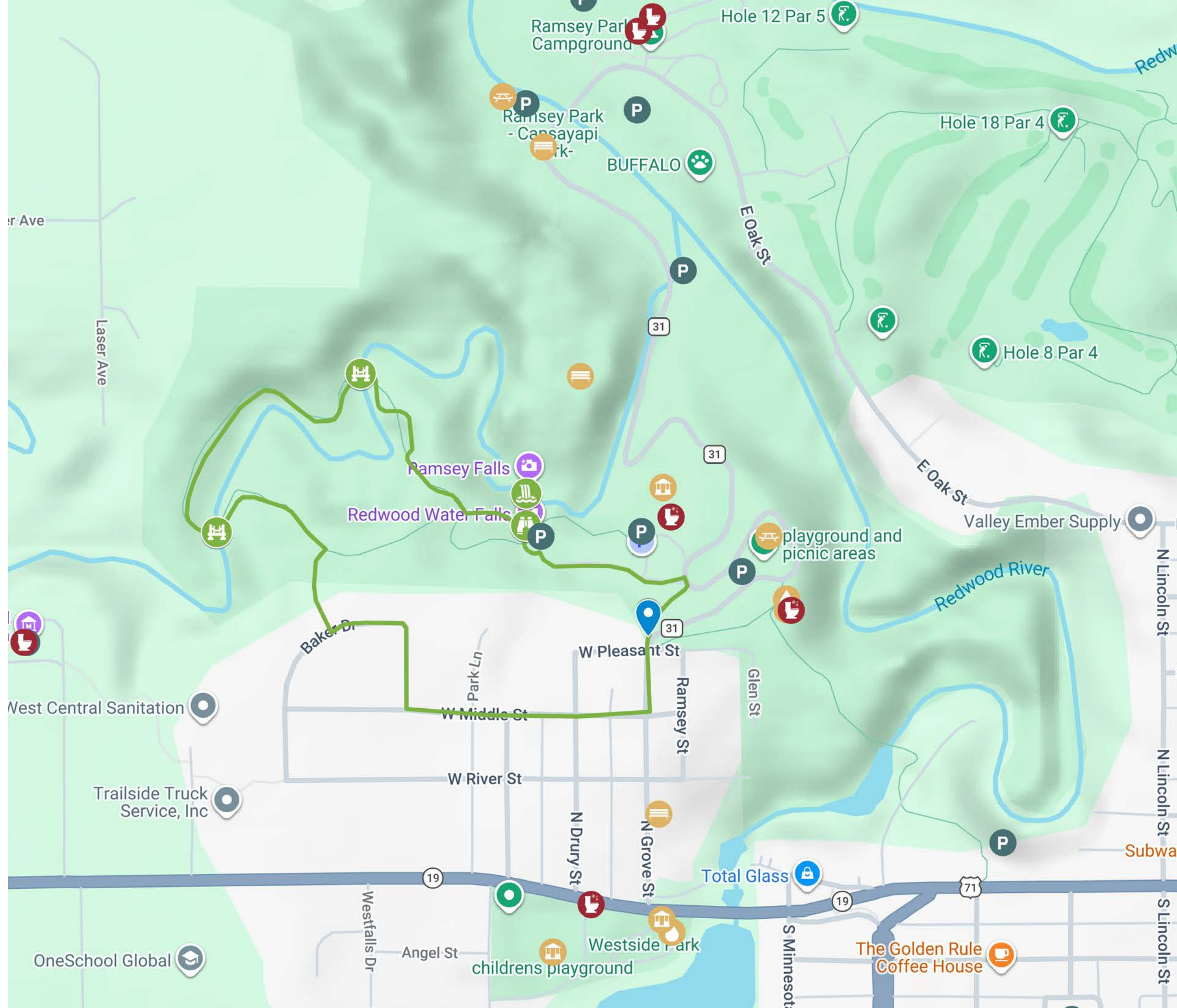
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- START
- TRAIL ROUTE
- OBSERVATION DECK
- RAMSEY FALLS
- BRIDGE #2
- BRIDGE #3

