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New York City via the railroad.

The trail's crushed-stone trail surface, measuring 10 to 12 feet in width at various points, is so compacted that thin-tired bikes can safely travel on it. The pathway is also ADA compliant and features no crossing streets. In winter, the unplowed trail can be enjoyed for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and fat-tire bike riding.

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Travelers on the trail will enjoy spectacular views of the Catskill Mountains and the nearly 123 billion-gallon reservoir. The area abounds with red maples, birch and eastern white pine trees, and the pathway features protected wetlands and a 525-foot boardwalk. The route also crosses the 2,850-foot long, 60-foot tall Glenford Dike, an engineering marvel completed in 1912 to allow passage of trains bringing supplies to and tourists from



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States: New York

Counties: Ulster

Length: 11.5 miles

Trail end points: Route 28A (Boiceville) to Basin Road (West Hurley)

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Wheelchair

Accessible, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Ashokan Rail Trail offers three trailheads with parking:

- Woodstock Dike Trailhead located at 1285 NY 28 in West Hurley, which is 5.3 miles west of the NYS Thruway Exit 19 traffic circle and approximately 1,500 feet west of the Stewart's Shop by Zena Road;
- Ashokan Station Trailhead located at 3045 NY 28 in Shokan, which is 11.3 miles west of the NYS Thruway Exit 19 traffic circle across from Mountain Road;
- Boiceville Bridge Trailhead located at 5080 Route 28A in Boiceville, which is off Route 28A and approximately 16.5 miles west of the NYS Thruway Exit 19 traffic circle. (Cold Brook Road is directly across Route 28A from this entrance.)



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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