AMENITIES

- PARKING
- RESTAURANT
- WATER FOUNTAIN
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- PICNIC AREA
- PLACE TO SIT
- RESTROOM

0 0.13 0.26 MILES





REDWOOD AREA ROUTES

LOWER SIOUX AGENCY TRAILS

Begin at at 32469 Redwood County Highway 2

ABOUT: In 2007, the Lower Sioux Indian Community began managing the site through a cooperative agreement between the tribe and the Minnesota Historical Society. The Lower Sioux Agency was established in 1853 by the United States government to serve as administrative center for government efforts to remove the Bdewakantunwan and Wahpekute bands of Dakota to reservation land and to colonize them to become self-sufficient farmers. This reservation was just four percent of the land The Dakota People previously inhabited.

As the U.S. drifted toward civil war, promises to the Dakota tribes were all but forgotten amidst the graft and corruption in the Indian service. Frustrated and provoked by a series of broken promises and by reservation policies that forced cultural change, Dakota warriors decided to go to war with the United States on a hot August Sunday in 1862. The fighting lasted six weeks and took the lives of nearly five hundred white people, mostly civilians, and an unknown but significant number of Dakota people.

Source: Lower Sioux Agency (LSA) Historic Site <https://lowersioux.com/departments/historic-site/>

LOWER SIOUX TRAIL WEST TRAIL

ROUTE CREATED BY: LOWER SIOUX AGENCY
TIME: 30 MINUTES
DIFFICULTY: EASY; WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE
DISTANCE: 1 MILE

DESCRIPTION: Walk in the footsteps of the Dakota fur traders who used this trail to trade their furs for goods with the agency before the war. The traders and their stores at the Lower Sioux Agency were the first to be attacked when war broke out.

LOWER SIOUX TRAIL EAST TRAIL

ROUTE CREATED BY: LOWER SIOUX AGENCY
TIME: 15 MINUTES
DIFFICULTY: EASY; WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE
DISTANCE: 1/2 MILE

DESCRIPTION: As you leave the parking area or history center and start out on the Agency Trail, imagine this site as a working town in the decade before the Civil War. The first segment of the trail lies on top of the original road connecting New Ulm and the Upper Sioux Agency. Follow it to the original 1861 stone warehouse, the only agency-era structure left standing at the site today.

Then explore the center of the agency grounds where farmers, doctors, carpenters, blacksmiths, children, teachers, missionaries, business people, and travelers — European settlers and Dakota alike — went about the daily routines of mid-19th century rural life.

LOWER SIOUX TRAIL RIVER TRAIL

ROUTE CREATED BY: LOWER SIOUX AGENCY
TIME: 30 MINUTES
DIFFICULTY: VERY STEEP GRADE; NOT WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE
DISTANCE: 1 MILE

DESCRIPTION: Hike the River Trail and pass near the spot where the agency blacksmith shop once stood. It was from here that agency workers fled the morning of August 18, 1862, in an effort to reach Fort Ridgely, and it was here that the Dakota surprised Captain Marsh and his soldiers from Fort Ridgely later that day.

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ROUTES CREATED BY: LOWER SIOUX
AGENCY TRAILBLAZERS

TRAIL POINTS OF INTEREST

- START
- LOWER SIOUX TRAIL WEST
- LOWER SIOUX TRAIL EAST
- LOWER SIOUX TRAIL RIVER
- 1861 AGENCY WAREHOUSE
- LOWER SIOUX AGENCY INTERPRETIVE CENTER

AMENITIES

- PARKING
- RESTAURANT
- WATER FOUNTAIN
- PUBLIC SHELTER
- PICNIC AREA
- PLACE TO SIT
- RESTROOM

0 0.07 0.14 MILES

